

# Huntley's Village Journal

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(847) 515-5252

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(847) 515-5311

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## CERT Program Benefits our Community

Huntley's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates residents about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

**Training provided:** The CERT training is usually delivered in 2.5 hour sessions, one evening a week over a 7 week period. Topics discussed include: disaster preparedness; team organization and disaster psychology; medical operations; damage assessment; disaster simulation; fire suppression; and light search and rescue.

**Who may join:** There are many jobs within a CERT for someone who wants to be involved and help. Following a disaster, CERT members are needed for documentation, comforting others, logistics, etc. Non-disaster related team activities may include keeping databases, developing a website, writing a newsletter, planning activities, helping with special events and organizing exercises and activities. Concerns of age or physical abilities should not be an issue. The Police Department would like everyone who wants to go through the training to have an opportunity to participate and learn the skills. CERT educates participants about local hazards and trains people in skills that are useful during disaster and life's everyday events.

If you are interested in participating in the next CERT training program, applications are available on-line at [www.huntley.il.us/depts/police.asp](http://www.huntley.il.us/depts/police.asp), or they are available in the Police Department lobby, or you can contact Sergeant Scott Sullivan at the Huntley Police Department at 847-515-5311. The next training session is targeted for late spring or early summer.

## Scrutinize Direct Mail Offers Wisely

The Village recently received information about a letter from HomeServe USA, a Connecticut-based company, which is conducting a direct mail solicitation effort to sell private water line insurance to residents and businesses. In Huntley, home and business owners are responsible for all repairs to their water service from their property to the service line valve (usually found in the front yard or parkway). Residents and business owners may receive a letter from HomeServe USA regarding the specifics of their water line repair coverage contract. The Village advises all home and business owners who receive this sales letter to be wary. When assessing any product or service coverage warranty, the consumer should consider the failure rate of what is being insured. According to repair industry experts, the average cost to repair a private service line is roughly \$2,000 - \$2,500 which in many instances may be covered by the home or business owner's insurance policy.

The Better Business Bureau recommends the following tips to consumers who receive a call or letter from HomeServe USA or a similar company: Carefully read the service contract and make sure you clearly understand all aspects of it, especially the exclusions and any language in fine print. NEVER purchase service line coverage over the phone; Familiarize yourself with HomeServe USA's cancellation policy as well as the Federal Trade Commission's Cooling-Off Rule; Check the company's BBB Business Review at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) to see if there are any unanswered, unresolved or an unusual pattern of complaints that other consumers have registered with the agency.

For additional information on consumer protection matters, visit the Illinois State Attorney General's home page at [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers). A decision to conduct business with HomeServe USA is an individual matter. The Village IS NOT in partnership with the company nor does it endorse its service.

## Mark Your Calendars

Feb 15	<b>President's Day</b> Municipal offices closed
Mar 5	<b>Farmers Market - Legion Hall</b>
Mar 5	<b>Chamber Home &amp; Business Expo</b> Park Dist. Rec. Center, 9am - 4pm
Mar 15	<b>General Primary Election</b>
Mar 25	<b>Spring Holiday</b> Municipal offices closed
Apr 2	<b>Farmers Market - Legion Hall</b>
Apr 23	<b>Green &amp; Clean Huntley Day</b>

## Chamber Home & Business Expo - March 5th

The annual Home and Business Expo sponsored by the Huntley Chamber is an excellent place for residents to visit over 100 local businesses and learn more about what they can do for you. This expo is open to the public and features businesses, services, special events for all ages and includes the Expo Café featuring area restaurants. The Huntley Chamber extends an invitation to the community to come out from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5th. This year the Expo will be held at the Huntley Park District's Rec Center, located at 12015 Mill Street. Admission is free and easy access parking is available. Bring the family as there is something for everyone at this event.



## Royal Oak Farms to Provide Apples

On Thursday, February 25th, Royal Oak Farm Orchard from Harvard will be distributing free apples to Huntley area families that may need a little extra help providing for their families. Royal Oak will distribute the apples from Visit McHenry County's Visitor Center parking lot located at the SE corner of Main and Route 47 on Feb 25th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Participants can take as much or as little as they will use. While supplies last.



## Huntley Cheer Gets New Location

Huntley Cheer Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and coaching of young athletes in the sport of Competitive Cheerleading now has a new location on Wolf Drive in Huntley. Huntley Cheer has had many State Championships over the years and takes pride in instilling honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship in its athletes. Huntley Cheer will begin its fall season registration for previous Huntley Cheer Association Cheerleaders on 2/15/16 thru 2/29/16. Starting 3/1/16 registration will be open to anyone interested in joining the program. There are no try-outs and every skill level is welcome! The program is offered to girls and boys Kindergarten thru 8th Grade.

