



From the Desk of Mayor Charles Sass



Charles Sass, Village President

Dear Residents,

Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter we will have experienced our last major snow event. This season, the Village of Huntley has experienced 63 inches of snow! Our Public Works crews have worked 2,780 hours plowing and have used 2,413 tons of salt making Huntley streets safe for our residents and visitors. On behalf of the Village Board and staff, I thank you for your cooperation and patience during this very trying season.

The week of January 28th was spent in downtown Chicago at the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) hearing regarding the Commonwealth Edison Northwest Reliability Project which proposes to locate overhead high tension lines through the Village. The Village Board directed staff to take the necessary steps to fight the proposed route as it adversely impacts residents along Kreutzer Road in the Wing Pointe Subdivision and future development planned to the west and south of the Union Pacific Rail Road at Kreutzer Road. We expect to receive the ICC's decision in the late spring/early summer of this year.

Economic development remains a top priority for the Village. Recently, the Village Board referred several development projects to the Planning

Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals to begin the full review process. The Portofino project is a mixed use development of commercial and residential uses to be located at the northwest corner of Route 47 and Kreutzer Road. The Huntley Town Center development, proposed for the northeast corner of Main Street and Coyne Station Road, is also a mixed use development which may also include a transit station.

KinderCare will be before the Advisory Boards with their proposed site in Regency Square just south of the Provena building. You will be seeing more information on these and other developments as they go through the process. Also, on February 21st, Staff attended the International Commercial Shopping Center (ICSC) conference in Chicago to meet with prospective retail center developers and show them all Huntley has to offer.

As always, thank you for your continued support and please contact me anytime with comments, questions or concerns at 847-515-5200.

God Bless,
Chuck Sass

Horizon Update

Village Officials are analyzing Horizon's latest Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District extension proposal to assess potential impacts to the entire community, including School District 158 and other governmental bodies. To date, Horizon's TIF has taken away more than \$12 million in revenues from all governmental entities. Horizon's TIF will expire in 2015, and the Village projects that the TIF will generate in excess of \$43 million to payback Horizon's bonds. An extension of the TIF will continue to take property tax revenue from all entities, most notably an estimated \$20 million from the School District. Your elected officials remain committed to making important decisions that are in the best interest of Village residents, not decisions that provide significant financial benefit to Horizon.

As always, any questions can be directed to the Village Manager at 847-515-5200.



- ELECTED OFFICIALS -

Village President
Charles H. Sass

Trustees

Pam Fender	Jay Kadakia
Niko Kanakaris	Harry Leopold
Paul Mercer	John Piwko

- Staff -

Village Manager	Carl Tomaso
Assistant Village Manager	Dave Johnson
Finance Director	Jennifer Chernak
Police Chief	John Perkins
Director of Public Works	Jim Schwartz
Director of Development Services	Lisa Armour
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) 669-9600. 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.

Regular Village Board

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

Planning Commission

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Historic Preservation Commission

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

Important Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall: (847) 669-9600
Public Works: (847) 669-9600
Development Services: (847) 669-0600
Police non emergency: (847) 669-2141
Police emergency dial 911

Village Website: www.huntley.il.us

New Laws Aimed at Protecting Health

Smoke-Free Illinois Act

As of January 1, 2008, all indoor workplaces and public places, including bars/taverns, restaurants, private clubs, and casinos, are smoke-free. Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet of all entrances and exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes. The new law ensures that all Illinois workers will have a

workplace safe from secondhand smoke, and that all of us can breathe clean, smoke-free air when we eat out or spend a night on the town.



For more complete information on the Smoke Free Illinois Act please visit the "News" section of our website: www.huntley.il.us

Open Burning of Landscape Waste - New McHenry County Regulations

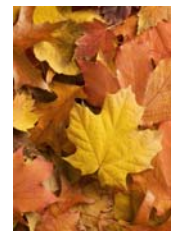
The McHenry County Board recently approved a revised Ordinance regulating the Open Burning of Landscape Waste in McHenry County, which will become effective April 1, 2008.

The Ordinance outlines the minimum standards for burning of onsite generated landscape waste in any area of the county. This Ordinance will apply to Village of Huntley residents.

Copies of the County's Ordinance are available on the Health Department's webpage: www.mcdh.info.

To obtain a copy or if you have any questions contact the Health Department at 815-334-4585.

Highlights of the New Ordinance:



Open Burning of Landscape Waste:

- SHALL NOT take place within 100 feet of a habitable structure.
- SHALL NOT take place less than 50 feet from any non-habitable structure (this includes garages, sheds, barns & swimming pools).
- Open burning of landscape waste shall only occur on the property upon which it was generated.
- Burning is permitted only on weekends between dawn and dusk during the months of April, May, October, and November.
- Burning is not permitted on public or private roads, alleys, sidewalks or easements.

