

Huntley's Village Journal

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Huntley Calendar of Events

- Dec 24 Christmas holiday - Village offices closed
- Dec 25 Christmas holiday - Village offices closed
- Jan 1 New Year's Day - Village offices closed
- Jan 5 Indoor Farmers Market
Legion Hall 11712 Coral Street
9 am - 1 pm
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King Jr Day - Village offices closed

2019 Annual Operating and Capital Budget Approved

In accordance with Illinois State Statute and direction received from the Village Board of Trustees, the 2019 Annual Operating and Capital Budget was approved on December 6th. Through the budget preparation and review process, operational and capital projects goals were identified for completion in 2019. Goals were approved in support of the mission, vision, and values statement of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

The FY19 Operating and Capital Budget totals \$23,841,557 in expenditures for all funds. Major projects included in the FY19 budget include: \$1,810,000 Annual Street Improvement Program for resurfacing of streets in Georgian Place; \$385,000 for water main replacements; \$276,800 for the second year of a two-year process to replace the Financial Management Software, and \$48,000 for the Village's share of the cost to extend the Reed Road multi-use path in Talamore from Vine Street east to Route 47, with the remainder of the project funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation. In accordance with Village Financial and Budget Policies, the budget for the General Operating Fund is balanced with \$11,918,954 in revenues and expenditures.

Huntley Annual Resident Survey Results

The annual resident online survey was recently conducted to obtain opinions on 16 questions, with an opportunity to provide additional written comments. The survey has been conducted annually since 2010, with 1,028 respondents in this year's survey. The number reporting being a first-time participant was 38%, with 39% having lived in Huntley 10 years or less. Sun City respondents accounted for 57% of all responses. Quality of life maintained its highest ranking at 94% reporting excellent or good. Overall Village appearance also received its highest rating to date at 89% excellent or good, and 88% 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, which had improved to 78%, its highest rating. 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. Thank you to all who participated in the survey.



Now Open - BBQ King Smokehouse!

The much anticipated opening of BBQ Smokehouse has arrived. Owner Jason Szmurlo is happy to announce his Huntley location opened for business on November 7th. The restaurant specializes in authentic southern style BBQ and offers a menu featuring ribs, brisket, wings, sandwiches and various barbecue platters. All of their recipes are original creations from the dry rub to the sauces, and they use top quality meats and smoke with all natural wood the old school way. The Huntley location is a full-service restaurant with a full bar and a great craft beer selection. Stop by soon and bring your friends and family to experience Huntley's latest dining destination!

BBQ King Smokehouse 11706 E. Coral Street, Huntley

Phone: 224-654-6201

Website: www.bbqkingssmokehouse.com

Hours: Monday - Thursday and Sunday 11 am - 10 pm
Friday and Saturday 11 am - 2 am



BBQ King ribbon cutting ceremony



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LOCAL
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#DINEHUNTLEY

As you complete your holiday shopping, remember to think Huntley first. When you spend \$100 at a local business, roughly \$68 stays in our local economy, compared to \$43 for the same spending at a large business. Patronizing the small businesses in our community is an important way to get real value, personal service, and strengthen the local economy. We hope you make shopping and dining at local businesses a priority all year.

Business Development Update

Coming Soon - Casa Rubi-os Mexican Kitchen & Bar

Longtime Huntley residents Patricia Rubio and her husband Gus Espejel are happy to announce they will soon be opening their new full-service Mexican restaurant in the former Marsala's located at 11900 Freeman Road (across from AutoMall). **Casa Rubi-os Mexican Kitchen & Bar** will be open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, and will serve traditional Mexican specialties (with a few American fare options). On Saturdays and Sundays, Casa Rubi-os will also open early and serve full American breakfasts as well as Mexican favorites. With a 25 year history in the restaurant business, the owners of Casa Rubi-os most recently owned and operated Rubi-os Café in Elgin. Watch for opening dates soon and menu information in future editions of Village Journal, E-News, and social media posts.



Casa Rubi-os Mexican Kitchen, 11900 Freeman Road, 847-669-8966

Bowl Hi Lanes Welcomes Dapper Dan's Pizza!