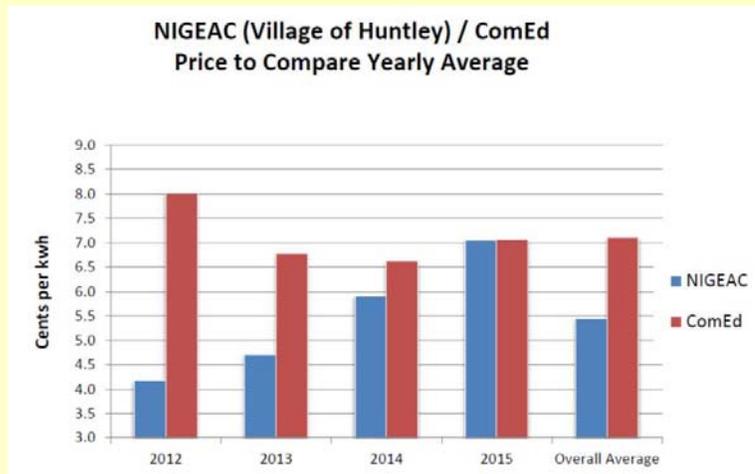


**Huntley Cheer Association, 10621 Wolf Drive, Huntley**  
**Email: [carrie@huntleycheer.org](mailto:carrie@huntleycheer.org), [www.huntleycheer.org](http://www.huntleycheer.org)**

## Electric Aggregation Rate Update

Since the beginning of the Village's Electric Aggregation program through the Northern Illinois Electric Aggregation Consortium (NIGEAC) in 2012, this program has saved the average Huntley homeowner a cumulative amount of approximately \$500 over the three and one-half years of the program. Village wide, a savings of over \$3.5 million has been realized for program participants.

The chart below shows a year-by-year comparison of the Village's rate and the ComEd rate.



During the last seven (7) months since Constellation became the supplier for the Village's program, commodity rates, including electricity, have significantly decreased. The rate that program participants are paying Constellation is 6.89 cents per kWh, while the ComEd rate for January 2016 was 6.987 cents per kWh.

With this being the case, you may wish to compare rates for ComEd and all the electric suppliers. To do this, go to Plug in Illinois (link below) and review the Price to Compare Section.

If you wish to discontinue electric supply with Constellation (there is no charge to exit the program), contact Constellation Energy at 1-844-257-8244 and tell them you want to opt-out of the Northern Illinois Electric Aggregation Consortium (NIGEAC) Huntley Program.

The Village's energy consultant continues to closely monitor recent decisions made by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the U.S. Supreme Court regarding capacity cost increases that may impact program participants. As new information becomes available, the Village will provide it to program participants.

[www.pluginillinois.org](http://www.pluginillinois.org)

## Travel Baseball Training Facility

The Village Board approved Next Level Travel Baseball for a Special Use permit to open a 7,500 square foot indoor baseball training facility at 10735 Wolf Drive. Next Level Travel Baseball has two business components: travel baseball and private lessons and camps. The three travel teams are divided among three age groups: thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen-year-olds and compete against other baseball teams primarily within Illinois. Baseball training within the facility provides the fundamentals of pitching, fielding and hitting to players in the summer months, between April and September, and the off-season between October and March. Team rentals also available.



**Next Level Travel Baseball, 10735 Wolf Drive, Huntley**  
**Contact Juan at 847-727-5826, [acevedoj66@yahoo.com](mailto:acevedoj66@yahoo.com)**

## Prevent Sewer Backups

Flushable wipes aren't really flushable – There's no flushing away this problem! While toilet paper disintegrates quickly, other products that are often labeled as "flushable" do not break down enough to properly flow through sanitary sewers and can cause problems for pumps and equipment at wastewater treatment plants. Wipes can clog within the municipal sewer system and in private plumbing systems leading to increased maintenance, sewer back-ups and expensive repairs. Village crews are spending a tremendous amount of resources collecting and discarding debris caught in our sewer system and pump stations — and a main culprit is flushable wipes. So please don't flush any wipes in the toilet, even if they are labeled "flushable". The Water Environment Federation posted a YouTube video titled "Will It Flush?" that demonstrates how several common household objects fail to break down in laboratory testing. Visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Water Environment Federation Will It Flush" to view the video.

