

# Huntley's

# VILLAGE JOURNAL



*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead*

## Economic Recovery Starts Right Here in Huntley

Whatever your role is in our community - concerned resident, business leader, or government official - you have a vital role in shaping the local economy. During these challenging economic times, the Village Board and staff feel very strongly that we are creating the momentum to excel when the economy turns by remaining focused on our priorities and not stretching our resources too thin.

Like each of you, the Village has been keeping a close eye on the economy and the federal government's economic stimulus efforts. It's important that we position ourselves to take advantage of whatever is available in the way of grants, and to be ready to act when the economy does turn around.

To those ends, Mayor Sass and Village Manager Johnson have been working closely with our Congressional representatives, our State legislators and with the various agencies that will oversee the dispersal of those funds. The Village submitted its list of "shovel ready" projects that could be activated within the next 60 to 150 days, including: Route 47 Widening Project, Kreutzer Road Extension, I-90 Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station, Well No. 13 Drilling, and Water Tower No. 2 Painting.

We are also working with the business community on several different fronts. First, we want to make sure that businesses already in Huntley are getting whatever assistance is available to ensure their viability. Village staff participated in the Illinois Small Business Economic Recovery Forum in Chicago on March 24th. In addition, we continue to attend local International Council of Shopping Center (ICSC) conferences to encourage expansion of new retail business along the Route 47 corridor.

## Shop Huntley!

The Village Board would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of shopping local first so that Huntley businesses will survive and thrive.

Why shop at a Huntley owned business first? Because far more of the money spent at local businesses is reinvested in your community. This helps other local businesses, which creates greater diversity and helps the community maintain its unique appeal. Shopping local is environmentally friendly, too: it creates less traffic and pollution.

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## - Elected Officials -

Charles Sass, Village President

## - Trustees -

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

## - Staff -

Village Manager	David Johnson
Sr. Assistant to the Village Manager	Lisa Armour
Finance Director	Jennifer Chernak
Police Chief	John Perkins
Public Works Director	Jim Schwartz
Village Engineer	Bill Geegan
Village Clerk	Rita McMahon

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. Agendas are posted on our website: [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)

### Committee of the Whole

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Village Board

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesdays following the 2nd & 4th Mondays  
at 7:00 p.m.

### Historic Preservation Commission

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

Village Hall: (847) 669-9600

Public Works: (847) 669-3450

Development Services: (847) 669-0600

Police non-emergency: (847) 515-5311

Police emergency dial 911

Municipal Complex: 10987 Main Street

Village Website: [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)

## A Message from Mayor Charles Sass



Dear Residents,

Welcome to Spring!

After the 54.25 inches of snow we received this winter, I'm sure you are just as happy as our Public Works Staff that those days are behind us (hopefully). To celebrate, be sure to visit the *Plant Your Garden Day* on Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to buy your annuals, perennials and even potted plants just in time for the planting season and Mothers' Day. This event, along with a Craft Fair and Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on Coral Street, in the old village hall and around the town square.

In anticipation of the economic conditions facing the Village, the Board of Trustees approved a very conservative budget for 2009. The annual budget is the single most important policy document of the Village. Each year we work to improve the services and public improvements for the benefit of our residents. This year is not an exception and funds have been budgeted to complete the following projects: implementation of the 2009 Street Improvement Program, adding landscaping along the Algonquin Road Widening Project, resurfacing Huntley/Dundee Road from East Main Street to Kreutzer Road, widening and resurfacing Reed Road from Haligus to Cambridge Drive and beginning the Downtown Revitalization Planning process.

As we focus on innovative means of providing a higher level of service, the Village is in the process of establishing a Geographic Information System (GIS). Beginning in late March, you may see crews from Christopher Burke Engineering walking Village streets gathering information. Please note that it will not be necessary for the crews to be entering any private property to collect this data. Also, in the next several months you will see the redesign of the Village's website and the utility billing process as we are working on making both of these services more user friendly and secure.

Finally, on March 10th, the Village of Huntley and Horizon reached a settlement agreement to potentially bring an end to the legal proceedings that have been active in the Village for nearly six years. I, as well as the entire Village Board, believe that it is in everyone's best interest to end the legal proceedings and to focus on the future. Please go to the Village's website at: [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) to see the entire press release on this settlement agreement.

As always, thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

God Bless!  
*Chuck Sass*

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*Congratulations to the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce! In these tough economic times, the Huntley Chamber was able to sign up 24 new businesses in February alone. That brings the Huntley Area Chamber to 373 members strong!*

## Join Us in Welcoming These New Businesses to Huntley!

Remember to Shop Huntley First! When you patronize a Huntley business, you know that a percentage of your money will be reinvested in your community. This helps other local businesses, which create greater diversity and helps the community maintain its unique appeal.

