

Huntley's

VILLAGE JOURNAL

A Message From Mayor Sass

Spring is finally here so it must be Road Construction time!

Along with the Route 47 Widening Project, the 2011 Street Improvement Program is about to begin. Additional information on these projects is included in this newsletter as well as on the Village's website. Please keep in mind that State law does not allow the use of cell phones in road construction areas so for your own safety and those working on our roadways, please do not use your cell phone in these areas.



Memorial Day Weekend will be a busy one as we kick off with a special "Plant Your Garden Day" Farmers Market event on Saturday, May 28th. It's going to be fun for the whole family. Also, please join us at the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30th. The parade will kick off at 11:00 a.m. from the Municipal Complex and travel west on Main Street to the town square where the ceremony honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country will take place.

As always, feel free to contact me at 847-669-9600 with questions or concerns and thank you for your continued support.

God Bless!

Chuck Sass

Back Flow Preventer Tests Available

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 Board has recently approved a 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.*

Two Incumbents and One Newcomer Elected as Trustees

Congratulations to trustees Harry Leopold and Niko Kanakaris on their re-election. Trustee Leopold will begin his third term and Trustee Kanakaris will begin his second term. We also welcome newcomer Nick Hanson to the Village Board. Trustee-elect Hanson will be officially sworn in as Trustee at the May 12th Village Board meeting.

The Village would also like to recognize the distinguished service of Trustee Jay Kadakia for his tenure on the Village Board from 2007 to 2011.

Route 47 Widening

Year two of the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) project to widen Route 47 is well underway. The project will widen the roadway to five lanes including a barrier median from Kreutzer Road on the south to Reed Road on the north. The project officially began April 5, 2010 and is scheduled to be completed in October 2011. For those interested in receiving email updates about the Route 47 construction project, you can sign up for Route 47 Updates in the E-News section of our home page. As always, the Village will post the most up to date news on our website at www.huntley.il.us, and on the Route 47 webpage at: www.huntley.il.us/Route47Widening.asp

2011 Street Improvement Program

As part of the 2011 Budget, the Village Board of Trustees approved the 2011 Street Improvement Program which includes streets in the Southwind Subdivision.

The following streets are scheduled to be improved this year as a part of the Village's annual program: Ashley, Bennington, Compton, Dunhill, Haverhill, Longfield, Oxford, Riverside, Scott, Somerset, Thornton Way, Wakefield, Wellington, and York. The project will also include repairs to the curb, gutter and sidewalk in areas as needed.

National Take Back Day Medication Disposal Event

Huntley residents are invited to participate in National Take Back Day on April 30th, where the Huntley Police Department will collect and properly dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

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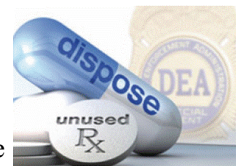
DEPARTMENT

10911 MAIN ST., HUNTLEY, IL

APRIL 30, 2011

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please check our website for complete information: www.huntley.il.us



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- ELECTED OFFICIALS -

Village President

Charles H. Sass

Trustees

Pam Fender John Piwko
Niko Kanakaris Jay Kadakia (thru 5-12-11)
Paul Mercer Nick Hanson (start 5-12-11)
Harry Leopold

-Staff -

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| Village Manager | David Johnson |
| Sr. Assistant to Village Manager | Lisa Armour |
| Director of Finance | Jennifer Chernak |
| Police Chief | John Perkins |
| Director of Public Works | Jim Schwartz |
| Director of Development Services | Charles Nordman |
| Village Clerk | Rita McMahon |

- VILLAGE MEETINGS -

Citizens are encouraged to attend public meetings. Questions concerning scheduled meetings should be directed to the Village Manager's Office at (847) 515-5200. Below are the regular meeting dates for the Village of Huntley. All meetings are held at the Municipal Complex Board Room at 10987 Main Street.

Committee of the Whole

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
7:00 p.m.

Regular Village Board

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month
7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

2nd and 4th Monday of each month
6:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

As Needed

Historic Preservation Commission

2nd Tuesday after the 1st Planning
Commission meeting of each month
6:00 p.m.

Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall: (847) 669-9600
Public Works: (847) 669-3450
Development Services: (847) 669-0600
Police non-emergency: (847) 669-5311
Police emergency dial 911

Village Website:

www.huntley.il.us

Route 47 webpage:

www.huntley.il.us/Route47Widening.asp

Welcome New Businesses!

