

Huntley's Village Journal

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Downtown renovations, Main Street looking west

Downtown Improvements Update

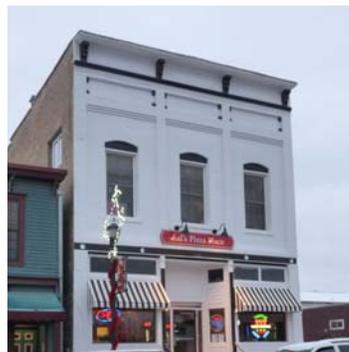
As the end of 2015 comes near, so does the Downtown Streetscape Improvement project. The improvements are a result of a planning process that began in 2010 with the adoption of the Downtown Revitalization Plan which has provided the framework for the activity occurring over the past several months. The goal of the streetscape improvements has been to make the Downtown a more vibrant, active, and pedestrian-oriented environment by adding traffic calming design techniques to reduce traffic speed, improving and widening sidewalks, removing overhead electrical wires, and adding landscape and design improvements like street lights, benches and trash receptacles. The project also added a new parking lot behind the Main Street businesses and better identified parking throughout the Downtown.

Assisting the Village in implementing the streetscape improvements was the Village's engineering consultant, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL). They provided design and construction engineering services, as well as contractor oversight for the project. CBBEL has been assisting the Village with engineering services since 2007 and has provided assistance with many of the Village's high-profile projects.

This year there have also been significant improvements to several buildings within the Downtown through the assistance of the Village's Façade Improvement Program. The program provides financial assistance for façade renovations to help property owners and lessees rehabilitate and restore the exterior of existing buildings. Current façade improvement projects include Strode's Furniture, Sal's Pizza Place, Shampooch and Kitty, and Parkside Pub. The Downtown also saw the opening of the new Sawyer-Kelley Mercantile building which is home to Morkes Chocolates, Elated Boutique, and Huntley Eye Care and the revitalization of the historic Hackett House at the corner of Route 47 and Main Street. The Hackett House is home to Visit McHenry County, the County's tourism and convention bureau.

Efforts to improve the Downtown will continue in 2016 with upgrades to the Town Square. These improvements are currently in the planning stages and are expected to be complete by early summer 2016.

Please be sure to visit Downtown Huntley this holiday season to check out the new improvements!



Façade renovation at Sal's Pizza



Main Street looking east

Mark Your Calendars

Dec 24-25 **Christmas Holiday**
Municipal offices closed

Jan 1 **New Year's Day**
Municipal offices closed



The 2016 Calendars are at the printers. Watch for them soon in your mailbox.



Removal and burial of power lines



Pouring concrete in the alley

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Coming Soon! Watch for these new businesses!

HIWIN Corporation to locate in Huntley Corporate Park

HIWIN Corporation Inc. recently went through the development review process with the Plan Commission and Village Board and gained approval to construct a 117,441 square-foot office and warehouse facility in the Huntley Corporate Park. The new facility will be constructed on a 15.25-acre site on the south side of Jim Dhamer Drive, east of George Bush Court.



HIWIN Corporation is a highly technical company known for designing precision components such as linear guides, ball screws and robotic equipment. HIWIN is currently located in Elgin, and chose the Huntley location due to its great Tollway access and the ability to acquire enough land for future expansions. HIWIN's parent company is based in Taiwan, with additional corporate presence in 12 countries including France, Germany, Japan, Italy, and Singapore. The Huntley location will be HIWIN's US Headquarters.

The first phase of development includes the 117,441 square foot office/warehouse facility with corresponding parking, landscaping and a stormwater detention feature on the northern portion of the site adjacent to Jim Dhamer Drive. The future phase of development proposes a 139,966 square foot warehouse addition on the north side of the initial HIWIN facility as well as additional parking. Grading and site work is currently underway, and construction is anticipated to begin Spring 2016. HIWIN hopes to move into the Huntley facility by the third quarter with 40 employees, and has plans to expand to 70 employees within three years.

Medical School to open in Centegra's Medical Office Building

Centegra has announced a partnership with **Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science and the Chicago Medical School** to open a 30,000-square-foot regional campus within Centegra's 80,000 square foot Medical Office Building in Huntley (opening in March 2017). According to statements made by Centegra's CEO, Michael Eesley, the university presence in Huntley will help attract quality physicians to the market. Earlier this year, Centegra launched a three-year internal medicine residency program with Rosalind Franklin University. The program will begin in July 2016 at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where eight interns will be selected via the national match system. The residents will train to become hospitalists and primary care physicians and will have rotations both in the hospital and in outpatient clinics. Training is provided by the Centegra medical staff with a core faculty consisting of both Centegra Physician Care and independent physicians. Eight additional graduates will be chosen for residencies with Centegra in 2017 and eight more in 2018.



Denny's to open in former Culver's location

Dave Kahre, Denny's franchisee and owner of Pride Restaurants LLC, announced he will be opening a Denny's restaurant in the former Culver's location in the Drendel's Corner building (in front of Jewel/Osco).

Kahre said internal renovations will be required for the project, but he anticipates to open by March 2016.



"We're excited to be opening in Huntley", said Kahre. "It's a great demographic for us, and we feel the community will embrace the diner atmosphere at Denny's and 24 hour breakfast".

Dave Kahre has worked with the Denny's organization since 1991 and the Huntley restaurant is his 11th franchise with Denny's.

Burger King to build restaurant in front of Walmart

N3 Real Estate recently received approval to construct a 2,567 square foot Burger King restaurant on Outlot 9 within the Huntley Grove Commercial Subdivision. The site is located on a 1.3 acre lot in front of Walmart, directly south of the new McDonald's. The Village Board approved the site plans and a Special Use Permit for dual drive-through lanes. Building façade, site lighting, landscaping, signage, and parking lot design were also included in the review process.



The project is currently under building permit review and is anticipated to begin construction in Spring 2016.