

# HUNTLEY'S

## Village Journal

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Village of Huntley  
10987 Main Street  
Huntley, IL 60142

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### Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall:  
847-515-5200

Water Billing:  
847-515-5200

Public Works:  
847-515-5222

Development Services:  
847-515-5252

Police non-emergency:  
847-515-5311

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY 27**  
WEEKLY FARMERS MARKET RESUMES  
**MAY 29**  
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE  
**JUNE 25**  
FREE MINI ZOO DAY @ SEW HOP'D  
**JUNE 27**  
CONCERT IN THE SQUARE  
**JULY 4**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW  
**JULY 7**  
1ST FRIDAY NIGHTS ON THE SQUARE  
**JULY 11**  
CONCERT IN THE SQUARE

### Thank You Trustees Harry Leopold, Niko Kanakaris and Curt Kittel

The Village extends a heartfelt thank you to our recently retired Trustees for their many years of service and numerous contributions to our community. Trustee Leopold served since 2003, Trustee Kanakaris since 2007 and Trustee Kittel since 2021. During their tenure, the Village has experienced significant population growth in addition to retail, industrial and e-commerce investment. Notable projects include downtown revitalization, the full interchange, widening of Route 47 and the Northwestern Hospital campus. We thank you and wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors!

### Welcome New Trustees

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to new Trustees Vito Benigno, John Piwko and Ric Zydorowicz. On May 11, the new Trustees were officially sworn into office. The Board of Trustees serves as the legislative branch of the Village government and as the elected representatives of the citizens of Huntley. In accordance with state law, the Board establishes policy and legislative direction, adopts all ordinances and resolutions, and maintains the authority of final determination on land use matters. Vito, John and Ric join Trustees Ronda Goldman, JR Westberg and Mary Holzkopf. Welcome!

### Congratulations to Retiring Village Clerk Rita McMahon

After 35 years with the Village of Huntley, Rita McMahon will be retiring in May. Rita has 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!

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Outdoor fun is heating up in Huntley - join us at these fun events!

<b>May 29:</b> Memorial Day Parade   11am	<b>July 11:</b> Concert in the Square: <b>The Blooze Brothers</b>   7-8:30pm
<b>June 24:</b> Huntley Farmers Market   <b>Helen Keller Day</b>	<b>July 15:</b> Public Works Day at the Huntley Farmers Market - touch-a-truck & more   8am-1pm
<b>June 25:</b> Free Mini Zoo at Sew Hop'd   12-4pm	<b>July 18:</b> Concert in the Square: <b>Hair Band Nights</b>   7-8:30pm
<b>June 27:</b> Concert in the Square: <b>Pirates Over 40</b>   7-8:30pm	<b>July 21:</b> Free Movie in the Park (Parisek Park) <b>Disney's Encanto</b>
<b>July 1:</b> Family Fun Day at the Farmers Market	<b>July 25:</b> Concert in the Square: <b>Hillbilly Rockstarz</b>   7-8:30pm
<b>July 4:</b> Independence Day Fireworks Show - Deicke Park (show will start at approx. 9:30pm, arrive early for the festivities)	<b>July 30:</b> Bike Huntley & Village Picnic
<b>July 7:</b> 1st Friday Nights on the Square - 90's Dance Party with <b>Boy Band Review</b>   7:30-9:30pm	<b>July 30 - August 5:</b> Enjoy Huntley Week
<b>July 8:</b> Tip A Cop at Culvers   10:30am-3pm	

The weekly Huntley Farmers Market is back beginning May 27! Join us on Saturdays from 8am-1pm to shop local farmers, makers and businesses in the Town Square on Coral and Church Streets.

Visit [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) for the full calendar of events and details.

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](http://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 15th 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.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Village offers a number of convenient payment options for water and sewer utility bills.

- **In Person** - Visit us at Village Hall (10987 Main Street) Monday-Friday between 8am-5pm to pay via cash, check or credit card.
- **Drop Box** - Place the payment in an envelope and deposit it in the drop box located outside the Village of Huntley Municipal Complex (10987 Main Street).
- **Mail** - Mail the payment to Village of Huntley, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142.

Visit the Village website at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) and select **Pay Your Bill** on the Village's home page to select one of the options listed below.

- **eSuite** - The Village's online billing website to pay

by credit card. Note, your account number is required to register.

- **Auto Debit** - Have your utility bill balance drafted from a designated checking or savings account.
- **NEW Reoccurring Credit Card Payment** - Have your utility bill balance automatically drafted from a credit or debit card. *\*Fees will apply to those choosing the debit/credit card option*

The Village of Huntley would like to remind residents that there are various third party websites that accept payments for utility bills. The Village is not affiliated with any of these sites. Please verify the website is a legitimate payment source prior to use. Please call 847-515-5200 with questions and for assistance determining which payment option is best for your household.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

**Share your thoughts, we want to hear from you!** The Village of Huntley is updating its Comprehensive Plan. Your participation is key in the creation of the Plan - and in shaping the vision, priorities and roadmap for growth for the Huntley community over the next 20 years!



**Complete the Community Questionnaire:** The questionnaire contains questions about important issues and opportunities that the Comprehensive Plan should address. Residents, business owners/operators, property owners, developers and community stakeholders of Huntley are encouraged to participate. Scan the QR code for the questionnaire and for information about the Comprehensive Planning process or visit [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) to learn more.

FROM THE HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT - MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. (46.6 million people) experiences mental illness in a given year but less than half get any treatment. Many police calls for service involve a mental health component. Huntley Police Department employs a full time social worker who will reach out to residents after the law enforcement interaction is complete to provide additional help and resources. We also have a number of policies and regular training on mental health, with the goal of providing the best service and meeting the needs of the entire community while maintaining a safe and friendly village. Mental health is an incredibly important part of overall health. We are fighting the stigma and encouraging everyone to tend to their mental health needs regularly. If you or a loved one is struggling, you are not alone. There are a number of resources available. Please reach out if you are in need. Online resources include the National Alliance on Mental Illness ([www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)) and the National Institute of Mental Health ([www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)). To get referrals to local resources, call or text 2-1-1.

To help support mental health needs in our community, we are hosting QPR Suicide Prevention Training in the Village Board Room on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm. Presented by NAMI, participants will learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide and how to apply three simple steps (question, persuade, refer) that may save a life. Registration is required and seats are limited. Register today at [bit.ly/HPD-QPRJune](http://bit.ly/HPD-QPRJune).