Join us as we welcome these new businesses to Huntley: VNA Health Trends located at 13310 Village Green Drive; Higher Grounds coffee shop located at 10753 Dundee Road; Jameson's Restaurant located in the Prairie Lodge at 12940 Del Webb Boulevard; and General RV located at 14000 Auto Mall Drive.



Take some time to patronize these businesses. They are looking forward to meeting you! Always remember to shop Huntley first; it's good for the entire community.

Want Your Huntley News Fast?

If you have the internet in your home or office, we hope you have already signed up for Huntley E-News. Our E-Newsletters are the best way to learn about important and breaking news events. The Village of Huntley now has 3 popular E-Newsletters: Huntley E-News, Route 47 Updates, and Farmers Market & Special Events. Please consider taking a moment and signing up from our homepage at: www.huntley.il.us. If you already signed up, you can update your profile using the same link.

May is Historic Preservation Month

In concert with the celebration of National Historic Month in May, the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission nominated nine local property owners for the third annual Pride in Preservation award. The property owners were recognized for their efforts related to property enhancement and maintenance consistent with the essential character of the Village of Huntley thereby making a valuable contribution to the preservation of the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage of the neighborhood and overall community. On Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the Farmers Market kick-off event, members of the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission will distribute self-guided tour maps detailing the history of properties along the portion of Second Street between Church and Myrtle Streets. To see complete information on the properties and the Pride and Preservation award winners, check out the Village of Huntley website today at www.huntley.il.us.

Memorial Day Parade May 30th

Please join us at the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30th. The parade will kick off at the Municipal Complex at 11:00 a.m. and travel west on Main Street to the town square where the ceremony will take place. If your group is interested in participating in the parade, registration forms may be found on the Village's website or picked up at the Municipal Complex. Call the American Legion at (847) 669-8485 for more information.

Village Now Offers Online Bill-Pay

Many of our residents and businesses have asked us to consider offering an online option to charge payments. You can now use your MasterCard, American Express, or Discover card to pay for Water/Sewer Bills, Parking Ticket/Ordinance Violations, and Accounts Receivable Invoices. Just go to the Village website at www.huntley.il.us to connect to the payment site. Please note, you will need your bill/invoice to perform the transaction. There is a convenience fee charged for using the system (not charged or collected by the Village of Huntley).

Fourth of July Fireworks Display

It's not too early to start planning for this popular event! Come celebrate Independence Day with the Village of Huntley and view a spectacular fireworks display at the Huntley Outlet Center parking lot on Monday, July 4th as soon as it's dark (or earlier due to inclement weather). A rain date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 9th.

Notice to residents: The Village of Huntley has a zero tolerance stance on illegal fireworks. Stay safe by keeping fireworks out of everyone's hands.

50/50 Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program 2011 (Non-EAB)

Residents may request an inspection of their parkway tree to see if it qualifies (trees must be dead or dying to qualify) for participation in the 50/50 Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program.

Residents may call 847-515-5223 and leave their name and address and their tree will be inspected in June.

Once inspections are completed, residents will receive written notification of the inspection results. If the parkway tree qualifies for the program, they will receive an order form with a September 1st due date to participate in the fall 2011 planting. Plantings will take place late-September or early-October.

Residents may also replace the parkway tree on their own if they choose not to participate in the Village's program; however, no reimbursements will be made by the Village.

EAB Infested Tree and Replacement Program

Residents that had infested Ash trees removed from their parkways as part of the 2010 EAB program will receive an order form to participate in the 2011 50/50 Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program in May for a September planting.

Staff will inspect existing Ash trees in residential parkways for signs of infestation of the EAB. Residents that have Ash trees that are infested will receive written notification of the infestation and information about tree removal by the Public Works Department and an order form to participate in the 50/50 residential replacement program.

The process for removal and replacement is as follows:

- Village crews will cut down the infested tree, mulch it and dispose as warranted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
- If the tree is not being replaced, holes will be filled with dirt and seeded. Instructions will be provided on care for the seeded area.
- Residents participating in the 50/50 replacement program will be required to return the completed order form no later than July 1st in order to be given first priority of available trees.
- Residents may also replace the parkway tree on their own if they choose not to participate in the Village's program; however, no reimbursements will be made by the Village.

Sidewalk Repair Rebate Program

As part of the 2011 Budget, the Village Board approved a new program to assist homeowners with the repair or replacement of public sidewalk. 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.

