

# Huntley's Village Journal

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## Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall:  
847-515-5200

Water Billing:  
847-515-5200

Public Works:  
847-515-5222

Development Services:  
847-515-5252

Police non-emergency:  
847-515-5311

Police emergency dial 911

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*Happy New Year, Huntley*

## Huntley Calendar of Events

Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr Day - Village offices closed
Feb 2	Indoor Farmers Market
Feb 18	Presidents' Day - Village offices closed
Feb 26	Consolidated Primary Election
March 2	Chamber Home & Business Expo
March 2	Indoor Farmers Market

## 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.

## Don't Fall for the Scam

Recent estimates say that by 2019, nearly half of all cell phone calls will be from scammers. Scammers are con artists that excel at manipulating your emotions. They instill a sense of fear and urgency to persuade you into providing them with personal information. Here are a few of the more common scam calls people fall victim to locally:



**IRS Scam** Scammers will pose as an IRS agent and threaten legal action such as arrest unless you pay immediately. They pressure you into providing personal information which leads to identity theft. The IRS will never threaten you, or ask for payment over the phone.

**Computer Technical Support Scam** If someone calls you to fix your computer, it is a scam. Scammers often impersonate support staff from companies like Microsoft and pressure you into providing them with access to control your computer remotely. Never share access to your computer and never purchase anything from this type of caller. If you need technical support, do your research and contact a legitimate company yourself.

**Gift Card Scam** The scammer will usually pose as a family member in need or someone representing them, like an attorney. The scammer will try to convince you to obtain gift cards from a local retailer and provide them with the gift card number and PIN as payment. Once you provide this information, your money is gone. Never make a payment to someone with a gift card. If anyone requests this, it is a scam. Hang up the phone.

**Publisher's Clearing House Scam** The scammer will call or email saying you won a large cash prize from PCH. The scammer may request you pay taxes on your winnings, or make some other sort of payment in order to receive your prize. This is a scam. Please note: PCH does not call or email their big winners and you never have to pay to receive actual PCH winnings. You can always verify the legitimacy by contacting PCH directly.

Remember, scammers prey on your emotions. They are very manipulative and persistent. Be aware, and don't fall victim to these common scams. If you have any questions, please contact local law enforcement.

### If you receive a scam call:

**1. Hang up the phone.** Even if you know it is a scam, do not speak with the caller. This will only show that your number is for an actual person, leading to more scam calls.

**2. File a complaint** with the Federal Trade Commission online by calling 877-382-4357 or [www.FTCComplaintAssistant.gov](http://www.FTCComplaintAssistant.gov).

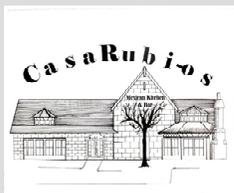
## Electric Aggregation Reminder

In 2017, the Village of Huntley DISCONTINUED its Electric Aggregation Program as ComEd's rates were lower than any rate received through the electric supply companies that participated in the bid process through the Village's consortium. At that time, all customers which were part of the Village program automatically reverted back to ComEd. Currently, the Village does NOT have an electric supply contract with ANY company. If you would like to research electric supply companies on your own, go to [www.pluginillinois.org/OffersBegin.aspx](http://www.pluginillinois.org/OffersBegin.aspx). If you decide to go with another supplier, it is recommended that you consider a supplier that will have a fixed rate for the term of the contract and if you can get out of the contract at any time with no additional fees.

## Business Development Update

### Now Open - Casa Rubi-os Mexican Kitchen & Bar

Longtime Huntley residents Patricia Rubio and her husband Gus Espejel are happy to announce the opening of 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** is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, serving traditional Mexican specialties (with a few American fare options). Casa Rubi-os also opens early on Sundays to serve full American and Mexican breakfasts (9 am - noon only) and offers their lunch/dinner menu for the remainder of the day. Please note the newly changed hours below.

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

Tuesday-Thursday: Lunch & Dinner 11 am - 9 pm

Friday-Saturday: Lunch & Dinner 11 am - 10 pm

Sunday: Breakfast 9 am - 12 pm; Lunch & Dinner 12 pm - 8 pm

### 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. If you haven't visited 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

[www.facebook.com/BowlHiHuntley/](http://www.facebook.com/BowlHiHuntley/)

### Now Open - O'Reilly Auto Parts

O'Reilly Auto Part's 7,900 square foot retail store, located just north of the stop light at Huntley Crossings and Route 47, is now open for your automotive supply needs.

**O'Reilly Auto Parts, 12380 S. Route 47, Huntley, 847-802-5901**

[www.oreillyauto.com](http://www.oreillyauto.com)

### 211 Service Connects to Human Services

Residents of McHenry and Kane counties can now call 211 to be connected to a live specialist who can provide assistance finding various human services. 211 is a free service intended to inform callers where they may find support for a variety of potential issues. Specialists are on hand twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Translation is available in over 150 languages.

211 can offer access to the following types of resources:

**Basic Human Needs:** food banks, clothing, shelters, rent assistance, and utility assistance.

**Physical and Mental Health:** crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention, Medicaid and Medicare, services specific to cancer, early childhood development, domestic violence assistance, and more.

**Employment Support:** unemployment benefits, financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, and education programs.

**Support for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities:** home health care, adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, transportation, and homemaker services.

### Indoor Farmers Market

Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 February 2, 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](http://www.huntley.il.us).

### 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](http://www.huntley.il.us). Thank you to all who participated in the survey.



### 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](http://www.epa.illinois.gov).

### MCRide Updates

MCRide is a great way to get around McHenry County. It is an "on-demand" travel service available to citizens of Huntley. Riders schedule their trips in advance and the vehicle provides curb-to-curb service from the rider's desired pick-up and drop-off destinations. Call **1-800-451-4599** to schedule a ride. Select "McHenry County" from the automated prompt and a live person will help you to schedule a ride.

The MCRide operation schedule is 6 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 5 pm on weekends. For the general public, the base fare is \$3 for the first 5 miles and \$0.25 for each additional mile. For seniors (60+) and individuals with a disability, the base fare is \$1.50 for the first 5 miles and \$0.25 for each additional mile.

### Municipal Complex Display Case

The Village of Huntley maintains a display case in the lobby of the Municipal Complex in order to share displays, collections, local community awareness or hobbies of interest. The display is scheduled on a monthly basis. You can find more information and the registration form at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us). Contact [rmcmahon@huntley.il.us](mailto:rmcmahon@huntley.il.us) with additional questions.