

# Huntley's Village Journal

December 15, 2017

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## Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall:  
(847) 515-5200

Water Billing:  
(847) 515-5200

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(847) 515-5222

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(847) 515-5252

Police non-emergency:  
(847) 515-5311

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**Good News! The 2018 Calendars have arrived and are scheduled to be delivered to all Huntley residents via US Mail.**



<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>Historic Preservation Meeting</b> 6pm
<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Village Board Meeting</b> 7pm
<b>Dec 25-26</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b> - Village offices closed
<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>Holiday</b> - Garbage collection delayed 1 day
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>New Year's Holiday</b> - Village offices closed
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<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>Indoor Farmers Market</b> - Legion Hall
<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Jr Day</b> - Village offices closed

## 2018 Annual Operating and Capital Budget Approved

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2018 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 7th. Through the budget preparation and review process, operational and capital projects goals were identified for completion in 2018. Goals were approved in support of the mission, vision, and values statement of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

The FY18 Operating and Capital Budget totals \$26,194,201 in expenditures for all funds. Major projects included in the FY18 budget are regulatory and operations and maintenance (O & M) upgrades of \$3 million to both the East and West Wastewater Treatment Facilities, with the cost spread over two years; \$778,000 Annual Street Improvement Program, including roadway resurfacing of streets in Huntley Meadows; \$325,000 for water main replacements; and \$276,800 for the first year of a two-year process to replace the Financial Management Software.

In accordance with Village Financial and Budget Policies, the budget for the General Operating Fund is balanced with \$11,686,888 in revenues and expenditures.

## Huntley Annual Resident Survey Results

The annual resident online survey was recently conducted to obtain opinions on 35 questions, with an opportunity to provide additional written comments. With 1,557 responses, this year's survey received the highest number since the survey was first conducted in 2010, when 617 responses were received. Sixty-one percent (61%) reported being a first-time participant, with 82% having lived in Huntley 15 years or less. Sun City respondents accounted for 61% of all responses.

Quality of life was at its highest ranking at 94% reporting excellent or good. Overall Village appearance also received its highest rating to date at 87% excellent or good, and 85% reported the appearance of the downtown as excellent or good. Residents continued to express a high level of satisfaction with police services and feeling of safety within the community. Also notable was satisfaction with snow removal services and street conditions had improved to their highest ratings. The survey also confirmed the continued importance of Village events such as the Farmers Market, Fourth of July fireworks, and Very Merry Huntley, as well as the need to continue efforts to attract new retail, commercial and other business to the community. Survey results are posted online at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us). Thank you to all who participated in the survey.

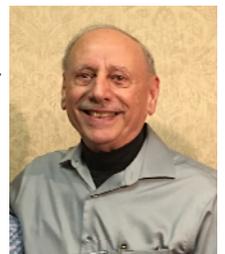


## Huntley's H.S Crocker Wins MCEDC's Business Champion Award

Congratulations to Ron Giordano and his team at H.S. Crocker for winning the 2017 McHenry County Economic Development Corporation's (MCEDC) Business Champion Award in November. For the past ten years, MCEDC has recognized outstanding companies who have positively contributed to McHenry County's economy and who have exhibited business acumen and vision. H.S. Crocker of Huntley won in the category for businesses with over 100 employees and President Ron Giordano accepted the award. The company provides high quality printing and die cutting services for the food and pharmaceutical industries. (For example, if you like coffee or yogurt, you have probably used one of their products as they make and print the lids for Chobani yogurt and Keurig K-cups.) H.S. Crocker is an employee owned company and their employees share in and participate in the company's decision making process. They offer employee health clinics, promote wellness in the workplace and seek to employ individuals that have been unemployed primarily in the sector of those ages 45 and above. H.S. Crocker is a green company and recently spent over 25 million in capital investment and expansion developments. The company was founded in 1856 and built the first phase of their corporate headquarters in Huntley in 1995. Four additional Huntley businesses were finalists for the Business Champion award: Henderson Products, Image industries, TEQ, and Dean Foods. Way to go Huntley!



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Ron Giordano, President  
H.S. Crocker, Huntley

## Rosalind Franklin University Simulation Center Opens on Centegra Campus

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFU) recently opened their doors to the much anticipated state-of-the-art Simulation Center located on the top two floors of Centegra's new Medical Office Building in Huntley. In healthcare, simulation-based training serves as an active learning technique to help students master crucial clinical behaviors such as performing a history and physical exam, using appropriate interpersonal communication, and engaging in accurate clinical reasoning. Rosalind Franklin uses a variety of simulation techniques, including Manikin-based simulation, task training, virtual patient simulation and standardized patient encounters.