Update on Huntley's 2008 Street Program



The 2008 Street Program as approved by the Village Board will include the streets in the Woodcreek and Cove Subdivisions. Prior to the beginning of the program, the Village will be conducting

neighborhood informational meetings. If you're a resident in either of these two subdivisions, you will be notified of the meeting schedule.

See page 5 for updates on other transportation projects.

MDC Environmental Services

Named Huntley's Village-Wide Wastehauler



Beginning Monday, March 3, 2008 the Village of Huntley will have a single village-wide Wastehauler for most residential units within the corporate limits.

Please note: Del Webb's Sun City and apartment buildings are not covered under this contract.

The Regular Rate includes:

- Unlimited pick-up of refuse
- A 95-gallon refuse toter
- A 65-gallon recycling toter
- Pick-up of yardwaste from April 1st – November 30th.
- Pick-up of one large bulk item per week*

Pickup Day is Monday

Please have all garbage, recyclable and yard waste items at the curb by 6:30 A.M.

The Senior Discount Rate includes (55 and over):

- A 35-gallon refuse toter (unlimited pick-up of refuse is not available under this program and MDC will only pick up what is placed inside the 35-gallon toter)
- A 65-gallon recycling toter
- Pick-up of yard waste (both grass clippings and leaves in Kraft bags or specially marked cans) from April 1st – December 14th
- Pick-up of one large bulk item per week*

*Pick-up of white goods such as a refrigerator, stove, etc. must be arranged for directly with MDC at an additional charge.

More Questions? Call MDC Environmental at (815) 568-7274. or the Village of Huntley at (847) 515-5266

Out with the Old & In with the New

Existing Carts:

Please do not use any carts supplied by your existing waste hauler after March 3rd. MDC will not empty any refuse contained in those carts, nor will we be able to dispose of those carts as "garbage". Please contact your existing hauler for removal of those carts. If you currently use a MDC issued refuse cart, please leave the old cart by your garage in an accessible location and our employees will remove the cart within the next 2 weeks.

Placement of Carts:

On collection morning please place your carts no further than 3' away from the curb. It is preferable if your refuse cart and your recycle carts are placed on opposite sides of your driveway. If that is not possible, please maintain at least 3' distance between each cart. Please do not place the carts next to mailboxes or behind parked cars. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



95 Gallon Cart for Household Refuse (All Brown):

Please use this cart for all of your "normal" household waste. Do not mix recyclables or yard waste in with your household waste. If you have too much household waste to fit into the 95 gallon cart, you may set out additional garbage cans (34 gallon size, not to exceed 40 pounds in weight) for collection. There will be no charge for the collection of this additional waste; however, it must be contained within garbage cans as outlined above.

Included in your monthly fee is the collection of one (1) "bulk item" per week. Examples include, but are not limited to, sofas, chairs, tables, mattress, box springs, etc. "Sets", such as a mattress and box springs, are considered 2 items and only one of these items will be collected per week.

65 Gallon Cart for Recyclables (Brown with Yellow Lid)

Please use this cart for all of your recyclable materials. These materials should be clean, but they do not need to be separated – all of the following are eligible for recycling and may be co-mingled in the 65 gallon recycling container: Newspaper, Glass bottles & jars, Corrugated Cardboard, Tin, Aluminum & Bi-Chipboard, Metal Cans, Magazines, Plastics Coded 1-7*, Catalogues, Junk Mail, Telephone Books

Yard Waste Collection – April 1st Through December 14th Only

Included in your monthly service fee is seasonal collection of yard waste materials (grass clippings, leaves, weeds, twigs, etc.). Biodegradable brown paper bags are the preferred containers for yard waste; however, we will also collect yard waste from garbage cans that you supply that are clearly marked on the side (visible from 20') with a large "X" (use paint, duct tape or a similar durable material). Yard waste carts (95 gallon, similar to that provided for household waste) can be rented from MDC for a small monthly fee and eliminate the need to continually purchase the biodegradable bags.

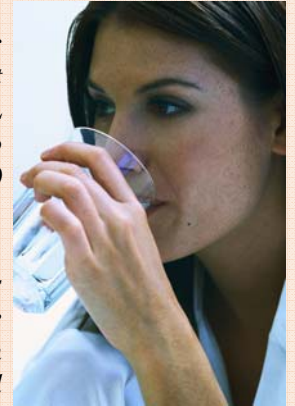


Important Information About Your Drinking Water An Update on Combined Radium Notice

The Village of Huntley Public Works Department notified water customers in November, that one of its four wells (well #9) had exceeded the maximum contaminant level for combined radium. The combined radium level is determined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by taking four quarterly samples from the well supply, then averaging the quarterly samples to determine if the well meets or exceeds the 5pCi/L standard.

If the 5pCi/L standard is exceeded, the I.E.P.A. requires the water supplier to do public notification by direct delivery within 30 days of being notified. Then, a direct mail notice must be repeated every 90 days as long as the MCL is exceeded. Because the combined radium MCL is a four quarterly sample average, it takes a full year of sampling results from the well to determine compliance. Therefore, you will be receiving a combined radium notice every 90 days until October 2008.

