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APWA 2024 PROJECT OF THE YEAR

The Village of Huntley has been awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA), Chicago Metro Chapter, Fox Valley Branch 2024 Project of the Year for the Cornell Building Historic Preservation project! In collaboration with Christopher B. Burke Engineering and True North Properties, the Village's work on the Cornell Building and surrounding infrastructure was recognized because of the team's dedication to revitalizing one of the Village's oldest structures and improving vital infrastructure in the area.



The Cornell building, estimated to be over 120 years old, was identified as a key redevelopment site in the Downtown Revitalization Plan adopted in 2010. The Village recognized the historic building was a tangible symbol to honor our heritage and valuing the building's character would maximize previous investments in both the Village's downtown infrastructure and development. The Village acquired the building and property in early 2017, completed facility assessments as well as environmental remediation and then marketed the site for redevelopment. In 2022, a private-public partnership was executed for the adaptive re-use of the structure and its conversion into 38 apartment units.

The project's mission was to protect the building's heritage and character, while undergoing complementary improvements to both the building and the surrounding site infrastructure. The extensive list included expanding the parking lot to add 137 new stalls, constructing underground stormwater detention, fully reconstructing the South Church & Mill Street roadways, burial of overhead utilities, and a total replacement of the aging and undersized water main, 19 lead service lines, and storm sewer systems. Throughout the project, the team minimized disruptions to traffic and utility service, limiting the impact on residents and businesses. Thank you to APWA for recognizing this incredible project!



STATE OF HUNTLEY EVENT 2024

Village President Timothy Hoeft, Village Manager David Johnson, and Police Chief Robert Porter recently presented at the State of Huntley event organized by the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. They were joined by officials from Huntley Community School District 158, Huntley Park District, Huntley Area Public Library, and the Huntley Fire Protection District. Village representatives highlighted the continued growth expected in 2024 including new restaurants, incubator shops, new homes, and the implementation of technology like body cameras and license plate readers. The Village thanks the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this great event and we look forward to another successful year.

VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER VILLAGE HALL BUILDING

Last month, the Village Board of Trustees approved a purchase and sale agreement as well as a redevelopment agreement for the former Village Hall building with True North Properties, Incorporated. The approval of this agreement allows True North Properties to convert the building into a new restaurant. The proposed tenant of the restaurant is Café Roma which would be Café Roma's second restaurant location, with their existing restaurant located in Elgin. For additional details, please visit the Village website.



SEMI-ANNUAL SPRING CURBSIDE BRANCH PICKUP SCHEDULE

Homes North of Kreutzer Road/Sass Parkway: Week of May 6

Homes South of Kreutzer Road/Sass Parkway (Sun City): Week of May 13

- Branches must be placed on the parkway prior to the Monday before collection begins in each area.
- Please stack branches along the curb line so that the trunks (larger end of branch) are all facing the same direction, either towards the roadway or with traffic.
- Branch collection crews will make only one pass in each neighborhood.
- Branches put out after crews have passed will not be collected.
- Crews will not go on private property to pick up the branches.

Residents that miss the curbside pickup can make arrangements with their waste hauler or landscaping service. In addition, a one-time only drop off is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at the Public Works facility (located on Donald Drive) from 8am-12pm. For additional information, contact the Public Works and Engineering Department at 847-515-5222.



SPRING 2024 RESIDENTIAL PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

If you wish to plant a parkway tree, you may be eligible for the Village's Spring 2024 Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program. The cost is \$100. Orders will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted. The order deadline is April 15. Weather permitting, trees will be planted in May. The location of the tree to be planted is solely at the discretion of the Village of Huntley. Watering and maintenance will be the responsibility of the homeowner. To learn more, view the Village's Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program webpage.

GREEN & CLEAN HUNTLEY DAY - APRIL 27

Do a little spring cleaning with Green and Clean Huntley Day! Residents will have the opportunity to take advantage of the following services from 9am-Noon. Please visit the Village website for additional details.

- Electronics recycling
- Printer cartridge recycling
- Document destruction
- Spring cleaning drop off
- Eyeglass recycling
- Gently used book drive
- Free mulch pickup
- Water treatment plant tours



DON'T BE FOOLED 5K FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Help us raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Illinois with a fun run, trot, or stroll around downtown Huntley. To purchase tickets, donate, or learn more about this event, please visit the Village website.

- **7:45am - 8:45am:** Registration/Check-in
- **8:50am:** Torch Lighting Ceremony
- **9:00am:** Don't Be Fooled 5K begins

MARCH IS SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Steps you can take to be prepared for severe weather:

Stay Informed - Ensure you have multiple ways to receive weather-related information. Examples can be a weather alert radio, local TV or radio broadcasts, social media pages, subscribing to the Village's emergency notification system, Nixle, and utilizing apps on your smartphone or tablet. Importantly, DO NOT rely on just one method - especially severe weather sirens - which are NOT designed to be heard indoors.

Have a Plan - Designate places to go to seek shelter from a tornado or severe storm. Pick two places to meet in case you are separated from your family or coworkers. To help develop your own plan, an Emergency Preparedness Guide is available on the police department's Severe Weather and Emergency Preparedness web page.

Pack an Emergency Supply Kit - Common items include: bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights and extra batteries, extra clothing and blankets, an extra set of keys and cash, medications and a first aid kit, personal hygiene items, pet supplies, and a weather alert radio or portable AM/FM radio.



HUNTLEY HISTORY

In recognition of Thomas Stillwell's birthday on March 27, we reflect on his history.

Thomas Stillwell Huntley was born in 1807 in Cortland County, New York. After establishing himself as a hard-working man on his father's farm, he migrated west with his family at the age of thirty-nine. He purchased over 640 acres and provided sites for a train station, opened a small store, sold lots for businesses and residences, earmarked three lots for churches, set aside a piece for a town square, and donated land for a cemetery. His efforts established what we now know as the Village of Huntley.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25: Plan Commission Meeting (6:30pm)

March 28: Village Board Meeting CANCELED

March 29: Spring Holiday - Municipal Offices Closed

April 6: Don't Be Fooled 5K

April 8: Plan Commission (6:30pm)

April 11: Village Board Meeting (7pm)

April 13: Indoor Farmers Market