

# Huntley's Village Journal

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**HUNTLEY**  
The Friendly Village  
with Country Charm



Artist rendering of the new Marsala's Italian Kitchen

## Marsala's Italian Kitchen to Open in Huntley

The Jameson restaurant group recently announced the purchase and renovation of the restaurant located at 11900 Freeman Road as a newly themed Italian bistro. The group anticipates Marsala's Italian Kitchen will open by Mid-November 2014.

"Jameson Charhouse at Del Webb's Sun City in Huntley has performed beyond expectations. While we've considered an Italian themed restaurant for some time, it was only with the opportunity to purchase the Freeman Road restaurant building combined with our success in Huntley that we found a home for Marsala's here. We believe that Marsala's will add a much needed mid-price Italian dining experience to the area" stated Elissa Doland of the Jameson's Organization.

The Marsala's announcement follows on the heels of several new restaurant openings in Huntley. With the completion of the new interchange in Huntley in

late 2013, continued housing growth (among the highest in suburban Chicago), and new business relocating to Huntley all bringing new diners, Huntley has recently become of strong interest to restaurateurs.

Huntley's Village President Charles Sass commented, "The Village of Huntley and its residents are pleased and eager to welcome Marsala's as Huntley's newest restaurant. Marsala's ownership through the well-known and respected Jameson's organization adds an important higher-end restaurant to the community. We believe that the community will respond very favorably to the new exterior appearance and indoor décor, as well as its Italian cuisine."

To learn more about the Jameson group of restaurants visit [www.Jamesons-Charhouse.com](http://www.Jamesons-Charhouse.com).

## Morkes Chocolates to move to Huntley Square

Claudia and Rick Kendzior, owners of Morkes Chocolates in Algonquin, have announced they will be moving their business to the Huntley Square and plan to be open by June 2015. Morkes Chocolates will be occupying one of the storefronts in the 5,675 square foot Sawyer Kelley Mercantile building, which is currently under construction directly west of the Parkside Pub.



Morkes Chocolates has a long and rich history. The business was started in 1920 in Chicago. The Morkes corporate store has been in Palatine since 1967, and is owned by the 3rd generation of the Morkes family.

Morkes, (pronounced "More kiss", like more kisses) is the family name. "Although I am not a 'Morkes', I have worked for the company for 10 years, and my husband Rick and I are very excited to be moving our store

to Huntley. With the move we will be able to finally make our delicious Morkes donuts every day", said Ms. Kendzior. The new store will also feature full coffee service, free WiFi, and plenty of outdoor seating. "We look forward to being Huntley's place to stop, relax and 'smell the chocolate'".

According to Billitteri Enterprises, developer for the Sawyer Kelley Mercantile building, there is a great amount of leasing interest in the new building going up on the Square.



Artist rendering of the new Sawyer Kelly Mercantile building (now under construction) where Morkes Chocolates will be located.

## Mark Your Calendars

**Oct 20-31 Hydrant Flushing**

**Oct 31 Halloween:** Trick or Treat Hours 4pm-7pm

**Nov 1 Indoor Farmers Mkt** at Legion Hall

**Nov 2 Daylight savings time ends** (clocks back)

**Nov 4 Election Day**

**Nov 11 Veterans Day** - Municipal offices closed

**Nov 27 Thanksgiving**  
Municipal offices closed Nov 27 & 28

**Dec 5 Very Merry Huntley Event** (see article)

**Dec 6 Indoor Farmers Mkt & Cookie Walk** at 1st  
Congregational Church, 9am-1pm

# WELCOME New Huntley Businesses!

## Brunch Café

Owner Andy Zatos and Restaurant Manager Nick Zentefis are excited to announce the opening of Brunch Café in Huntley. The contemporary breakfast and lunch café opened on October 7th and has been well received by Huntley residents and business professionals alike. You'll find plenty of basics and some well known decadent twists (like stuffed French toast!). Brunch Café 847-669-8437, 12270 Princeton Drive, Huntley. [www.brunchcafe.com](http://www.brunchcafe.com)

## Aldi Foods

The October 16th opening of Aldi Foods has been eagerly awaited by many Huntley residents. New store manager, Josefina Chavez, is happy to be heading up a store in such a lively and cost conscious community. At Aldi, they do everything they can to give customers incredibly high quality at impossibly low prices! Aldi, 12300 Princeton Drive, [www.Aldi.US](http://www.Aldi.US)

