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## March 20th Referendum for Supply of Residential & Small Commercial Electricity

On August 10, 2009, Governor Quinn signed into law Public Act 096-0176 amending Illinois' original electric deregulation legislation which allowed only larger customers such as industrial, commercial, and governmental entities to participate and take advantage of lower rates from alternative electric suppliers. The new law allows municipalities to transfer their residents' and small business owners' electric accounts to alternative electric suppliers.

Before the Village can proceed with negotiating the price of the electric supply, it must first gain public support through an advisory referendum.

At the November 10th Village Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution (R)2011-11.35 – Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Huntley, McHenry and Kane Counties, the Question whether the Village should have the Authority under Public Act 096-0176 to Arrange for the Supply of Electricity for its Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers who have not Opted Out of Such Program.

Should the voters support this referendum, the Village would have the ability to bid the cost of electricity on behalf of residents from another supplier besides Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) in order to achieve greater savings.

**The following referendum question will be on the Tuesday, March 20, 2012, primary election ballot:**

**“Shall the Village of Huntley have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?”**

YES \_\_\_\_\_, NO \_\_\_\_\_

The Village's goal is to provide residents with as much information as possible to be fully informed of their options prior to voting. To read the complete 3 page handout, visit our website at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us), or you can pick up a copy of the handout at the Municipal Complex located at 10987 Main Street.

## Centegra Awaits Appeal

Centegra Health Systems has requested an administrative hearing to have a judge decide whether to uphold the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's December 7<sup>th</sup> decision against the construction of a proposed 128 bed hospital in Huntley. A hearing officer will be assigned to review the proceeding and determine if the panel acted outside its jurisdiction. The judge could then send Centegra's proposal back to the board for reconsideration. Regardless of the outcome, Centegra could then present their arguments about the proceedings to any circuit court in the state - the last opportunity to reverse the decision.



## Register to Vote

Individuals who will be 18 years of age or older on March 20, 2012 may register to vote during normal business hours at the Huntley Village Hall located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley. Registration will be taken through Tuesday, February 21, 2012 for the March 20th Primary Elections. The Village Hall is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**What is needed to register?** Two (2) forms of identification, one of which must include an applicant's residence address, must be provided to a deputy registrar by all registrants. Identification shall include, but is not limited to: Illinois Driver's License, Selective Service Card, Illinois State ID Card, Civic Membership Card, Social Security Card, Fraternal Membership Card, Employee ID Card, Union Membership Card, Student ID Card, Professional Association Membership Card, Credit Card, Utility Bill, Library Card, Check Book, Insurance Card, Public Aid ID Card.

**Can I change my name and/or address on my Voter ID card at the Village Hall?** Yes; just bring in new identification as listed above. Remember, one form of identification must include an applicant's residence address.

## Recycling E-Waste

Under the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, beginning January 1, 2012, no person may knowingly cause or allow the mixing of any of the following items with municipal waste that is intended for disposal at a landfill:

- Computers
- Video game consoles
- Computer monitors
- Electronic mice
- Printers
- Scanners
- Televisions
- Cable receivers
- Digital converter boxes
- Electronic keyboards
- Fax machines
- Satellite receivers
- Videocassette recorders
- Digital video disc recorders
- Portable digital music players

Both Kane and McHenry Counties have access to recycling events and locations. Information regarding recycling services may be found at the following websites:

**Kane County:** <http://www.countyofkane.org/documents/recycling/electronicsRecycling.pdf>

**McHenry County:** <http://www.mchenry.edu/Recycling/>

The **Huntley Goodwill** store does accept electronics at their collection center, but they must be in working order. Please note, the Huntley Goodwill does not accept the older tube TV's. Huntley Goodwill Donation Center: 11900 Kreutzer Road, Huntley, IL 60142, (847) 669-9338

Donation Center Hours: Monday - Friday 8am to 8pm, Saturday 8am to 6pm, Sunday 9am to 5pm.

