

HUNTLEY'S

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Village Journal



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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

Police emergency dial 911

WANT YOUR HUNTLEY NEWS FAST?

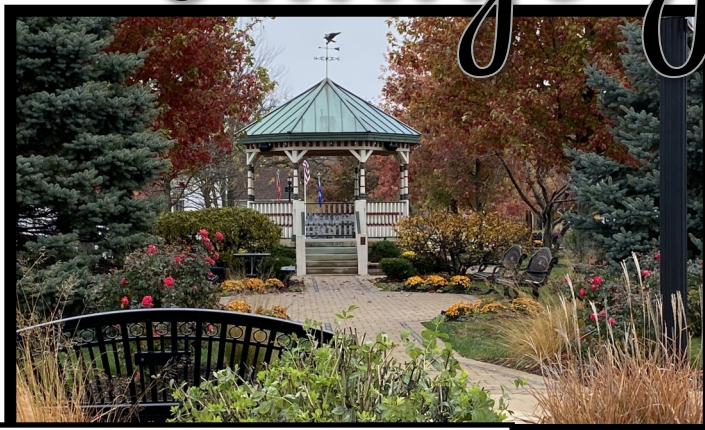
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DOWNTOWN UPDATE

The new parking areas that have been under construction this summer are officially open! 565 total parking spaces in the downtown area provide parking options for residents, visitors, business owners and employees. For convenience, additional spaces are now designated as two-hour parking between 8am-5pm to allow for parking in close proximity to the businesses as you enjoy a meal or trip to a downtown establishment. Eight spaces are designated as 15-minute parking for those patrons running a quick errand, doing business at the post office, picking up carry-out meals, etc. Longer term parking for extended trips to the downtown are available within steps of the Town Square in the lots south of Main Street, on 1st Street and in the First Congregational Church lots.

SOUTH CHURCH STREET STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

The streetscape improvement project on South Church Street between Main and Mill Street and on Mill Street between IL Route 47 and Myrtle Street, is substantially complete. Project features include: replacement of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveway aprons, storm sewer and water main improvements, lead service line replacements, roadway resurfacing and the installation of new decorative streetlights and wayfinding signs to complement the downtown.

PARKING IN DOWNTOWN HUNTLEY

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE DOCUMENT SHRED DAY AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - OCTOBER 21

9am-12pm (or until the truck is full - whichever is first). Huntley residents may bring up to 4 boxes.

MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY - OCTOBER 28

10am-2pm | Northwestern Hospital Huntley Medical Building #1

The Huntley Police Department is participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. Please remove all pills from their containers and put in a bag. No liquids or syringes will be accepted.

TRICK OR TREAT AROUND THE SQUARE - OCTOBER 31

10am-2pm | Bring the little ones to their very own Trick or Treat event at the downtown businesses!

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS - OCTOBER 31 | 4PM-8PM

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET - NOVEMBER 11 & DECEMBER 9

9am-1pm | Legion Hall. Shop your favorite vendors indoors on the second Saturday of the month
Nov & Dec | Legion Hall | Jan-May | Fellowship Hall, First Congregational Church

HONORING OUR VETERANS - NOVEMBER 11

10am | Veterans Day Ceremony at the Huntley Veteran's Memorial (Coral & Church Streets)
10am-1pm | Veterans Collection Event - you may also show your appreciation by contributing to the collection event to assist in stocking the shelves at New Horizons. Every contribution helps!

A VERY MERRY HUNTLEY - DECEMBER 2

Join us for a day of Fun and Merry festivities. Stay tuned for details!