## Royal Patchwork

If you love quilting and sewing, you will feel right at home at Royal Patchwork, located on the north end of town near Covington Lakes. Owner Ruth Burke recently relocated her business from Woodstock. Royal Patchwork offers lessons, fabrics, notions, patterns & more. If you miss your friends from Quilt & Joy, you'll find many of them working with Ruth Burke at Royal Patchwork. Stop by and say hello! Royal Patchwork, 9374 North Route 47, 847-669-7779, M-F 10 to 5, SAT 9-4 [www.royalpatchwork.com](http://www.royalpatchwork.com)

## Hollywood Nail & Spa

If you are looking for a nail spa with all the luxuries, you'll want to visit Hollywood Nail & Spa. Located right next to Starbucks, this salon is easy to find and offers a wide variety of nail and spa treatments. Owner David Ho is offering 20% off all services now through November. Hollywood Nail & Spa, 12200 Princeton Drive, 847-669-5605

## Petitions for Candidacy

Village of Huntley Petitions for Candidacy for three (3) Village Trustees for the Consolidated General Election being held April 7, 2015, are available at the Village Clerk's office at the Municipal Complex, 10987 Main Street. For further information, contact the Village Clerk at (847) 515-5261.

## Senior Transportation Program Update

The Village Board recently approved changes to the Senior Transportation Voucher Program. Effective October 1st, the cost per one-way trip is \$4.00 and service remains limited to rides within the corporate limits of Huntley. The Senior Transportation Voucher Program service will be discontinued on December 31, 2014. Complete information on the Voucher program can be found on the home page of the Huntley website: [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)

Alternative transportation assistance programs have been reviewed by the Village Board in recent months, including the MCRide program. This program, if approved for Huntley, would make dial-a-ride services available for all residents, and would offer reduced fares for seniors and persons with disabilities. Please note, this program requires McHenry County approvals and the earliest it could be available would be Spring of 2015. Therefore, all residents should seek alternate transportation assistance for the interim.

## New Holiday Celebration Planned

Huntley's holiday kick-off will be celebrated on Friday night this year and will feature many exciting changes. The new - **Very Merry Huntley** event is scheduled for **Friday, December 5th** and will be held at the Municipal Complex, the Huntley Library, and the Town Square.

**The Municipal Complex:** will host the Kris Kringle Market (in Board Room) from 3-8 pm.

There will also be live reindeer and horse drawn sleigh rides (outside of Municipal Complex), kids crafts, tree decorating contests (benefiting the Grafton Food Pantry), and visits with Mrs. Claus. **Town Square:** Tree lighting ceremony at the Gazebo at 6 pm. Hot chocolate and caroling from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. **Huntley Library:** Pictures with Santa, horse drawn sleigh rides, face painting, entertainment, free book for each visitor, book sale, and Friends Foundation holiday basket raffle. (All library events held 5-8pm).

*Special note: The Indoor Farmers Market and Cookie Walk will be held Saturday, December 6th at 1st Congregational Church, 9am-1pm.*



## Illinois Tollway to Reduce Cost of I-Pass

The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors recently approved a plan to lower the cost to get an I-PASS transponder when opening a new I-PASS account. The change began October 1st and existing I-Pass users can also benefit from the new plan.

As part of a larger campaign to educate customers about all-electronic interchanges and encourage them to get I-PASS, the agency is temporarily lowering the cost to \$30 for a new I-PASS account from the current \$50 or \$60.

For new customers, the deposit required to obtain an I-PASS transponder will be permanently reduced from \$20 to \$10 for all account types. Additionally, both the initial pre-paid toll amount and the minimum rate to replenish I-PASS accounts will be reduced from \$40 to \$20 for customers who open new accounts between October 1 and December 31, 2014.

For existing customers who replenish their accounts manually, a \$10 deposit refund will automatically be

applied to their I-PASS account balances in the form of a credit to their pre-paid toll accounts. Cash refunds will not be issued. Existing customers can also have their minimum rate to replenish I-PASS accounts reduced from \$40 to \$20 upon request.

These offers began October 1, 2014. To take advantage of these offers, new and existing customers must call 800-UCI-PASS (800-824-7277) weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit one of the Illinois Tollway's Customer Service Centers. (Offers not available online or at Jewel-Osco store locations).

