

Huntley's Village Journal

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(847) 515-5311

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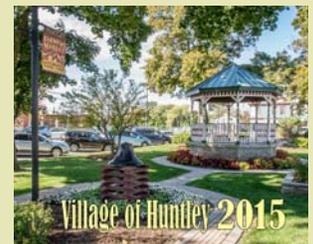
Trustee John Piwko and Management Assistant Barb Read accept Governor's Hometown Award for the Village of Huntley

Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Municipal offices closed
- Feb 7 Indoor Farmers Market**
at American Legion, 9am - 1pm
- Feb 16 President's Day**
Municipal offices closed

*Did you
receive your
calendar?*

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may be
picked up at
Village Hall*



Huntley Presented with Governor's Hometown Award



On December 3rd, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity recognized the Village of Huntley with the prestigious **Governor's Hometown Award**.

Presented continuously since 1983, the Governor's Hometown Awards Program gives formal recognition to those who have answered the Constitution's call and contributed to their community's quality of life.

The Village was recognized for the annual **Green & Clean Huntley Day** in the category of Beautification and Sustainability. The first Green & Clean Huntley Day took place on April 27, 2013, and included the

following events: Electronics Recycling (collecting 39.4 tons); Paper/Document Destruction (over 6 tons destroyed); Tours of the Village's West Wastewater Treatment Plant; National Take Back Medication Disposal Event (280 pounds safely disposed); Spring Cleaning Drop Off Site (four 20 ft. dumpsters were filled); Culver's Kids Coloring Contest (featuring a healthy planet theme); Free Family Movie (Disney's Earth); Newspaper Recycling; Adopt-A-Highway in Huntley (12 groups of volunteers cleaned local roadways).

The Village was presented with a plaque which is on display at Village Hall, and road signs which are being placed along roadways at major entrances to the Village.

Regional Tourism Office Moving to Huntley



The Village Board is pleased to announce Visit McHenry County, McHenry County's convention and visitor's bureau, will be moving to Huntley.

Visit McHenry County is targeting an April 1st move into the "Hackett House", a circa 1890 home located at the southeast corner of Route 47 and Main Street. The home is owned by the Village and is currently undergoing external and internal renovations in an effort to accommodate the future needs of the convention and visitor's bureau. Occupancy of Hackett House provides Visit McHenry County with a high visibility site to attract and assist tourists in identifying activities and sites of interest in McHenry County and surrounding areas.

"Visit McHenry County will be a wonderful asset to our community and the entire region", said Mayor Charles Sass. "This tourism office will be located in a visitor friendly location on highly traveled Illinois

Rt. 47 at the intersection of Main Street in Huntley with over 20,000 vehicles driving past on a daily basis".

With this new highly visible location, Visit McHenry County will now be able to offer visitors a place to stop in and learn about the many McHenry County attractions, as well as many other attractions throughout the State.

Visit McHenry County's mission is to create economic growth for and to develop and promote McHenry County by effectively marketing the region as a preferred convention and visitors destination as well as enhancing the visitor's experience.



Artist rendering for the future home of Visit McHenry County at SE corner of Main St. and Rt. 47.

Check us out on TWITTER!



In mid-November, the Village officially sent its first "tweet" announcing our newest Village

Board trustee, Charles Huffman. The Village of Huntley is always looking for new ways to reach out to residents and the Twitter feed is our newest format. We hope you take a moment and sign up for our posts on Twitter: [Twitter.com/HuntleyIllinois](https://twitter.com/HuntleyIllinois)

There are many other great formats for receiving Huntley news. We look forward to you following us!



Huntley E-News

Huntley E-News is delivered to your email inbox and comes in the form of a newsletter. We send E-News to residents at least twice per month and we often send "special event" and "breaking news" as well. You can sign up from our home page: www.huntley.il.us



Police Nixle Alerts

The Huntley Police Department has the ability to send important updates through Nixle, and deliver it instantly by cell phone, text message and/or email. Example messages may include Tornado Alerts, Amber Alerts, major traffic accidents as well as other relevant safety and community event information. Sign up today: www.nixle.com



Huntley Facebook Page

Facebook is a great way for us to communicate general and timely information about what's happening around town. Just visit our page and "like" us, then you will see posts from Huntley Facebook in your news feed. [Facebook.com/HuntleyIllinois](https://www.facebook.com/HuntleyIllinois)

All sign up links can be accessed from the Village's home page: www.huntley.il.us



Welcome New Businesses!

