

HUNTLEY'S

Village Journal

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 25
FREE MINI ZOO DAY @ SEW HOP'D
TUESDAYS JUNE 27-AUGUST 15
CONCERT IN THE SQUARE

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW
1ST FRIDAY OF JULY-OCTOBER
1ST FRIDAY NIGHTS ON THE SQUARE

JULY 21
FREE MOVIE IN THE PARK
ENCANTO AT PARISEK PARK

JULY 30
BIKE HUNTLEY

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY RETIRED VILLAGE CLERK RITA MCMAHON

After 35 years with the Village of Huntley, Village Clerk Rita McMahon retired in May. Rita made countless contributions during her tenure and will be truly missed by staff, residents and business owners alike. Rita's wonderful nature, loyalty, knowledge and good humor have made her an invaluable part of the Huntley team. Please join us in wishing her a happy retirement when you see her around the Village! Thanks for everything, Rita!

EVERY SATURDAY

WEEKLY FARMERS MARKET THROUGH OCT 14

Visit the Farmers Market every Saturday from 8am-1pm on Coral Street, Church Street and in the Town Square. Shop your local favorites all summer long, including homegrown and handmade items. For details and vendor information, visit www.huntley.il.us or Facebook [@huntleyfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/huntleyfarmersmarket). Upcoming themed days include:

June 24: Helen Keller Day July 1: Family Fun Day July 15: Public Works Day/Touch-a-Truck

JUNE 25 MINI ZOO DAY
AT SEW HOP'D

JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE
DAY FIREWORKS

This annual celebration takes place in Deicke/Warrington Park. Fireworks begin around dusk. Come early for the party in the park.

JULY 30 BIKE HUNTLEY

Bike the Village pathways (some streets) with the Huntley Police Department, followed by a family picnic for the bikers in Town Square.

JULY 21 MOVIE
IN THE
PARK
Disney's Encanto
in Parisek Park

enjoy a
SUMMER
of fun in
HUNTLEY!

JULY 30 ENJOY HUNTLEY
AUG 5 WEEK

Stay tuned for details about this week filled with family fun throughout the community brought to you by the Village, Huntley Area Public Library, District 158, Park District, Fire Protection District & Huntley Police Department.

AUG 1 NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT

Join us on Main Street to meet your officers and neighbors from 5-7pm. Followed by the Bella Cain concert in the Town Square.

1st FRIDAY NIGHTS

This fun evening event is a great date night or adult night out on the town. Featuring a different theme on the first Friday evening of July-October. 1st Friday Nights is held in the Huntley Town Square (unless otherwise noted).

July 7: **90's Dance Party with Boy Band Review** (7:30-9:30pm)

Aug 4: **Live Band Karaoke & Large Games**

Sept 1: **Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off**

Oct 6: **Drive In Movie at Sew Hop'd/Union Special: The Mask**

CONCERTS IN THE SQUARE

This weekly summer concert series features a variety of musical acts and promises fun for all on Tuesdays in downtown Huntley. Bring your chairs or blankets and enjoy the tunes!

June 27: **Pirates Over 40** (7-8:30pm)

July 11: **The Blooze Brothers** (7-8:30pm)

July 18: **Hair Band Nights** (7-8:30pm)

July 25: **Hillbilly Rockstarz** (7-8:30pm)

Aug 1: **Bella Cain** (7:30-9:30pm)

Aug 8: **Radio Gaga** (7-8:30pm)

Aug 15: **Generation** (7-8:30pm)

Visit www.huntley.il.us for additional details and the full calendar of events.

WATER EFFICIENCY OUTDOORS

Do you consider yourself efficient when using water outdoors? Water efficiency is the smart use of water resources by practicing water saving measures. By following a few techniques and taking simple steps, we can help ensure reliable water supplies today and for future generations. Here are a few things to consider:

- Adjust sprinklers so they are not spraying water on paved surfaces. If a sprinkler system is used, make sure it is properly set-up and maintained.
- Water only when needed, or soak areas once a week, rather than on a schedule. *Tip: If the grass springs back when you step on it, there is no need to water.*
- If watering with a hose, make sure it has a shut-off nozzle.
- Sweep outdoor surfaces with a broom instead of using a hose.
- Water early! When temperatures are high, water can easily evaporate during the day. Beat the heat and water early in the morning.
- Reuse the water. Rainwater is free. Collect it using rain barrels attached to rooftop gutters.

