



Full Interchange at Route 47 and I-90 Moves Forward

This is a very exciting time for Huntley. On September 29th, the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors approved an intergovernmental agreement among the Tollway, the Village of Huntley, Kane County, McHenry County and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) authorizing financing and construction of a full interchange at I-90 and Route 47.

The project will include construction of six new ramps, all-electronic toll collection, bridge reconstruction on Rt. 47 over I-90, as well as local traffic signal installation and lighting improvements. The project is part of the Tollway's \$12 billion, 15-year capital program, Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2012, with completion of the project anticipated in 2013.

New Catch-and-Release Fishing Regulations

The Village recently adopted an ordinance regulating fishing within Village-owned ponds (such as those in the Southwind and Wing Pointe Subdivisions). The ordinance limits fishing to catch-and-release only and requires that all regulations of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources be followed. The ordinance also establishes a minimum fine of \$250.00 for those found in violation. Signs will be posted at the affected ponds. Ponds owned by homeowners associations (HOA) are not subject to these regulations, but are governed by the individual HOA requirements.

Leaf Burning

Although Huntley is located in 2 counties, Huntley's Village Board adopted the McHenry County Open Burning Ordinance to cover ALL property within the Village. Due to the relatively small size of residential lots in Huntley, leaf burning is essentially illegal for the vast majority of homeowners within Village limits. For complete rules on Open Burning and to learn more about yard waste pickup services available in your area, please check the Village website: www.huntley.il.us.



IDOT Opens Up New Lanes on Route 47!

Driving Route 47 just got a whole lot better for Huntley residents and commuters. IDOT began opening new lanes the first week of November and the remainder are expected to be open by November 15th. While there is cause to celebrate this exciting benchmark, it does not mean the project is complete. IDOT officials granted the contractor an extension until June 2012 to complete the work.

What's next? Watch for crews to be out in full force until Thanksgiving preparing for the winter phase. *(Note - you will continue to see decorative street lights going up along the route over winter.)* Next spring, crews will focus on landscaping, traffic control signals, street lights, concrete work and final punch list items. As always, please continue to check our website for up to date information: www.huntley.il.us

New Adopt-A-Highway Program Approved

The Village Board recently approved an Adopt-A-Highway Program, which is a volunteer effort directed at trash collection along sections of Village roadways. Volunteer groups adopt a one to two mile section of roadway for a two-year period, with trash collections conducted at least two times a year (April – in conjunction with Earth Day, and October). Signage identifying the “adopting” group will be posted on the section of roadway adopted. Only Village maintained roadways are included in this program. Please help beautify our community and get involved with this new program. More information can be found on the Village website or the Village Manager's Office at 847-515-5262.

Budget Presentation Award and 2012 Budget

For the eighth consecutive year, the Village has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA) for the FY2011 Budget document. The GFOA program recognizes exemplary budget documentation by municipalities and other governmental entities. The budget process for the FY2012 Budget is underway. The Village Board held a budget workshop on Thursday, October 27th. Budget preparation will continue through November, with a public hearing to be held on Thursday, December 8th and the budget adopted the same day.

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Goodwill Store Opens in Huntley!

Goodwill celebrated the grand opening of its new location at 11900 Kreuzer Road on October 12th. Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois is a community-based not-for-profit organization that provides jobs, training, and placement services for people with barriers to achieve meaningful employment.



The store sells donated, previously-owned items as well as new items from close-outs or overstocks from other well-known retailers. Tax-deductible donations can be made at the facility's drive-up area, with staff available to assist with unloading vehicles.

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Village Website:
www.huntley.il.us

Route 47 webpage:
www.huntley.il.us/route47.htm

Police Offer Safety Tips

Unfortunately, there are individuals and groups who make their money by tricking and stealing from others. No matter where you live or your age, you could become a victim of one of these scam artists. Here are a few tips to keep in mind to help stay safe:



- You aren't a lottery winner if you never bought a ticket
- If your grandchild calls for money to get out of trouble, always contact the parents prior to sending money
- Never open an e-mail if you don't know who sent it
- When instructed to wire money to someone, wait a day to determine if it is legitimate
- Never pay for a home service or project until it is complete; If the contractor insists on money up front or a deposit, try someone else
- Be suspicious of anyone coming to your door and offering to do repair work, sealcoat your driveway, trim a tree or perform other household chores
- Never allow anyone into your home unless you are certain who they are; Insist that they show you their credentials, including a photo ID
- Only use one credit card for any on line transactions
- Register your cell phone with the national "Do Not Call Registry" at 1-888-382-1222; It only takes about one minute.
- Keep an outside light on and lock your car and house doors - Light it up! Lock it up!

Christmas on the Square

Mark your calendars! Join us at the 4th Annual Christmas on the Square Event on Saturday, December 3rd. This annual event is sure to bring out the holiday spirit in everyone – Come be part of the fun! The event takes place at the Town Square on Coral Street between Woodstock and Church Streets, in the Legion Home and in the Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church and includes the following:



Noon – 5:00 pm **Kris Kringle Market** on the Square (in the Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church) Shop the craft fair and your favorite non-produce vendors from the farmers market and local home based businesses. Perfect for all your holiday parties and holiday gift buying!

Noon - 5:00 pm **Cookie Walk** - Pick up your favorite holiday cookies while supplies last! (sponsored by and located in the 1st Congregational Church)

Noon - 5:00 pm **Friends of the Library Book Sale** (American Legion Hall)

Noon - 3:30 pm **FREE Kids Crafts** (sponsored by Park District, located in American Legion Hall)

Noon - 3:30 pm **The Reading of Classic Christmas Stories** (Sponsored by the Library, located in American Legion Hall)

Noon - 3:30 pm **FREE Hayrides** - be sure to bundle up!

Noon - 3:30 pm **Live Nativity** - Watch Trinity Lutheran Church perform a live nativity in front of their church on Church Street

1:00 - 4:00 pm **Caroling and Entertainment*** in the Big Tent (heated)

3:30 pm **Holiday Lights Parade*** - bundle up and watch the parade kick off from Ol' Timer Park south on Church Street to Main Street to Woodstock Street and end on Coral Street. The parade will conclude with the arrival of Santa at which time there will be caroling, free hot chocolate and the lighting of the holiday tree and the Town Square.

4:30 pm **Lighting of the Holiday Tree** - in the Gazebo

4:30 - 5:30 pm **FREE Pictures with Santa** in the Gazebo

*Contact Barb at 847-515-5262 or bread@huntley.il.us if your group would like to provide entertainment or participate in the parade.

For full details go to the Village's website at www.huntley.il.us