Cargo Equipment

The newest addition to the Huntley Corporate Park, Cargo Equipment Corporation, officially opened for business at the end of November. Owned by brothers Jeff and Keith Iden, Cargo has been specializing in quality tie-down equipment (ratchet straps, cargo bars, bungees, etc.) since 1963. After outgrowing their previous location in Elgin, the Iden's chose to build their new 40,000 square foot corporate headquarters in Huntley. "We love Huntley and look forward to growing our company here", said Keith Iden. "All of the businesses have been very welcoming, and the location is great". **Cargo Equipment Corporation, 13700 George Bush Court, Huntley, 847-741-7272**



Fast Eddie's Car Wash

Snow, slush and mud are not a problem when Fast Eddie's is near! Joe and Kim Doherty are excited to open their fourth Fast Eddie's Car Wash in the previous Powell's location on the north side of town. Fast Eddie's offers a wide variety of car wash services ranging from Soft Cloth Exterior washes to Full, Super, and Ultimate Services. For a truly great deal, you might even want to try one of their unlimited monthly Wash Club services. Fast Eddie's also offers prepaid wash cards, and full detailing services. Be sure and stop by and check them out soon. Hours: Monday-Saturday: 8-6, Sunday: 9-3 **Fast Eddie's Car Wash, 10881 Route 47, Huntley, (847) 515-2222**



Marsala's Italian Kitchen

Jameson's Restaurant Group opened their newest venture, Marsala's Italian Restaurant, on November 20th. The mid-priced Italian themed restaurant has undergone extensive renovations over the past few months and is a welcome addition to the Huntley community. Hours: Tues-Thurs 4:30 pm- 10 pm, Fri & Sat 4 pm- 11:00 pm, Sun 12 pm - 8 pm. **Marsala's Italian Kitchen, 11900 Freeman Road, Huntley, 847-669-7877**

Wicho's Tacos

Wicho's Tacos opened for business on November 1st and is located at the SW corner of Haligus & Dundee roads. Restaurant owner, Mauricio Estrada is excited to be here in Huntley and to provide area residents with some wonderful authentic Mexican cuisine. Hours: Mon-Thurs 11 am-9 pm; Fri & Sat 11 am- 9:30 pm; Sun 11 am - 8pm. Call or fax ahead for pickup. **Wicho's Tacos, 10749 Dundee Road, Huntley, Ph: 847-802-4855**

Downtown Revitalization & Streetscape Projects Continue

Residents will see construction in the downtown area during the winter months and continuing through Spring and Summer. During December, crews installed new water mains in the downtown and work will continue throughout 2015. The Village Board has made this project and other downtown streetscape projects a priority. The Streetscape project includes utility relocations, water and sewer improvements, streets, sidewalks, parking improvements, lighting, landscaping, benches, and planters. The new Amtrak station will be built in downtown Huntley (along tracks, south of Parkside) and will provide service between Chicago



Artist rendering of downtown streetscape renovations

and Rockford. The project includes building the passenger platform, station building, and parking lot improvements. More news will be posted as soon as final plans are approved.

New Illinois Laws for 2015

Increased speed limits - The speed limit on tollways and interstates increases to 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour for semis.

E-Cigarettes - must be kept behind store counters and vapor refills must come in child-proof packaging.

Homeowner damage disclosure – Those selling homes must now disclose any and all known door and window damage.

Beer tax will now be extended to hard ciders.

Medical marijuana for seizures – Children with seizures will now qualify for a medical marijuana oral-liquid to treat epilepsy.

Remember



- Use extra caution when following snow plows. Stay back 70 feet (4 car lengths) for safety.
- The Chamber of Commerce Home & Business Expo will be Saturday, March 7th (one day only). Be sure and mark your calendar.