

Prevent Break-Ins

The Huntley Police Department offers these suggestions that will help deter break-ins and keep your neighborhood safe.



- ◆ Open front blinds and drapes
- ◆ Neighbors watching neighbors
- ◆ Vacation Watch Program
- ◆ Remove papers from driveway and doors
- ◆ Be suspicious!
- ◆ Motion activated lighting
- ◆ Leave on radio/tv when gone
- ◆ Invest in a secure safe
- ◆ Alarm Systems

Alarms are a great deterrent and have a wide range of price points for installation. Options range from higher priced 24 hour monitoring systems to \$15 door stop alarms that are available at many discount and hardware stores.

When you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood **call the police by dialing 9-1-1 in emergency situations** or 847-515-5311 in non-emergency situations.

New E.D. Website

Huntley's new economic development web portal www.HuntleyFirst.com is now available online. The website focuses exclusively on reasons for businesses to locate and expand in Huntley and demonstrates the substantial cost benefits of being located in Huntley including significantly lower property taxes, highly competitive wage rates, speedy and efficient permit approvals, fiber optic availability, and full interstate access. Economic Development staff worked closely to develop the new site after review of dedicated economic development websites from across the U.S. The website focused on the specific needs of site selectors, real estate professionals and business decision-makers. In particular, the "Huntley First!" message and a searchable available properties database represent the core of the new site: www.HuntleyFirst.com

Village of Huntley Municipal Electrical Aggregation

What to expect now that the referendum was approved...



There are several steps required by State law that will be followed to implement the electrical aggregation program:

- ◆ Public hearings were held on April 5th and 12th for the Plan of Operations & Governance. Mr. Mark Burns, President of Independent Energy Consultants, Inc. presented the Plan of Operations and Governance at the April 5, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting; **video of this presentation may be viewed on the Village's website.**
- ◆ The Village belongs to the Northern Illinois Governmental Electric Aggregation Consortium (NIGEAC) which on behalf of the Village and the other municipalities is in the process of seeking competitive bids from energy suppliers via a formal request for proposals (RFP) process. Assuming a bid is received that meets the goals of the plan, a contract with a supplier will be negotiated. Once a new supplier is picked, the Village will notify the residents of the name of the supplier via the Village's website and e-news. Please keep in mind that the NIGEAC logo (see above) will be on all documentation from the new supplier.
- ◆ The new supplier will then send through the U.S. Mail Opt-Out Letters to residents giving them the ability to opt-out of the program by returning an opt-out form (residents must do this within 21 days from receipt). If you do not opt-out of the program, you will then receive a confirmation letter from ComEd reminding you that your electric supply service is about to switch and that you have until 5-days prior to your next meter read date to stop the transfer.
- ◆ If you wish to be in the Village endorsed lower cost electricity supply program – simply do nothing and you will be automatically enrolled. This is important to remember because suppliers that are not part of this program will try to have you sign up for their program. Participation in the Village endorsed program requires no work on your behalf.

Please note that you will continue to receive offers from other suppliers that are not part of the Village's aggregation program. If you choose to go with one of these electric suppliers you will be unable to be included in the Village's program.

Timeline (Subject to Change)

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| April 20th | Plan of Operations and Governance filed with the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) |
| April 20th | NIGEAC selects a supplier |
| May 4th | Supplier mails out Opt-Out Letters to residents and small businesses |
| May 28th | Opt-Out Letters are due back to supplier for those residents that do not wish to be part of the program |
| May 31st | ComEd sends letters to those customers who have chosen to be part of the aggregation program to ensure that this is how they would like to proceed. Customers have 5 days to respond. |
| June 1st | Electricity flows under new program. |
| July 2nd | Meters are read and bills issued at new rate. |

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the electrical aggregation program, please contact Barb Read at bread@huntley.il.us or (847) 515-5262

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Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall: (847) 515-5200
Public Works: (847) 515-5222
Development Services: (847) 515-5252
Police non-emergency: (847) 515-5311
Police emergency dial 911

