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## Apply Now for Citizen Police Academy

The Huntley Police Department is now accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy. The Citizen Police Academy is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 20th, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and will meet every Wednesday night through May 22nd, 2013 at the Huntley Police Department, located at 10911 Main Street, Huntley.

The Citizen Police Academy is a ten week program designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Huntley Police Department. It consists of a series of classes and discussions which provide an overview of the various areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the Village of Huntley.

The Citizen Police Academy is free of charge and is open to individuals who are at least 18 years of age and live or work in the Village of Huntley. Applicants will be subject to a background check. Advanced registration is required and seating is limited. If you are interested in attending the Citizen Police Academy and would like an application, they are available at the Police Department or can be downloaded from the Village of Huntley Police Department website, <http://www.huntley.il.us/depts/police.asp>. If you would like additional information on this program, please contact Sergeant Marak at (847) 515-5409. The registration deadline is Friday, March 1st.

## Park District Receives Accreditation

The Huntley Park District has been named a distinguished accreditation agency by the Accreditation Review Board of Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association. This is the highest accreditation possible in the state of Illinois. By dedicating the time to successfully complete the accreditation process, the Huntley Park District has shown a commitment to meeting the highest standards in the park and recreation profession. To learn more about the Huntley Park District and their programs, visit [www.huntleyparks.org](http://www.huntleyparks.org)

## Centegra Hospital Project Introduced to Boards

On Thursday, February 14th, the Centegra Hospital Huntley project was introduced to the Village Board and Plan Commission to provide preliminary information on the proposed scope of the project, the required approvals, and the approach for working with Centegra through the approval process. While Centegra did not present any architectural elevations, officials expressed their intent to blend the architectural design of the hospital with that of the ambulatory care mall (ACM) and Health Bridge. Centegra is currently planning to break ground in October.



**WELL BEYOND EXPECTATION**

Centegra is proposing a 5-story, 128-bed facility of approximately 375,000 square feet, with the ability to expand in the future. The hospital will include 100 medical surgical beds, an eight-bed intensive care unit, a full-service emergency department with a Level II trauma center, Level II special care nursery, non-invasive cardiology services, a helipad for transporting critical need patients, and a dedicated women's center. In addition to the hospital, Centegra is also considering the addition of another medical office building (MOB) east of the ACM. Per the site layout, the main entrance to the hospital would face Haligus Road. The emergency department (ED) would face south towards Health Bridge.

**A public informational meeting for the Centegra hospital project is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** The meeting will be held at the Village of Huntley Municipal Complex in the Village Board room at 10987 Main Street. All residents interested in learning more about the project are encouraged to attend.

## Forrest Construction Celebrates 10 Years in Huntley

Kellie Bell, president of Forrest Construction Group, is celebrating a decade of business growth at a time when many construction companies have folded. The woman-owned design/build construction management company serves retail, commercial and industrial, medical, academia, and office clients with quality build-outs. Headquartered in Huntley, Illinois, Forrest Construction Group (FCG) is certified as a Women's Business Enterprise in the City of Chicago, Cook County and nationwide. The State of Illinois recognizes FCG as a Female Business Enterprise and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.



A new high-profile project for Forrest Construction is working with Plote Construction to supply the toll plaza control buildings at the new Route 47 and I-90 interchange expansion. Other recent project examples include light industrial at Handifoil in Naperville and retail store build-outs such as the Puma store in Woodfield Mall among others. Crabtree & Evelyn contracted with Forrest Construction for their store in a Michigan mall which was so successful that it evolved into the renovation of the Woodfield Mall location as well.

Construction has been a volatile industry in recent years. "We learned to adjust to the lean times because we are a small, flexible operation," says Bell. "We took each job and gave it our best because we didn't know what was next." Project financing was and continues to be very tight for site owners. Efforts are focused on providing a quality product while helping clients to value engineer in order to get the most for their specific budgets.

For more information on the construction management services of Forrest Construction Group, Inc., contact Kellie Bell at 847-669-3800.

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**Village website:** [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)  
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## Mark Your Calendars

February 18	Presidents Day - Municipal Offices closed
February 23-24	Huntley Chamber Home & Business Expo
March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead)
March 29	Spring Holiday - Municipal Offices closed

## Chamber Home & Business Expo

Mark your calendars! The Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce extends an open invitation to the community and businesses to visit the **Huntley Chamber Home & Business Expo on Saturday February 23rd from 10am - 4pm, and Sunday February 24th from 11am - 3pm.** The Expo will be at the same location as last year, **Marlowe Middle School located at 9625 Haligus Road** (Corner of Reed Road & Haligus Road). Free Parking and Free Admission; the event is open to the public.

**For the Community:** the Huntley Chamber Home & Business Expo is an opportunity to meet many businesses under one roof and gather information about their services. There will be great giveaways and you will have the opportunity to win prizes and meet the staff members of the exhibitors in person. Bring the kids to visit with "furrever friends" and therapy dogs!

- Over 100 exhibitors to meet in person; for a list of exhibitors visit [www.huntleychamber.org](http://www.huntleychamber.org).
- Expo Café with food from Culvers, Kona Ice, Sponsors & Subway.
- Great Prizes to Win: Grand Prize is Worth over \$1,050.00 - 6 tickets to see the Chicago Cubs play the Milwaukee Brewers in Milwaukee on April 20, 2013 with a Round trip transportation via Limo, Tailgate Party, Food and Drinks during the game and Cubs gear. Several prizes to be given from multiple booths see Expo program for highlights.
- Centegra Health System will have Blood Pressure and Diabetes Screenings on Saturday, February 23rd from 10:00 am to 2:00pm.

**For the Businesses:** This is an opportunity to showcase your business with up to 3,000 attendees. Contact the Chamber and register to be an exhibitor. Visit [www.huntleychamber.org](http://www.huntleychamber.org) for updates on availability of booths.

Contact the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce for more information: 11704 Coral Street, Huntley, 847-669-0166, or visit the Chamber website at [www.huntleychamber.org](http://www.huntleychamber.org)

## Use Extra Caution When Driving Near Snow Plows

A snowplow weighs 17 times more than a car. In a crash, occupants of a car are much more likely to be seriously injured. Please take a moment and read these important tips about driver safety and snow plows.

### Keep your distance; don't assume plow drivers can see you.

Their field of vision is limited – in addition to the blind spots of a traditional car, the snow that a snow plow stirs up may also limit the driver's visibility. To be safe, stay 70 feet (4 car lengths) from the plow truck so the driver can see you. **Turn on your lights.**

See and be seen by keeping your headlights on while driving in the snow. Salt brine trucks have a sign on the back warning motorists of "Liquid Salt, Stay Back." That is for your safety as well as the plow driver's. They can't see you and the brine sprays across three traffic lanes whether you are driving in them or not. Spreaders on trucks can throw salt, sand or cinders that can damage close-following vehicles. Plow truck operators have to focus on snow removal and may not always see all drivers surrounding them, which means they may not see you if you try to pass. **Slow down! Never use cruise control on wet or icy roads.**

### Use extreme caution when passing a plow.

There are no laws prohibiting drivers from passing a snow plow on the road, but it is extremely dangerous to do so. The wing plow blades of any given truck can extend 2 to 10 feet beyond the width of the truck, and are often hard to see because of the snow they push to the sides while plowing. They sometimes weigh as much as a compact car. Snow plows push snow to the right, so avoid passing them on this side. **Never weave in between snowplow trucks when they are plowing in a staggered formation. Never drive in a snow cloud.**



Example of car vs. plow in Plainfield, IL