LADIES NIGHT OUT HOLIDAY EDITION - DECEMBER 7

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - DECEMBER 16

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 21

FREE DOCUMENT SHRED DAY

OCTOBER 28

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKEBACK DAY

OCTOBER 31

10AM-2PM | TRICK OR TREAT AROUND THE SQUARE
[DOWNTOWN HUNTLEY BUSINESSES]

4-8PM | HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

NOVEMBER 11

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET
HONORING OUR VETERANS CEREMONY
AND COLLECTION EVENT

DECEMBER 2

A VERY MERRY HUNTLEY

DECEMBER 7

LADIES NIGHT OUT HOLIDAY EDITION

DECEMBER 9

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

HUNTLEY CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Clean up and seasonal maintenance will begin Tuesday, November 1, in the Huntley Cemetery. Please remove all gravesite decorations, including solar lights, from your loved one's gravesite area prior to October 31. Decorations that remain in place after October 31 will be removed by the Village. Shepherd hooks may remain by the headstone if used for a winter decoration.

Winter decorations may be placed on or in line with headstones starting November 15 but must not cause an obstruction for maintenance or they will be removed. Winter decorations are to be removed prior to March 15, 2024, for spring clean up maintenance.

Thank you for your assistance in clearing the Huntley Cemetery in preparation for the winter clean up. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Village Hall at 847-515-5200 or visit the [Cemetery page](#) on the Village website.

REMINDER: WATER/SEWER UTILITY BILL PAYMENT ADDRESS CHANGE

Earlier this year, notices were included in water/sewer bills notifying residents of an upcoming change to the payment processing center for payments. This change has been completed. If you have not already, please be sure to update the mailing address at this time. If you utilize online bill pay through your banking institution, please confirm that the payment information on file has been updated. Failure to make the changes above may cause your payment to be returned by the post office or arrive late to the Village of Huntley, potentially resulting in late payments. *Tip:* when entering your account number, do not use dashes or special characters, simply enter the 13-digit account number.

For more ways to pay your bill, please visit www.huntley.il.us.

The remittance address is:

Village of Huntley
PO Box 95726
Chicago, IL 60694-5726

PAYMENTS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED AT
VILLAGE HALL, INSIDE OR IN THE DRIVE AISLE
DROPBOX. VISIT US AT 10987 MAIN STREET.

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 Plan should address. Residents, business owners/operators, property owners, developers and community stakeholders of Huntley are encouraged to participate. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, scan the QR code or visit www.huntley.il.us.



WE CAN ALL HELP TO PROTECT HUNTLEY'S WATER RESOURCES

Polluted stormwater runoff may have adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people. Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies used for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Learn more about the impacts of polluted runoff and what we can do to protect our water resources on the Village's [Stormwater Management page](#).

FROM THE HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

BREAK THE SILENCE AROUND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



It is estimated that 35% of women and 29% of men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. Domestic violence isn't just physical - it can be emotional, sexual, verbal or financial. Domestic violence can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity or social/economic status. If you or someone you know is affected by domestic violence, here are some things to consider:

Always call 9-1-1 if you feel unsafe. You do not need to wait until physical abuse occurs to call the police. A law enforcement presence can help de-escalate the situation and officers can recommend resources for both the victim and perpetrator that may help break the cycle of domestic violence in the relationship. If that is not an option, the police can help you to leave the situation and find a safe place.

Create a personalized safety plan for yourself and your family. Practice multiple ways to leave the house, have necessary items ready to go, make a plan for your kids and pets, and know who you can trust to help you. Be sure to have access to important documents (birth certificate, social security card, passport, insurance, driver's license, financial cards) for yourself and your children. The police or an advocate can help you create a detailed plan.

Document the abuse by keeping a journal, filing police reports, saving emails/texts/social media posts, taking pictures of injuries/damage caused by the abuser. Documentation will also help if you consider obtaining an order of protection, which can restrict access to the victim, residences and other family members (including children). Turning Point (turnpt.org or 815-338-8081) has advocates that can help you through this legal process.

Research resources available for those affected by domestic violence. Our Social Services Department (847-515-5386) can help you find the appropriate resources, beyond law enforcement remedies, to help your family physically, medically and emotionally. Resources are also available for children of domestic violence survivors. Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to repeat the cycle in their adult relationships. Early intervention can help break this cycle.

Most importantly, know that you are not alone and help is here. The men and women of the Huntley Police Department are dedicated to take a stand for you. Please reach out to law enforcement or another agency such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) so we can assist you and your family.