**Computer Recycling Center, LLC** also accepts all sorts of electronic devices including computers, monitors and TVs. They are located at 7510 Virginia Rd., Suite #2, Crystal Lake, IL 60014, 815-455-6300. Check out their website for a complete list of accepted items: <http://www.computerrecyclingcenter.net/>

**Habitat ReStore** collects electronics at no cost. ReStore is located at 800 North State Street (Route 31) in Elgin, IL, (847) 742-9905. Hours: Wednesday - Friday 9am-6pm, Saturdays 9am to 4pm.

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**Huntley, IL 60142**

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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](http://www.huntley.il.us)**

## Police Warning Regarding Solicitors



The Huntley Police Department has recently received complaints about businesses soliciting in town. Unfortunately, the police cannot do much to prevent solicitors from approaching a home or business unless they post a "no solicitation" sign or sticker on their front door. The police department offers the stickers for free and residents are encouraged to stop by and pick one up at 10911 Main Street. If you have a sticker displayed and a solicitor attempts to contact you, do not answer the door. If you do answer the door draw their attention to the posted no soliciting sign and ask them to leave. If they refuse call the police. If you don't have a sticker displayed and you feel you are being unduly harassed by the solicitor, you should notify the police.

Pick up your free "no solicitation" stickers at the Huntley Police Department at 10911 Main Street. Any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Todd Fulton at 847-515-5311.

## Village Unveils New Economic Development Plan and Website

On January 26th, Village staff presented the Huntley Village Board an overview of the Village's new Huntley First! economic development plan and website. The new economic development web portal [www.HuntleyFirst.com](http://www.HuntleyFirst.com) is separate from the current Village website and focuses exclusively on reasons for businesses to locate and expand in Huntley.

"Huntley maintains many distinct advantages for business. In addition to the recent widening of Rt. 47 and construction of a full access interchange at Interstate 90 in 2012, Huntley maintains all the benefits of being located in the largest Midwestern metropolitan area, but with all the lower cost benefits of other cities such as Indianapolis, St. Louis, or Milwaukee", said David Johnson, Village Manager.

During the presentation, economic development staff demonstrated 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.

"Our major cost benefits within the Midwest's largest market, combined with our highly professional staff and a village board committed to economic development make Huntley the location of first choice for businesses looking to locate or expand. Huntley will benefit from increased employment opportunities and a more diverse tax base," stated Charles Sass, Village President.

Economic Development staff worked closely to develop the new site after review of dedicated economic development websites from across the U.S. Our combined goal was to develop an "information rich business-to-business site" 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 our efforts. Visit our new site: [www.HuntleyFirst.com](http://www.HuntleyFirst.com)

## Chamber Home & Business Expo

The Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce extends an open invitation to the community and businesses to visit their **Huntley Chamber Home & Business Expo on Saturday February 25th from 10am - 4pm, and Sunday February 26th from 11am - 3pm.** The Expo will be at the same location as last year, **Marlowe Middle School located at 9625 Haligus Road** (Corner of Reed Road & Haligus Road). Free Parking and Free Admission; the event is open to the public.

**For the Community:** the Huntley Chamber Home & Business Expo is an opportunity to meet many businesses under one roof and gather information about their services. You will have the opportunity to win prizes and meet the staff members of the exhibitors in person.

**For the Businesses:** This is an opportunity to showcase your business with up to 4,000 attendees. Contact the Chamber and register to be an exhibitor. Visit [www.huntleychamber.org](http://www.huntleychamber.org) for updates on availability of booths.

- Over 100 exhibitors to meet in person; for a list of exhibitors visit [www.huntleychamber.org](http://www.huntleychamber.org).
- Expo Café with food from Subway, Tropical Smoothie Café and Culvers
- Free Shuttle bus sponsored by Route 47 Taxi with a pick-up/ drop-off in the Del Webb community; call 224-858-4480 for more details.
- Great Prizes to Win: \$500 vacation gift certificate, Kindle, \$100 Savings Bond, a kids bicycle, \$50.00 WalMart gift card
- Bring the kids to visit Lollypop the Clown
- Search for unclaimed property from the Illinois State Treasurer's CASH DASH program. (Saturday and Sunday from noon to 2:00pm)

Contact the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce for more information: 11704 Coral Street, Huntley, 847-669-0166, or visit the Chamber website at [www.huntleychamber.org](http://www.huntleychamber.org)