

Village Approves 2012 Budget with Property Tax Levy Freeze

The Village Board approved the FY2012 budget on December 8th. The FY2012 Operating and Capital Budget totals \$20,180,925 in expenditures for all funds. Compared to the FY2011 Budget, the FY2012 Budget proposes \$7,703,002 or 27.6% less in total expenditures. The budget for the General Operating Fund is balanced with \$8,554,768 in revenues and expenditures. The General Operating Fund Budget decreased \$2,790,578 or 24.6% from last year's budget. The Village Board also voted to maintain the same property tax levy request as last year. This freezes the levy amount at \$3.8 million.

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, or you can pick up a copy of the handout at the Municipal Complex located at 10987 Main Street.

Centegra Hospital Huntley One Vote Short of Approval

On December 7th, the Centegra Hospital-Huntley proposal fell one vote short of approval at the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board meeting. The vote was 4-4 and the proposal required 5 votes to proceed.

Over the past year, the Village and Centegra have heard an outpouring of support from residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County to build a new hospital in Huntley. Numbers from the state's own staff confirmed that a new hospital is needed here.

In the weeks to come, Centegra will explore their options for providing local residents with an acute care hospital.

New E-Waste Law in 2012

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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www.huntley.il.us

Simply Clean Moves to Main Street

There are numerous home based businesses in Huntley and many dream of setting up a traditional business office in their future, and many succeed... Jessica and Tim Miller, owners of **Simply Clean**, began their residential and business cleaning service in their Huntley home in 2006. Since then the business has grown and the pair decided earlier this year to move their operations to 11801 Main Street (just west of Parkside Grill). Simply Clean's 16 employees do all sorts of cleaning jobs in homes, offices and businesses. They are licensed, bonded and insured and ready to do your dirty work! Call Jessica or Tim at 224-569-6888 or check out their website at www.simplycleanhomes.com



Cash 4 Gold

If you have unwanted precious metals, jewelry, coins or watches, you may want to sell these items to Cash 4 Gold (now open at 11801 Main Street). Dealing strictly with purchases, Cash 4 Gold does not sell any items to the public. Open Mon-Sat 9:30 to 6, and Sundays by appt only. The Huntley location is the 4th Cash 4 Gold purchasing office for owners Yousef Anbar and Dean Anbar. Contact the owners for more information at 630-549-5526.

Now Open

IN HUNTLEY

FYH USA

FYH Bearing Units USA moved into their new 41,000 square foot home at 13201 FYH Drive in the Huntley Corporate Park at I-90 and Route 47. FYH sells mounted ball bearing units which are used widely in industrial and agricultural applications. Working as the distribution arm of the largest seller of ball bearings in Japan, FYH USA looks forward to the Huntley facility serving their customers in the US and Canada in a highly efficient manner. FYH began moving in the first week of November and started operations in the new building on November 14th. They currently have 18 employees.



Huntley Auto Tech Center

Huntley Auto Tech Center is now open at the southeast corner of Route 47 and Joan Avenue (10370 Route 47 - just north of Wisted's). The newly constructed 8,200 square foot facility has 10 service bays and opened in mid-November with 10 employees. Auto Tech specializes in tires and automotive repair service and is currently offering many grand opening specials. Founded in 1985, Auto Tech now has four locations in McHenry County (McHenry, Crystal Lake, Woodstock and Huntley). In most cases, Auto Tech offers same day service and all of their work is backed by the Goodyear Nationwide Tire & Service Network. Stop by soon to say hello to owner Mike Miculinich or store manager Arlyn Roush. The store is open weekdays from 7am-7pm, and Saturdays from 7:30am-5pm. Call 847-802-4051 to schedule appointments, or visit their website at www.autotechcenters.com



Huntley Gymnastics Academy

On November 7th, Huntley Gymnastics Academy opened for business at 10761 Wolf Drive (take Algonquin Road west of Route 47, and go left on Wolf). The full service gymnastics academy, owned and operated by Amy Krotser, has 12 full time employees. Amy, who also serves as head coach, is excited about her new venture. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on December 22nd with an exposition of the apparatus and many free give-a-ways. To learn more about classes, birthday parties and other special offers, check out their website at www.huntleygymnastics.com or call 224-858-4989.



Vitas Innovative Hospice

Vitas Innovative Hospice Care of Illinois opened their Huntley facility at 12179 Regency Parkway in July on a part-time basis and subsequently have been diligently working on getting all of their certifications in order. According to Team Manager Kellie Newman, Vitas should be fully certified in January and at that point the Huntley location will be open full time with 14 employees serving McHenry, Kane, Winnebago, Boone and Lake counties. VITAS provides end-of-life care for adult and pediatric patients with life-limiting illnesses. They work with patients and families to provide comfort and preserve dignity in the face of terminal illness. For more information call Kellie Newman at 847-669-5515 or visit their website at www.vitas.com for more information.

