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Village Hall:
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847-515-5200
Public Works:
847-515-5222
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847-515-5252
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 10

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

FEBRUARY 19

PRESIDENT'S DAY
VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

MARCH 9

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

MARCH 10

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

MARCH 29

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
SPRING HOLIDAY

BE PREPARED - FREEZING TEMPERATURES CAN LEAD TO FREEZING PIPES

Prolonged cold temperatures like we often experience during Illinois winters can potentially cause water in pipes and water meters to freeze and burst in areas of your home that are unprotected and/or unheated. A burst water pipe or frozen service line can cause considerable property damage resulting in costly repairs and interruptions to your home's water service.

Tips to help prevent freezing water lines can be found on the Public Works & Engineering Water Division page at huntley.il.us.

A few suggestions include:

- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings concentrate cold air creating a cold pocket that can quickly freeze pipes.
- Open cabinets and closets that contain water lines to allow warm air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Allow cold water to drip through faucets. Running or dripping water can help prevent water lines from freezing; however, even running water can freeze in subzero temperatures.
- If you're going away for an extended period, keep the heat on inside the house. Even a low thermostat heat setting helps protect the pipes in the event the outside temperature drops.

If you experience a water outage caused by freezing pipes, contact the Public Works Department by calling 847-515-5222. Be safe and keep warm!



INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

Shop your favorite homegrown and homemade items all year long. During the colder months, you will find the market indoors on the second Saturday of each month from 9am-1pm in the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall (Church and Main Street).

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

Huntley Park District Tree Recycling: Bring your tree to Sun Valley Farm at Betsey Warrington Park (12201 West Main Street) through January 31, free of tinsel and decorations. The trees will be used as mulch in our beautiful parks. There is no charge for this service.

MDC Environmental Services: For all residential areas in the Village, excluding Sun City and apartments, MDC will pick up discarded trees through the month of January. Simply place your tree at the curb. Trees larger than 10 feet tall must be cut in half. Please note that trees will not be recycled and will be taken to the landfill. Tinsel and decorations need not be removed. There is no charge for this service.

Waste Management: In Sun City, Waste Management provides pick-up of Christmas trees during the month of January. Tinsel and decorations need not be removed as these trees will be discarded in the landfill with other waste. Trees may be a maximum of 6 feet tall. There is no charge for this service.

2024 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVED

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2024 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 7, 2023. The 2024 Fiscal Year (FY24) Operating and Capital Budget totals \$41,167,098 in expenditures for all nineteen funds. Compared to the Amended FY23 Budget, the FY24 Budget proposes \$15,141,574 (27%) less in total expenditures. The FY24 General Fund expenditures are \$18,483,567 or 45% of the total budget for all funds. Of the other major funds, the proposed expenditures and percentages of the overall budget are as follows:

- Street Improvements and Roads & Bridges Fund \$5,049,400 (12%)
- Water Operating Fund \$3,069,386 (7%)
- Wastewater Operating Fund \$3,024,016 (7%)
- Downtown Tax Increment Financing District \$2,295,075 (6%)



Twenty-nine percent (29%) of the proposed budget is dedicated to investing in the Village's infrastructure assets and downtown enhancements. Most importantly, the FY24 Budget is reflective of and focused on the Village's vision of being the premier location in the region offering a healthy, well-balanced, prosperous, safe and friendly community for all. The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is available for review on the Village website at www.huntley.il.us.

WINTER WEATHER ROADWAY REMINDERS

The Village Public Works team clears snow on approximately 132 centerline miles of roadway and 174 cul-de-sacs or eyebrows. Please help keep the roads free of snow and ice as much as possible by following some simple guidelines.

Parking: On-street parking is currently prohibited between the hours of 2am through 6am and at any time within 8 hours after a snowfall of 2 inches or more has occurred.

Driveways: Depositing snow from driveways and walkways into the street is prohibited by Village ordinance and creates a traffic hazard by leaving windrows or piles of snow in travel lanes. When clearing driveway aprons, property owners are encouraged to deposit snow in the parkway to the right side of the driveway (as you face the street) and as far away from the curb-line as possible. This will limit the amount of snow that the Village plow deposits into driveways as the streets are cleared.

To learn more, view the Village of Huntley [Snow and Ice Control Plan](#) and [Snow Removal FAQ's](#) on the Village website.

**BE SCAM AWARE - FROM THE HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Do you know how to spot a scam? Here are four signs that it might be a scam:

1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know. Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name (i.e. FTC, Social Security Administration, IRS, Medicare) or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, a retailer or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID, so the name and number you see might not be real.
2. Scammers say there is a PROBLEM or a PRIZE. They might say you're in trouble with the government, you owe money, someone in your family had an emergency, that there is a virus on your computer, or there is a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to receive it.
3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately. Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you are on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way. They often insist that you can only pay by using cryptocurrency, wiring money through a company like MoneyGram or Western Union, using a payment app, or putting money on a gift card and then giving them the numbers on the back of the card. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), then tell you to deposit it and send them money.

Now that you know the signs, these tips may help avoid a scam:

- Take steps to block unwanted calls and text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Honest organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information (i.e. date of birth, Social Security, bank account, credit card numbers). If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it is real, it is still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately. Honest businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists that you can only pay with cryptocurrency, a wire transfer service, a payment app, or a gift card. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor, law enforcement — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.
- Be sure to talk to your friends and relatives about this information so everyone knows how to spot and avoid scams.