

Huntley's Village Journal

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HUNTLEY
The Friendly Village with Country Charm



Artist rendering of Centegra's hospital approved for Huntley

Mark Your Calendars

Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Village offices closed

Feb 1: Indoor Farmers Market
8am - 1pm, American Legion Hall

Feb 17: President's Day
-Village offices closed

Feb 22 & 23: Huntley Chamber of Commerce Home and Business Expo
Sat: 10-4, Sun: 11-3
Marlowe Middle School, 9625 Haligus Rd. Free Admission

Mar 1: Indoor Farmers Market
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Final Plans for Centegra Hospital Approved

In December, the Village Board unanimously approved the final design for Centegra Hospital-Huntley. Centegra Health Systems is targeting to begin construction for the five-story, 360,000 square foot, 128-bed hospital in March.

The project is the largest single private investment in Huntley's history. It is estimated that more than 800 construction jobs will be created to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley, having a total economic impact of \$152 million on area communities. An additional \$45 million is expected to go into the southern McHenry County and northern Kane County communities

through salaries and the purchase of medical equipment and furnishings. Centegra Health System expects to eventually employ about 1,000 associates at Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

The new hospital will feature private rooms, a full service emergency department, level II nursery, non-invasive cardiology services, and a dedicated women's center.

Centegra Immediate Care and Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center will operate with normal hours while the new hospital is being constructed.

Senior Transportation Voucher Program

The Village of Huntley has entered into a Ridership Voucher Program arrangement with Route 47 Taxi of Huntley to provide senior transportation service for senior residents (55 and over) who reside in Rutland Township and Hampshire Township in the Village of Huntley. This is a temporary program which began on December 1, 2013 and will end when the \$6,000 allocated for the program is completely spent. After the funds are depleted, residents will need to find an alternate solution for their transportation needs.

Under the Ridership Voucher Agreement, a one-way trip will cost Rutland and Hampshire seniors \$2. Service is limited to rides within Village of Huntley boundaries. Residents will be able to receive rides Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For registration and complete ridership information on this program, please visit the Village's website: www.huntley.il.us

Senior Transportation Service Guidelines::

- All riders are required to schedule rides with Route 47 Taxi a minimum of 24 hours in advance: 1-224-858-4480. *Cancellations requested 24 hours in advance*
- Program is for seniors age 55 and older who reside in Rutland and Hampshire Township in Huntley
- No pets allowed, except guide dogs
- Curb to curb service
- All riders must be able to board and exit the vehicle independently
- Please limit packages to what can be carried and kept with you
- Prior registration with the Village is required. Please mail in the registration form or call the Village at 847-515-5261 or email rmcmahon@huntley.il.us

WELCOME New Huntley Businesses!

Skechers Opens at Huntley Outlet Center

Skechers, a well known national shoe retailer, recently opened at the Huntley Outlet Center. Located next to Bass Shoe and Che Boutique, Skechers is eager to greet Huntley area residents and assist them with holiday shopping and more.

Skechers, 11800 Factory Shops Blvd #525, 847-669-2631

Plaza Del Burrito Opens

Owner Francisco Monroig and manager Cesar Rojas are happy to welcome hungry residents to Huntley's newest restaurant, Plaza Del Burrito.

"Burritos and tacos are our number one sellers, but many people are surprised to find out we make a great Italian beef too", said manager Cesar Rojas.

Grab some friends today and visit them soon. Plaza Del Burrito, located at 9754 N. Route 47 (north of Reed Road). In a hurry? Call ahead for pick-up: 847-669-2474

*When you discover a great new shop or restaurant in Huntley, be sure and spread the word to friends and family. Many small businesses rely on word of mouth marketing to grow their business. **Shop and dine Huntley first!***



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.

Keep your distance when following snow plows; 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. 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.

Know the Rules on New Cell Phone Law

As of January 1st, all Illinois residents are banned from using hand-held cell phone devices while driving. Governor Pat Quinn signed the new law in August, making Illinois the twelfth state in the country to initiate the ban. Drivers caught using their cell phones will face fines up to \$75.00. For every subsequent offense, the fee will increase by \$25 and have a maximum fine of \$150.

This new law doesn't completely cut drivers off from using their devices while driving. Hands-free options like Bluetooth devices and speakerphones are safe under the law, which also makes exceptions for two-way mobile radios, and for using a cell phone in an emergency.

Texting while driving has already been banned in the entire state of Illinois, and drivers of any age caught doing so can receive citations and fines. These infractions will be enough to get a driver pulled over if a police officer witnesses them, making them primary violations.

Snow Removal Tips

If possible, wait until plows have cleared your street before clearing your driveway apron.

To lessen the shoveling burden at the end of the driveway, snow should be shoveled to the right-hand side of the driveway (while standing in the driveway and facing the street) and along the curb to help reduce the amount of snow pushed back into driveways.

If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home, please try to clear the snow around the hydrant to allow access in the event of fire emergency.

Do not deposit snow on any street. Snow that has been placed onto the street could refreeze and cause a hazardous condition.

Home and Business Expo

Mark your calendars! The Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce extends an open invitation to residents and businesses to visit the Huntley Chamber Home & Business Expo on Saturday February 22nd from 10am - 4pm, and Sunday February 23rd from 11am - 3pm.

The Expo is held at 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.

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!