Donny and Danny Zielinski from Huntley's **Bowl Hi Lanes** have been very busy lately creating event space to welcome bands every Friday and Saturday night and to offer space for private parties and special events such as trivia nights. A big part of the interior renovations include the addition of **Dapper Dan's Pizza**, operated by Dan Sacco (former owner of Old World Pizza of Algonquin), which serves up pizzas, appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and Italian dinners. The renovations and food additions have been a big hit with the community and if you haven't visited them lately, they invite you to visit soon!



Bowl Hi Lanes and Dapper Dan's Pizza, 10520 N. Route 47, Huntley
Bowl Hi Lanes 847-669-5114, Dapper Dan's Pizza 847-658-4777

<https://www.facebook.com/BowlHiHuntley/>

Beef Shack Expanding to Huntley

Beef Shack, a fast-food restaurant that specializes in cheesy beef sandwiches, has been approved by the Village Board to open a restaurant with drive-thru at 12372 Princeton Drive (south of Aldi and north of 7/Elven). The Beef Shack menu features beef and cheese sandwiches, cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, grilled cheese, Chicago-style hot dogs, Italian sausage, cheesy garlic bread, salad, and more. According to Beef Shack's founder, Spiro Douvris, construction has already begun and they are targeting early January for the opening of the 1,750-square-foot restaurant. Rod and Jolanta Jimenez will be the franchise operators for Beef Shack Huntley and they look forward to meeting (and feeding) the Huntley community. Visit the Beef Shack website at www.beefshack.com to learn more.



Alden's Short Term Rehab Center Now Open

Alden Estates of Huntley's short-term rehabilitation center and the memory care-oriented Alden Courts of Huntley are both open and accepting new patients at the Huntley campus located at 12140 Regency Parkway. "Alden Courts and Alden Estates of Huntley both provide short-term rehab to help people get back on their feet, and back home, as safely as possible," said Alden Courts administrator Emily Rickman. "The right therapy program can help someone get healthier, stronger and gain back maximum functioning." For a tour or further information, call 847-961-7500 or visit www.AldenEstatesofHuntley.com.



Indoor Farmers Market

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month through May to continue enjoying the homegrown and homemade items from our local family farms and vendors. The next indoor market is January 5, 2019. All indoor markets are held in the Legion Hall (11712 Coral Street) from 9 am to 1 pm. For a list of vendors, please see www.huntley.il.us.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month and we at the Huntley Police Department would like to remind everyone to celebrate responsibly.



This year the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration rolled out a new safety campaign. The campaign builds on national efforts to combat drunk driving and the emerging trend of drug-impaired driving with the message "If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DUI."

Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and illegal drugs can cause impairment by themselves or in combination with other drugs and/or alcohol. Impaired driving is illegal, regardless of the source of the impairment. Whether by drugs (legal or illegal), alcohol or a combination of drugs and alcohol, impaired driving puts drivers, passengers and others on the road at risk.

We take impaired driving seriously and increase enforcement efforts during holidays. Every holiday season, hundreds of lives are lost to impaired drivers. We ask you to always drive sober, plan a safe ride with a designated sober driver, or use a taxi or ride sharing service. Additionally, we need your help in reporting impaired motorists. Don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 if you witness questionable driving abilities that could be associated with an impaired motorist.

Are You Recycling Right?

One in four items placed in the recycling cart is not recyclable. The non-recyclable items weigh down sorting facilities, reduce commodity prices, and affect the re-manufacturing markets. These additional costs are passed along which may increase costs for local governments and ultimately residents.



Items that can be placed in your recycle cart: metal (steel/aluminum containers and foil), paper (flattened cardboard, office paper, newspaper, magazines), glass (bottles and jars only), and plastic (bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars only). All items should be clean and empty with the lid/cap replaced. Additionally, items should be loose in the recycling cart, not in bags.

Items that cannot be placed in your recycle cart: plastic bags/product wrap, big items (electronics, wood, propane tanks, scrap metal, Styrofoam), tangles (hangers, hoses, wire, cords, ropes, chains), used pizza boxes, clothing, food, liquid, diapers, batteries, needles, shredded paper.

You can learn more on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency website at: www.epa.illinois.gov.

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. The trees will be used as mulch in our beautiful parks. There is no charge for this service.

MDC Environmental Services: For all residential areas in the Village, excluding Sun City and apartments, MDC will pick up discarded trees through the month of January beginning on Monday, January 7. 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.