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**Are you looking for a fun, flexible, part-time job?** If so, you may be interested in becoming a **Standardized Patient in RFU's Simulation Center** in Huntley. Standardized Patients are individuals that can portray patients with symptoms or medical conditions. They assist future healthcare professionals in developing the skills needed to enhance patient care. For more information on the Standardized Patient Program, visit: <http://rfu.ms/sp>

## A New Dawn Boutique Opens

Just in time for holiday shopping, **A New Dawn Boutique** is now open in the space next to the Jewel-Osco. The boutique's owner, Dawn Reed, is dropping the Hallmark line (yes- all Hallmark cards are on sale) and has reconfigured the space to include many more retail options. Dawn has searched far and wide to offer customers the best and the newest gifts and cards displayed in a newly decorated and charming boutique. Shop for fashion, cards, jewelry, tops, mittens, gifts, purses, and more- they have it all! Free gift wrapping thru Christmas!



**A New Dawn Boutique: 13304 Village Green Drive, Huntley, 224-569-4003, Mon-Fri 9-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; Facebook.com/ANewDawnBoutique**

## Christmas Tree Disposal & Recycling

**Huntley Park District Tree Recycling:** Bring your tree to Sun Valley Farm at Betsey Warrington Park, free of tinsel and decorations, by January 31, 2018. The trees will be used as mulch in our beautiful parks! Please note, the Park District no longer provides curb side pick-up. There is no charge for this service.



**MDC Environmental Services:** For all residential areas in the Village, excluding Sun City and apartments, MDC will be picking up discarded trees on Tuesday, January 2nd and Monday, January 8th. Simply place your tree at the curb. Trees larger than 10 feet tall must be cut in half. Please note that trees will not be recycled and will be taken to the landfill. Tinsel and decorations need not be removed. There is no charge for this service.

**Waste Management:** In Sun City, Waste Management provides pick-up of Christmas trees during the month of January. Tinsel and decorations need not be removed as these trees will be discarded in the landfill with other waste. Trees may be a maximum of 6 feet tall. There is no charge for this service.

## Huntley Indoor Farmers Market

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each Month from now thru May and continue enjoying the homegrown and homemade items from our local family farms and vendors. All remaining Indoor Farmers Markets are scheduled to be at the American Legion Hall located at 11712 Coral Street from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.



## Prepare for Winter Travel

To combat the challenges and stresses of the winter months there is one word that automobile travelers should always remember, and that word is simply, **prepare**. Here are some helpful tips that will aid road travelers in preparing for winter driving.



**Prepare Your Vehicle:** Inspect your tires for proper tread and replace if necessary. Road grip is CRUCIAL! Check all fluids and replace or fill as necessary. Winter is demanding on vehicles. Be sure your spare tire and tire changing tools are in working order.

**Prepare Your Mindset:** Know that snowy and icy road conditions call for increased breaking distances. Allow yourself extra time for travel so you are not driving hastily. Avoid ANY distractions while driving. Concentration is crucial.

**Prepare for Cold Weather Emergencies:** Prepare a cold weather care package with extra coats, blankets, hats and gloves. Should you become stranded for even a short period of time, you'll be glad you did. Frostbite can occur in minutes. Be sure your cell phone is fully charged in case an emergency phone call is necessary. Let friends and family members know where you are going and which route you'll be traveling. Always check in with them when you arrive at your final destination. For more information on winter driving tips, go to <http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/winter-driving-tips/>

## Protect Your Packages

Last year, approximately 33% of Americans were victims of package theft. Thieves will drive around neighborhoods looking for packages left on doorsteps, or even follow delivery trucks to swipe the boxes shortly after they are dropped off. If you take advantage of the conveniences of online shopping, please consider some of these tips to protect yourself.



**Whenever possible, sign up for delivery alerts from the shipper.** They can send you text or email messages to let you know of the progress of your package, including when it is delivered. If you are alerted that the package is delivered when you aren't at home, contact a friend or neighbor to take the package into their home until you can come get it.

If you are not home during the day, **consider having the package delivered to a different location** where it can be secured immediately. If possible, have it delivered to your workplace, a PO Box, or the home of a friend or family member that can be there to accept the package. For another layer of protection, require a signature for your package deliveries whenever possible. This guarantees that if no one is home to accept the package, it will not be left sitting on your front steps.

**Installing a home security camera can help deter package theft**, as well as other crime. If a thief sees the camera, they are often less likely to approach that home. Many of these cameras are motion activated and can alert you as soon as motion is detected. This would allow you to alert the authorities quickly and provide video of the suspect(s). These cameras have become very affordable and easy to install and manage. Companies such as Ring ([www.ring.com](http://www.ring.com)) offer motion activated units that can connect to existing doorbells or house lights with video that can be viewed through your smart phone or home computer, for an easy way to enhance your home security. Residents of the Village of Huntley can sign up to win a Ring doorbell camera by coming to the Records Department of the Huntley Police Department at 10911 Main Street during regular business hours (Mon-Fri, 8-5) to fill out an entry form. The drawing will be held on January 3rd at Noon.