For more water efficiency tips, visit www.huntley.il.us.

PUBLIC WORKS DAY AT THE HUNTLEY FARMERS MARKET

The Village of Huntley Public Works & Engineering Department will host an Open House in downtown Huntley in coordination with the Farmers Market on **July 15 from 8am-1pm**. The event will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the skills, tools and equipment required to maintain the Village.

Staff will be available to answer any questions on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Phase II program. The event also includes touch-a-truck, equipment displays, demonstrations and light refreshments.

WATERING AND MAINTENANCE

Watering Reminder: Help the Village preserve potable water supplies with good water conservation practices! The current watering restriction is Yellow. Condition Yellow shall allow the outside use of the Village's potable water supply for lawn watering only on alternate days (odd/even based on your address) between the hours of 6am-9am and 6pm-9pm. Current conditions are subject to change. Signs are posted throughout the Village displaying the color and water restriction conditions. Current conditions are also posted on the Village's Public Works water page at www.huntley.il.us.

Property Maintenance Reminder: Residential properties within the Village shall be maintained free from weeds and plant growth in excess of 8 inches. Complete information on these regulations can be found at www.huntley.il.us.

- FROM THE HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT -**BE SAFE AND AVOID A FINE - LEAVE THE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS**

As July 4th approaches, Huntley Police generally see an increase in firework complaints and related calls. Before you head to Wisconsin or Indiana to purchase consumer or commercial grade fireworks to celebrate, it's important to remember that Illinois State Law and the Village of Huntley Code of Ordinances prohibit the possession of fireworks. Any individual caught using and/or possessing illegal fireworks may be ticketed under the Village of Huntley General Offences 130.23 FIREWORKS. Fireworks fines range from \$50 to \$500 for each and every offense. Fireworks are loosely defined as any explosive compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance, or containing combustible substances producing visual effect; including handheld fireworks, bottle rockets, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, chasers, buzz bombs, helicopters, missiles, pin wheels, planes. They are all illegal. (Note: novelty items including snakes or glow worms; smoke devices; trick noisemakers known as party poppers, booby traps, snappers; and sparklers are legal in the Village of Huntley.) Fireworks are a significant nuisance to the majority of our residents and they can be extremely dangerous. Fireworks cause emotional distress to many of our residents particularly veterans, the elderly and very young children, as well as those suffering from PTSD, autism and other developmental disabilities. They can also be very distressing for pets. Many of our residents have reported they resort to administering prescription sedatives to themselves or their pets to help them cope with fireworks.

Fireworks also present a physical danger to our residents and community. According to the [Consumer Product Safety Commission 2021 Fireworks Annual Report](#), injuries with fireworks climbed 25% in the U.S. during the last 15 years. In 2021, 9 people died and over 11,500 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 29% of the injuries were to children under age 15. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or

other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 2,600 injuries were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers. Approximately 31% of selected and tested fireworks products were found to contain noncompliant components, including fuse violations, the presence of prohibited chemicals and pyrotechnic materials overload. Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires. Due to the above noted safety and quality of life issues, the Huntley Police Department is committed to enforcement of the fireworks ordinance. If someone is found to be in violation, the fireworks will be confiscated and the individual may be cited accordingly with fines up to \$500. This enforcement applies to both adults and minors. While it is often very difficult for officers to catch fireworks violators, each year the Huntley Police Department prioritizes patrol and community engagement efforts with the goal of reducing illegal fireworks activity in our community.

Don't get burned by a fireworks fine this year. Do yourself and your neighbors a favor and leave the fireworks displays to the professionals. The Village of Huntley will host an Independence Day Fireworks Show on July 4 at 9:30 pm in Deicke Park. Visit the Special Events page for details.

For more information:

Village Ordinance 130.23: <https://bit.ly/3qT04PH>

Illinois State Fire Marshal Approved/Prohibited Consumer Fireworks and State of IL Pyrotechnic Use Act: <https://sfm.illinois.gov/iam/individual/consumer-fireworks.html>

TO REPORT THE ILLEGAL USE OF FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE

- Call 847-515-5311 to report fireworks activity in progress. Please recognize that fireworks calls are prioritized based on other calls for service pending throughout the village.
- Text TIP HUNTLEY followed by your message to 888777. Please provide specific information regarding locations, days and times.