Village Website:
www.huntley.il.us



Green & Clean Huntley Day

Everyone knows Earth Day and Arbor day are popular April celebrations and now Huntley is happy to announce another great April celebration for the entire family... **Join us for Green & Clean Huntley Day on April 28th!**

Here's a look at what's happening:

- ◆ **Spring Cleaning Drop Off Day**—clean out your basement/garage and drop off items (see website for item details) at the dumpsters located at Public Works at East Main Street & Donald Drive between 8am-1pm. Volunteers will be available to assist.
- ◆ **Culvers Kids Coloring Contest**—kids be sure to pick up a coloring sheet at Culvers, Huntley Village Hall, Huntley Library or Huntley Park District between April 9th & 27th and bring back your best coloring work back to Culvers of Huntley between April 22nd & 28th to get a free scoop! (no purchase necessary).
- ◆ **Disney's Earth** - Come watch the story of adventure starring three animal families on a journey across our planet -polar bears, elephants and whales will be shown at the Huntley Park District's Cosman Theater. **This free family film is sure to take your breath away!** Time: 3:00-4:30p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase.
- ◆ **Green & Clean Drop-In Crafts** for kids to at the Huntley Area Library - from 11am-1pm.
- ◆ **Recycle your newspapers** (no phone books or cardboard please) at the **Huntley Library Paper Drive** - containers located in the Library parking lot. Volunteers will be on hand from 9am-1pm to help at the drop off.
- ◆ **Adopt-A-Highway** groups will be cleaning up their assigned roadways. There are still several sections of roadway available for adoption; please see the Village's website at www.huntley.il.us for available sites and to apply.
- ◆ **National Take Back Day Medication Disposal Event:** drop off unused medications at the Police Department, 10911 Main Street, from 10am-1pm.
- ◆ **Take a tour of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant,** West Main Street, between 9am-1pm (tours take approximately 1 hr).

As always, be sure and check our website for the most up to date information on Green & Clean Huntley Day at www.huntley.il.us

Back Flow Preventer Tests

A residential backflow preventer is a device that is designed to stop water from a home's fire suppression or lawn irrigation line from entering a home's drinkable water supply. Without a backflow preventer, a loss of water pressure could result in dangerous materials being siphoned into the drinking water.

The key to preventing contamination from entering your home's water supply is to have the backflow preventer tested annually. In fact, the annual testing of backflow devices is required by the Village, State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. An approved cross connection inspector is required to conduct the annual test using calibrated gauge equipment to ensure the device is working properly.

The Village has an approved program that allows residents to have their backflow preventers tested by the Village's Development Services Department for the cost of \$45 for one, and \$60 for both fire and lawn irrigation devices tested at the same address and on the same day. Please contact the Development Services Department at 847-515-5252 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**It is not mandatory to use the Village of Huntley to perform the annual test, any Illinois Cross Connection Control Device Inspector that is registered with the Village can conduct the test.*

Sidewalk Repair Rebate Program

The Residential Sidewalk Repair Rebate Program allows residents to hire their own contractor to repair public sidewalks fronting their property and receive a rebate for repair costs up to a maximum amount of \$500. Rebate amounts are based on a flat rate of \$3.50 per square foot of sidewalk repaired (\$3.50 represents 50% of the estimated cost per square foot for concrete work). The program will be administered on a first-come, first-serve basis and is subject to limited funding availability at the time of building permit submittal. Repairs made to sidewalks on private property are not eligible for funding. *See our website for rebate form and complete details: www.huntley.il.us*

Spotlight on Huntley Business

The village launched another great E-News edition in February which focuses solely on Huntley business. If you missed **Spotlight on Huntley Business** you can view/link to it from our homepage (www.huntley.il.us) under Current News. The monthly publication features in depth news and website links on various Huntley businesses. Sign up to receive this and other great Huntley e-newsletters automatically by clicking on the E-News link on our homepage at www.huntley.il.us