

# Huntley's Village Journal

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Village Hall:  
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**HUNTLEY**  
The Friendly Village  
with Country Charm



*The overall Downtown Improvements project is anticipated to continue through October 2015*

## Mark Your Calendars

- May 23** Huntley Farmers Market begins at new location at Huntley Municipal Complex with Plant Your Garden Day!
- May 25** Memorial Day - Municipal offices closed
- May 25** Memorial Day Parade at 11 am
- May 29** Cop on Top - Dunkin Donuts, 5am-2pm
- May 30** Home Based Business Day at Farmers Market & Craft Fair
- June 7** Farmers Market & Craft Fair
- June 12 & 13** Relay for Life, Huntley Rec Ctr

## Construction Underway in Downtown Huntley

If you've travelled through the downtown area lately, you know there is major construction work underway. Berger Excavating is completing water main and sanitary sewer improvements in the downtown area. The project began in March and consists of replacing or improving existing water and sewer utilities in advance of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement project.

Residents have also seen changes to the downtown parking situation. The westernmost public parking lot (Main St. and railroad tracks) was closed for renovations in April. This lot is being improved first and will be ready prior to the opening of the new retail building on June 1st. A new temporary parking lot is now open directly behind Parkside and Village Inn. Please access this lot from the driveway directly west of the Parkside entrance or from Church Street, south of Strode's. There is also public parking available in the lot next to the Chamber of Commerce offices on Coral Street, and many on-street parking spaces.

The next construction phase includes the burial of dry utilities (power and communication lines) and building the new parking lot behind the Parkside and Village Inn (currently being utilized as a temporary lot). The project will conclude with the installation of streetscape improvements throughout the downtown area. The entire project is anticipated to be complete in October 2015.

The Village of Huntley created a special Downtown Updates newsletter for residents, businesses, and other persons or groups interested in following the progress of the Downtown Improvements and Streetscape Renovations. If you live or work in the downtown area we highly suggest you sign up for the Downtown Updates newsletter. You can easily find the signup link and other construction related links on Huntley's homepage: [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)

Please note, there is also a special Downtown Updates web page which includes the most up-to-date information on the project. We hope you save the link to this page and visit it often.  
<http://www.huntley.il.us/DowntownUpdates2015.htm>

## New Tenants for Downtown

The Village is excited to welcome many new businesses to the downtown. Be sure and stop by soon and say hello!

- **Visit McHenry County** (tourism office) moved into the Hackett House at the corner of Main & Rt. 47 and is now open. Executive Director Jaki Berggren knows all the great places to visit! Stop in and see her in the new offices. 815-893-6280
- **Sal's Pizza Place** moved into the former Luigi's space at 11019 Woodstock Street. Owner Sal Bongiovanni is looking forward to his restaurant becoming a great pizza destination for Huntley residents! 847-669-1611

## Watch for the June opening of the new Sawyer Kelley Mercantile building (11801-11809 Main St.)

- **Morkes Chocolates:** candy, parties, donuts, coffee & more
  - **Huntley Eye Care:** professional optometry, glasses, contacts
  - **Elated Boutique:** home, women's, baby & pet accessories
- (Expanded news stories on these businesses will be featured in the June Village Journal and Huntley E-News)*

## New Board Sworn In

Two incumbent trustees and one new trustee were elected in April and were sworn in at the conclusion of the May 14th Village Board meeting. Trustee Harry Leopold has served on the Village Board since 2003. Trustee Niko Kanakaris has served on the Village Board since 2007. Tim Hoeft is Huntley's newest member of the Village Board and replaces interim Trustee Charles Huffman. The Board of Trustees functions as the legislative branch of the Village government and is the elected representation of the citizens of Huntley.

## Road Improvements

Watch for upcoming road resurfacing in the western half of Wing Pointe Subdivision, including Haligus Road.

## Do you Need a Building Permit?

It's that time of year! If you're doing home improvement projects, there's a good chance you will need a building permit. Building permits and inspections are required to allow the Village's Building and Code Enforcement Division the ability to ensure that each project meets the minimum requirements of the adopted building, electric and plumbing codes. The way we do this is through plan review and inspections. These processes provide the means for the Village to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction.