To qualify for a rebate under this program, the property owner must:

- Hire a contractor with a valid Village business registration
- Have the contractor obtain a permit from the Village prior to initiating any work. A rebate form completed by the property owner must accompany the permit submittal.
- Have the contractor complete the repairs in accordance with Village requirements and obtain final approval of the work by the Village as soon as completed but no later than October 31, 2011.

See our website for rebate form and complete details: www.huntley.il.us



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Centegra Announces Plans for New Hospital in Huntley

In December 2010, Centegra Health System announced plans to build a 128-bed hospital at the Centegra campus in Huntley. The new hospital will bring access to healthcare for residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, and local residents would have a state-of-the-art full-service hospital in the community.

The new hospital project will also have an impact on the local economy. Approximately 800 construction jobs are expected during the 30-month building schedule. Nearly 1,100 permanent jobs will be created after the hospital opens, including 700 clinical and 380 related jobs.

Before Centegra can build the hospital in Huntley they are required to obtain a Certificate of Need from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHSRB). Centegra submitted their application for the Huntley hospital to the IHSRB in December. The Board is accepting comments from the public until June. Village approvals are also required for the project.

As a Huntley resident or member of the business community, we hope you will show your support for the proposed hospital. Centegra has many ways you can show your support on their website at centgrahospitalhuntley.org, or call Business Development Coordinator Margo Griffin at 847-515-5269 for more information.

Need a Building Permit?

If you are planning a home improvement project this year, please remember to check with the Development Services Department to see if a building permit is required.



Permits are required for many remodeling projects, repairs, replacements, new structures, and additions. The benefits of permitting the work include a plan review and inspection process to ensure that work is done to meet building codes and that contractors performing the work are registered and properly insured. It is also important to check with your Homeowner's Association prior to obtaining a permit, as most require review and approval before submitting a permit application to the Village.

Handouts with information on permit requirements for projects such as decks, fences, pools and patios can be picked up at the Municipal Complex, found online at www.huntley.il.us under Development Services or by calling 847-669-0600 for more information.

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Curbside Brush Pickup Week is May 2nd-6th

Brush pick up will take place from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm from May 2-6. Brush must be placed by the curb (crews will not go on private property to pick up brush).

The following will **NOT** be accepted:

- ◆ Tree limbs larger than 10" in diameter
- ◆ Tied bundles of brush
- ◆ Bagged material
- ◆ Leaves and yard waste

Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 847-669-3450.

Special Farmers Market - Plant Your Garden Day is May 28th!

Join us on the Square (Church & Coral Street) from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for this great Springtime event! Pick up plants for your flower bed and vegetable garden, buy unique decorations for your yard, or shop the craft fair.



There will be spring veggies and plenty of yummy breads and bakery items, jams, pickles, mustards, Wisconsin Maple syrup, grass fed beef, organic chicken and pork, butter, organic spices, gourmet dog treats and much more!

Hey Moms and Dads! There will be a special kids workshop area where kids can decorate pots and plant seeds. Bring the family!

How Do You Say it?

Have you ever stumbled when pronouncing a street name and wondered if you got it right? Many street names in Huntley are named after historical families who contributed to our rich Huntley heritage, and many have family members still living in the community. Below are two street names that many people have difficulty with, along with a helpful guide to assist you with the correct pronunciation.



Kreutzer Road (pronounced Kroyt'-zer) The Kreutzer family still lives on a farm located on Kreutzer Road near St. Mary's Church.

Jim Dhamer Drive (pronounced Day'-mer): The late James C. Dhamer was Mayor of Huntley from 1985 to 1999. His family still lives in town.

Huntley Farmers Market May 28th - October 8th

Summer is right around the corner and with that comes the Huntley Farmers Market. Starting our 5th season, we look forward to bringing your favorites from our returning farmers and welcoming several new vendors to the market!

Be sure to check the Village's website often at: www.huntley.il.us for market updates, upcoming free entertainment, special events, and more. Sign up to be our Facebook fan at Huntley Farmers Market.

If you are interested in becoming a market vendor, crafter, participating in one of the theme days or providing free entertainment, please contact Barb Read at bread@huntley.il.us or call 847-515-5262.

The market is held each Saturday (rain or shine) from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Coral Street and around the Square.

All American Family Fun Day July 2nd

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us on July 2nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for the **All American Family Fun Day** at the Farmers Market. Kid games, face painting, free bike/dog/kid decorating for the Around the Block Parade; entertainment by Peter Guerin, food, crafts and more! Visit the Village's website for more information at www.huntley.il.us.

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