

# HUNTLEY'S

# Village Journal

THE FRIENDLY VILLAGE WITH COUNTRY CHARM | APRIL 2024

## A LETTER FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT HOEFT

Hello Huntley Residents,

Spring has finally arrived! We are looking forward to the next few months which are filled with fun activities along with the beginning stages of many developments that will take place this year.

First, mark your calendars for the annual Arbor Day Tree Planting on April 26, Green and Clean Huntley Day scheduled for April 27, Ladies Night Out on May 2, and our first Outdoor Farmers Market of 2024 on May 25. Additional information on these events and more, can be found on the Village's special events page.

In addition to these events, we are proud to highlight the progress the Village is making on important development projects. A few major projects that are happening this spring include our ongoing focus on redevelopment in downtown Huntley. Construction will soon begin on the former Village Hall building, located at 11704 Coral Street. The revitalization project, by True North Properties, will feature the existing historic southern portion of the building as well as a new addition for Café Roma (proposed tenant). Retail development construction continues along Route 47 with new businesses opening soon, including Chipotle, Jersey Mike's, Wingstop, and Buffalo Wild Wings GO. Kelley's Market gas station is underway on Route 47, south of Reed Road. Thank you for continuing to support the businesses that choose Huntley! These projects demonstrate our commitment to reinvesting in our community and ensuring the Village remains a great place to live and work.

We are particularly encouraged by the collaboration between our local businesses and community partners as they continue to move this community forward. Together, we're driving economic growth and creating opportunities for all of our residents. I look forward to seeing you around the Village and at our upcoming events.

Take Care,

Tim Hoeft  
Village President



## GREEN & CLEAN HUNTLEY DAY

Residents will have the opportunity to take advantage of the following services from 9am-Noon on April 27. Please visit the Village website for additional details.

- Electronics recycling
- Printer cartridge recycling
- Document destruction
- Spring cleaning drop off
- Eyeglass recycling
- Gently used book drive
- Free mulch pickup
- Water treatment plant tours

## ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

Volunteers are invited to join us around the pond near the Huntley Municipal Complex (10987 Main Street) to plant a tree or two in celebration of Arbor Day! This event will take place at 4:30 pm on Friday, April 26th.

Activities include tree planting, an Arbor Day Proclamation, a take-home garden activity, and a free tree raffle.

## DOWNLOAD THE VILLAGE'S NEW MOBILE APP!

The Village has launched a mobile app to provide you with convenient access to the most frequently utilized areas of the Village website. The app allows residents to pay bills, request overnight parking, and view special event information among other things. Download the Village of Huntley app and explore all that it has to offer! Visit the Apple App Store and Google Play or scan the following QR codes to download the free app.

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847-515-5222

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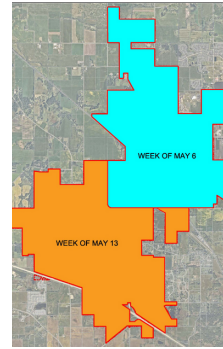
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## SEMI-ANNUAL SPRING CURBSIDE BRANCH PICKUP SCHEDULE

**Homes North of Kreutzer Road/Sass Parkway:** Week of May 6

**Homes South of Kreutzer Road/Sass Parkway (Sun City):** Week of May 13

- Branches must be placed on the parkway prior to the Monday before collection begins in each area.
- Please stack branches along the curb line so that the trunks (larger end of branch) are all facing the same direction, either towards the roadway or with traffic.
- Branch collection crews will make only one pass in each neighborhood.
- Branches put out after crews have passed will not be collected.
- Crews will not go on private property to pick up the branches.



Residents that miss the curbside pickup can make arrangements with their waste hauler or landscaping service. In addition, a one-time only drop off is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at the Public Works facility (located on Donald Drive) from 8am-12pm. For additional information, contact the Public Works and Engineering Department at 847-515-5222.

## APRIL IS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS MONTH

**Below are a few helpful tips to remember when using or storing hazardous materials:**

- Follow the instructions on the label when you use and store household chemicals.
- Don't mix products. This can cause deadly gases or cause a fire.
- Store products in their original containers.
- Store anything that is flammable away from your home.
- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors in a well ventilated area. Make sure to place the container on the ground when you fill it.
- Never store materials that can cause a fire in the sun or near an open flame or heat source.
- Store these materials out of the reach of children and pets.
- Wear gloves or goggles when you use these materials.



## STORMWATER RUNOFF & POLLUTION PREVENTION

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. During this time, 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. The village encourages residents to help keep pollutants off the ground by following these tips:

- Use pesticides/fertilizers very sparingly.
- Don't overwater your lawn.
- Consider collecting rainwater for reuse with a rain barrel.
- Install a native plant rain garden on your property.
- Keep yard waste out of the street, storm drain, and ditch.
- Pick up pet waste and properly dispose of it.
- Put litter in the trash and not on the ground.

## JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Is your middle schooler interested in police work? Sign them up for the Huntley Junior Police Academy! Participants will learn to collect evidence at an incident scene, get to experience traffic stops, explore police equipment and much more! The academy runs June 4-6, from 8:30am-12pm at the Huntley Police Department and is available to children who are entering 7th or 8th grade and either live in Huntley or attend school in District 158. Enrollment is limited - so register today! Learn more at [bit.ly/JrCPA2024](https://bit.ly/JrCPA2024)



## SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING OFFERED BY HUNTLEY PD

Suicide is a major public health issue. Over 45,000 people in the United States die from suicide annually. That's 1 person every 13 minutes. You can make a difference! In as little as one hour, you can learn the warning signs of suicide and how to apply three simple steps that may save a life. The Huntley Police Department is hosting a no cost QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Course that will be presented by NAMI of McHenry County on Tuesday, May 7, at 5:30 pm in the Village Board Room. Registration is required and seats are limited. Register for this free program at [bit.ly/HuntleyQPR2024](https://bit.ly/HuntleyQPR2024).

## HUNTLEY HISTORY

The Chicago and Galena Railroad became the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and later, Union Pacific Railroad, and served the Huntley community for over 150 years, though passenger service was eliminated in about 1950. The railroad was critical to the economic development of Huntley because it provided the means of sending agricultural products to the Chicago market and led to Huntley's preeminence as a dairy center. In addition to shipping dairy products directly to Chicago, milk producers sold milk to local factories, which processed condensed milk, butter and cheese.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 22:** Plan Commission Meeting

**April 25:** Police Pension Board Meeting

**April 25:** Village Board Meeting

**April 26:** Arbor Day Tree Planting

**April 27:** Green & Clean Huntley Day

**May 2:** Ladies Night Out on the Square