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Full Interchange Project Update

Construction is well underway on the new interchange at Illinois Route 47 and I-90 (Jane Addams Memorial Tollway) in Huntley.

Whenever possible, the Tollway Authority will be using traffic shifts and shoulders to keep as many lanes open during peak hours as were available before construction. **Existing ramps will remain open to traffic throughout the reconstruction project.** Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present.

Interested in seeing photos and learning more about the project? The Village of Huntley is posting regular updates on the following web page: <http://www.huntleyfirst.com/i90update.cfm>

Please Conserve Water

The National Weather Service continues to rank the drought status of McHenry County at severe. Water use restrictions in the Village of Huntley remain under Code Yellow (odd/even watering based on address, limited to 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). The Village continues to ask residents to observe additional voluntary water conservation measures due to the continuing heat and drought conditions. Watering for all non-essential outdoor uses should be eliminated as much as possible. Voluntary cooperation is vital to maintaining adequate water supply. However, conditions may require moving to Code Red, which entirely prohibits the use of outside water for any purpose. Village staff will continue to monitor conditions and usage.

CURRENT WATERING RESTRICTIONS
YELLOW
Only Alternate Days (Odd/Even)
6:00 AM to 9:00 AM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

State Board Approves Huntley Hospital

The Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board approved Centegra Health System's plan for a 128-bed hospital in Huntley during a meeting July 24. This is only the second new hospital to be approved in the state of Illinois in the past 30 years. It is anticipated that Centegra Hospital-Huntley will treat its first patients in 2016, create 800 construction jobs and employ 1,100 area residents.



"We are thrilled by the board's decision," said Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley. "Residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County need better access to hospital care, and the state recognized that. This is a great day for communities in this region that are currently underserved when it comes to health care."

State figures showed that McHenry County has the second greatest need for a hospital of any area in the state. The new hospital is scheduled to open its doors in 2015. "Centegra Health System has been an outstanding partner for many years and Huntley is excited to welcome a full-service Centegra hospital to our village," said Huntley Mayor Chuck Sass. "Top-of-the-line health care close to home is exactly what our growing population needs."

Centegra will now proceed with its final engineering and design components. When completed, the hospital will feature 100 medical surgical beds, an eight-bed Intensive Care Unit, a full-service emergency department with a Level II trauma center, Level II special care nursery, non-invasive cardiology services, a helipad for transporting patients with the most critical needs and a dedicated women's center.

The facility will be located on Centegra's existing health and wellness campus at Reed and Haligus Roads. The campus currently includes an outpatient health center featuring Centegra Immediate Care and an advanced imaging center, physician offices and Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center. In addition, the new Centegra Back and Spine Center just opened on that campus in May.

The project has seen widespread support from local residents. More than 16,000 community members submitted letters to the state expressing their support for the project. Visit CentegraHospitalHuntley.com for updates on its progress and opportunities to get involved.

Emerald Ash Borer Inspections of Ash Trees

Village crews are currently inspecting the Ash trees in the parkways. Yellow tags are being left on trees that are slated to be removed this fall/winter due to infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). If your tree has a yellow tag, please feel free to remove the tag as they are for informational purposes only (and need not remain on the tree).



Letters to residents who have EAB infested trees (throughout the Village) will be sent out by the end of the summer with more information about the removal schedule and information on the Village's 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program.

Those residents that had their Ash tree removed this past Spring will receive an order form and information regarding the Village's 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program.

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Impact Plastics Returns

After a four year hiatus, Impact Plastics has returned to Huntley. Seeking additional space, the recycler of plastics and wholesaler of industrial refuse container replacement parts chose to return to Huntley to take advantage of improved tollway access, via the completely reconstructed and expanded full tollway interchange, and low costs of doing business in Huntley. Operations actually began in Huntley in May, with all personnel completing their transition to the new facility in July.

President Scott Lemajeur stated, "We are extremely pleased to return to Huntley. The move allows us to not only grow, but do so more efficiently than we could have in other communities. The Mayor and staff were very helpful and efficient in assisting us through the entire process and took sincere interest in our company. For many reasons, bringing our business back to Huntley made sense."

Impact Plastics, which employs 15 full-time and 5 part-time employees sees a bright future in Huntley. With additional space and lower occupancy costs, management foresees the addition of up to 15-20 additional employees in its recycling operations within the next two to three years. And should the firm's successes continue, they hope to bring the plastic extrusion process in-house bringing up to 20 additional jobs to Huntley, jobs currently provided by firms located in Wisconsin.

Rookies All American Pub and Jimmy John's Coming to Regency Square in Huntley

The Village Board approved site plans from Elgin-based Interstate Partners for two new commercial buildings to be constructed in the Regency Square development located at the southwest corner of Kreuzer Road and Route 47. The plans delineate a 3,747 square foot building and a 7,977 square foot building.

Interstate announced they have leased space to two retail tenants in the larger building, Jimmy Johns Gourmet Sandwiches and Rookies All American Pub & Grill. Both establishments are hopeful to be open this coming spring.

According to Jeff Possin, real estate director for Interstate Partners, they have been talking with national and smaller retailers about leasing the remainder of the development. With Huntley's full interchange at Route 47 and Interstate 90 now under construction, and the announcement that Centegra Health System will build a new hospital, the Village Board remains hopeful that Huntley's commercial development will continue to grow.



Think You Make the Best Salsa?

If you think you've got what it takes to compete in our 2nd Annual Garden Salsa Competition, we look forward to seeing you at the August 25th Farmers Market. Judging begins at 10:30 am sharp! First prizes will be awarded in each of 3 categories (hot, medium, mild). Participants are required to submit their written recipe with each entry. Be sure and check our website or stop by Village Hall to pick up an entry form and get complete details: www.huntley.il.us



Fall Fest 2012

It's not too early to mark your calendars and start planning for the Huntley Fall Fest. This 3 day event will run from September 28-30 and includes something for everyone in the family! Enjoy great food, music and entertainment, a family fun run, the Lions Club pancake breakfast, a petting zoo, carnival rides, tractor show, craft show, car show, fireworks and much more! Be sure and check the Fall Fest website for complete details: www.huntleyfallfest.com

Reduce Mosquito Contact

The key to controlling diseases like West Nile virus is to reduce the mosquito's contact with humans. Wearing mosquito repellents is critical because it is your last line of defense against mosquito bites. Unprotected skin is likely to be bitten if not covered by a repellent, so thorough and proper application is a must. The most important criteria when choosing a repellent is to select one you're going to use! Make sure it's a repellent recommended as being effective by the Centers for Disease Control.

Farmers Market & More Great Events

August 18th: Cooking Demonstration at the Farmers Market

August 18-19: Huntley ArtFest—Art, Food, Music for the Whole Family:

For more information on this event, go to: www.HuntleyArtfest.org

September 8th: Huntley Home Based Business Day at the Farmers Market

September 15th: Huntley Chamber of Commerce Day at Farmers Market

September 22nd: Antique Farm Equipment Display at the Farmers Market

September 30th: Special Sunday Farmers Market at Huntley Fall Fest

October 6th: Craft Fair at the Farmers Market & Dave Gutshall Performing

October 6th: Dog-Tober Fest For more information on this event, go to: www.huntleyparks.org.

October 13th: Coach Tomaso Celebration Walk & 5K Fun Run

October 13th: Fall Harvest Fest & last Farmers Market of the Season