Below is a list of some of the more common projects that require a building permit. This is not an all inclusive list. **As always, if in doubt, contact the Development Services Department at 847-515-5252.**

Additions; Air Conditioners\*; Basement Remodeling / Finishing; Decks; Demolitions ; Driveways and Driveway Ribbons; Electrical System Installations; Electrical Service Updates; Fences\*; Furnaces\*; Hot Water Heaters\*; Irrigation System Installations; New Buildings; Patios\*; Plumbing Systems; Ponds (24" deep and over); Re-roofing\*; Remodeling; Second water meters\*; Sewer Repair/Clean Out; Sheds; Service walks\*; Sun Rooms / Three Season Rooms; Swimming Pools; Spas & Hot Tubs

\*Generally, these permits may be issued over the counter while you wait. For example, exterior structures on corner lots require additional review time and are not available over the counter.

## Property Maintenance Code

In order to maintain a beautiful and safe community, all property owners are required to follow the Village's property maintenance regulations.

**Tall Grass & Weeds:** All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 8 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plant and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs, provided however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.



**Inoperable Motor Vehicles:** Inoperable vehicles (including unlicensed vehicles) may not be stored on private property unless such motor vehicle is completely enclosed within a building.

**Exterior Property:** All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

**Defecation Nuisance :** Any owner or person having custody of any dog or any other animal shall not permit the dog or other animal to defecate on any school ground, public street, alley, sidewalk, park, or any other public grounds or on any private property within the Village other than the premises of the owner or person having custody of the dog or other animal, unless the defecation is removed immediately by the owner or person having custody of the dog or other animal to a proper receptacle located on the property of the owner or the person having custody of the dog or other animal.



## There's Something for Everyone in Huntley!



**May 23rd Huntley Farmers Market Begins - *NEW LOCATION!* Huntley Municipal Complex (10987 Main Street)**

**Plant Your Garden Day** Lots of perennial and annual plants for your home and garden; yard art and more! **Just picked homegrown** spring veggies, lots of baked goods, honey, jam, granolas, freshly roasted coffee beans, artisan cheeses and gourmet foods, fresh mushrooms, naturally raised pork, beef and chicken, imported oils and vinegars, delicious Polish foods, hand-made soaps and dog treats.

**Shop the Craft Fair** for a wide variety of gift and home items. The **Kids Area** will feature seed planting and kids crafts to take home (sponsored by Wayne's Homegrown Fruits & Vegetables). Join us *each Saturday through Oct. 10th. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy the first (unofficial) weekend of summer!*

**May 23rd Historic Huntley Photo Contest: Huntley - Then & Now** Stop by the Municipal Complex on May 23rd during the Farmers Market and check out the entries highlighting Huntley's history.

**May 25th Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony (Town Square)** The Memorial Day Parade will kick-off from the Municipal Complex at 11:00 a.m. and travel west on Main Street to the Town Square. At the conclusion of the parade, there will be speakers and a presentation honoring our veterans. For more information contact the Huntley American Legion or go to: [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)

**May 29th Cop On Top at Dunkin Donuts** Stop by between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. to find out what's happening on the roof of the Dunkin Donuts at 12090 Princeton, Huntley! For more information call Sergeant Williams at 847-515-5331.

**May 30th Craft Fair & Home Based Business Day at the Huntley Farmers Market** Stop by the Farmers Market for some great local produce, plants, gourmet foods and much more! Don't forget to pick up jewelry, home decorations and great gifts at the craft fair and special items from our home based businesses. At the Municipal Complex parking lot 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**June 7th Craft Fair at the Huntley Farmers Market**

**June 12th-13th Relay for Life - Huntley Rec Center** Sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Go to [www.huntleyparks.org](http://www.huntleyparks.org) for more information

**June 14th Flag Day Ceremony - Huntley American Legion** Join the Huntley American Legion at 3:00 p.m. on Coral Street to honor our American flag

**June 20th Farmers Market - Home Based Business Day** For more information contact Barb at [bread@huntley.il.us](mailto:bread@huntley.il.us)

**June 27th Tom Peck Ford Car Show for Special Olympics** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information call Sergeant Williams at 847-515-5331.

**July 4th Family Fun Day at the Farmers Market** Join us at this great community event: Farmers Market, craft fair, kids games, face painting, great entertainment, food and so much more! At the Municipal Complex parking lot 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**July 4th Huntley's Independence Day Fireworks Show - *NEW LOCATION!*** Join us at Deicke/Warrington Park for this year's fireworks display after dusk (approximately 9:00). Go to the Village website or stop by Village Hall for parking and event info.