Radium test results reported to the I.E.P.A. for the last quarter (October – December 2007) was 5pCi/L. This indicates process control adjustment made at well #9 treatment plant after the violation occurred has lowered the combined radium level to within I.E.P.A. standards. An additional sample was taken from the distribution system at a house faucet to determine actual customer exposure to combine radium. Test result showed the combined radium level at 3.3pCi/L, well below I.E.P.A. standards.



- The Village of Huntley Well #9 Softening Plant has levels of combined radium above drinking water standards. This is not an emergency. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.
- Huntley routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on December 31, 2007 show that Well #9 exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for combined radium based on the average of the last 4 samples taken. Radium is a naturally occurring element in the environment. The standard for combined radium is 5 pico curies per liter (pCi/L). The average level of combined radium over the last year was 6 pCi/L (one trillionth of a gram over limit). It should be noted that levels exceeded the standard at only one of Huntley's four water stations, which are blended in the distribution system.
- **What should I do? You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- **What does this mean?** This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing radium-226 or radium-228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- **What happened? What is being done?** As a means of resolving this violation, the Village of Huntley water operators continue to make process control adjustments to the ion exchange water treatment plant to further correct this violation.
- **For more information, please contact: Steve Zonta, Utilities Superintendent, at 847-515-5281.**
- Please pass along this notice to your neighbors and friends who drink Huntley water and may not have received this notice directly.
- EPA guidelines require the Village to give such notice to residents on a quarterly basis, even if no additional violation occurs.

This notice is being sent to you by:

Village of Huntley Public Works Water System

Water System ID#:

IL1110350

Date Distributed:

02-25-08

Transportation Projects



- In 2008 Route 47 will be widened, adding a third northbound lane, from Oak Creek Parkway/Del Webb Blvd to Kreutzer Road as part of the Home Depot and Wal-Mart projects. Signals will be added at Regency Square and the entrance to Home Depot.
- In 2008 Kreutzer Road will be widened from Route 47 to the eastern end of the Wal-Mart property and a signal will be added 800 feet east of Route 47.
- Kreutzer Road Extension Phase I (Route 47 to Lions Chase Subdivision/south of West Main Street) Preliminary Engineering is on-going.

Algonquin Road Project Schedule

- Phase 2—2008—between Route 47 and Annandale Drive. Scheduled to begin early Spring 2008 and substantial completion by Fall 2008.
- For up to date info: www.algonquinroad.info

Join Us in Welcoming These New Businesses!



- Wrap It Packaging, 11800 Factory Shops Blvd.
- Arlington Press, 10685 Wolf Drive
- Snap Fitness 24-7, 10743 Dundee Road
- Jakes Pizza, 10749 Huntley Road
- Summit Products, 1 Union Special Plaza
- D's BBQ, 9709 Route 47
- Best Realty, 11006 Route 47
- EZ Haircuts, 10753 Dundee Road
- Teddy's Red Hots, 9754 Route 47
- Twelfth Knight Catering, 12880 Del Webb Blvd.
- Music Education Centers, 11800 Factory Shops Blvd.
- Sunset Home Medical, 13310 Village Green Dr.
- Defiore-Jorgensen Funerals (office), 10703 Dundee Rd.

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Utility Billing Auto Debit Form

Village of Huntley
Authorization Agreement

It's quick & easy!

I hereby authorize the Village of Huntley, hereinafter called "VILLAGE" to debit entries to my account indicated below and the financial institution named below, hereinafter called "FINANCIAL INSTITUTION" to debit the same to such account.

Financial Institution Name _____

Please check type of account: Checking _____ Savings _____

(INVESTMENT/MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED)

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until the VILLAGE has received written notification from me or its termination in such time and manner as to afford the VILLAGE and my FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

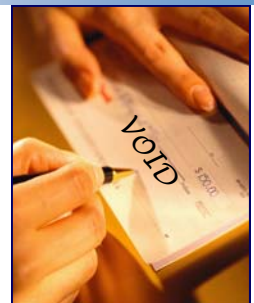
Street Address _____

Date _____

Water Billing Account Number _____

Phone _____

Detach this form and mail with voided check to the Village Hall at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142



Important!

- Your voided check must be attached to this form.
- Attached voided check here.
- Please continue to pay water bill as normal until you receive a bill that indicates you are paying by auto debit.



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Check Out the New Drive-Up Mailbox at the Entrance to the Municipal Complex



No time to park your car?

Is it too cold outside?

The Village of Huntley is pleased to announce the US Postal Service has installed a drive-up mailbox at the front entrance to the Municipal Complex. The current pick up time is 10:30 AM.

Huntley's drive-up drop box for water bills is also located in the front of the Complex, located at 10987 Main Street

Don't Forget!

Beginning March 3rd, MDC Environmental will be the new village-wide waste hauler.

Much more info can be found inside this newsletter.



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