T & J Printing Supply, Inc.	11451 Allison Court
Wolschlagler Affordable Chiropractic	11312 N. Route 47
Marty's Automotive	10751 Wolf Drive
Woodfield Orthotics & Prosthetics	12380 Princeton Drive
Tampotech Decorating	11885-11902 Smith Drive
Lucianos Chicago Grill	11800 Factory Shops Blvd.
Route 47 Taxi	11809 Mill Street
Austin Robert Design, Inc.	11970 Oak Creek Parkway
7 Hills Healthcare Center	12388 Princeton Drive
The Fone Zone	12182 Route 47
Center Stage Dance Academy	10631 Wolf Drive
KinderCare Learning Centers	12581 Princeton Drive
UPS Store	12172 Route 47
American Community Bank	10101 Route 47
Ideal Supply Company	11400 Kreutzer Road
The Pines of Huntley	11220 Algonquin Road
Royal Dog Store	11800 Factory Shops Blvd
Jimano's Pizzeria	12132 Route 47
Parkside Pub (under new ownership)	11721 Main Street
Chiro One Wellness Center	12112 Route 47

## Walmart Opening Set for April 29

Walmart associates are working diligently as the opening day of Huntley's Walmart Supercenter draws near.

Here's the latest at press time:

- Walmart received over 2500 employment applications for the Huntley store.
- Management has hired and begun the training of over 350 employees.
- The store fixtures are in and the store is being readied for the arrival of merchandise.
- Huntley's Walmart will stock an average of 14,000 items!

The Huntley Walmart Supercenter is scheduled to open on April 29th at 8 am. The store will be open 24 hours, 7 days a week, 364 days a year to serve Huntley and surrounding residents. Welcome to Huntley!

## The Police Want Your Input!

In an effort to better serve our community, the Huntley Police Department is requesting that citizens take a few minutes and complete a Citizen Survey. The survey can be easily completed on-line at our website at:

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

The survey can also be found on the Police Department's web page at:  
**[www.huntley.il.us/depts/police.asp](http://www.huntley.il.us/depts/police.asp)**

Surveys are also available at the Huntley Village Hall and Police Department. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the Huntley Police Department or given to any police officer.



Huntley Police Chief John Perkins (center) congratulates his newly promoted officers! Sergeant Michael Klunk (left) was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Support Services and Officer Scott Sullivan (right) was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant.

# Think Green

promote a better future



## Huntley Village Board Promotes Green Initiatives

The Board of Trustees have included green initiatives as part of their Goals for 2009. As part of this initiative, the Police Department has begun changing over to flex-fuel automobiles which are designed to run on conventional unleaded gasoline or E85 (85% ethanol, 15% gasoline) or any blend of the two. This will allow Huntley Police to take advantage of cleaner-burning E85 alternative fuel. The ethanol in E85 is essentially produced from corn, a renewable resource, and the use of E85 lowers tailpipe emissions and contributes to cleaner air for everyone.

Public Works staff recently attended an informational meeting regarding LED street lighting. LEDTRONICS, Inc. demonstrated numerous light fixtures including two LED lamps that use 60-70% less energy than Huntley's current 100/150 watt bulbs. Our Public Works staff was impressed with the lumination that the lamp produced, possible long term energy savings and reduced maintenance cost. The Public Works department plans to continue to research LED products and explore sites for testing a LED lamp.

Another aspect of Huntley's Green Initiative is promoting Green Development with new construction projects. One of the newest developments to take advantage of energy efficient building plans is the new Walmart Supercenter. The building was designed with skylights to take advantage of natural light and there are sensors in the store's light fixtures that measure the amount of light needed. These lights adjust automatically, making this Walmart a true leader in energy efficiency.

## Recycle!

Remember to use your 65 Gallon Cart (Brown with Yellow Lid) 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 recycling container: Newspaper, Glass Bottles & Jars, Corrugated Cardboard, Tin, Aluminum, Bi-Chipboard, Metal Cans, Magazines, Catalogues, Telephone Books, Plastics Coded 1-7, and Junk Mail.



## Saving Energy Can Be Easy

You can cut your energy use without investing a lot of time and money. Try these simple steps:

- Replace six incandescent bulbs with CFLs in high-use areas to lower your annual electricity use by 4 percent.
- Place one 100-watt bulb on an automatic timer to operate four fewer hours per day and reduce your annual electricity use by up to 1.5 percent.
- Turn off your desktop computer and monitor for two additional hours per day to cut your annual electricity use by 1.5 percent.
- Raise your air conditioner thermostat by five degrees in summer to save up to 1 percent on your annual electric bill.
- Change your central air conditioner air filter monthly to save up to 2 percent on your annual electric bill.
- Unplug your "phantom load." Even when you think an appliance is turned off, if it's plugged in, it's really still on consuming energy. That's a phantom load. By unplugging unused appliances, electronics, adaptors and chargers, you can save up to 5-6 percent on your annual electricity use.

## Want to Get Rid of an Old Fridge or Freezer?

If you've got an older, working second refrigerator or freezer keeping your soft drinks or ice cream cold – it's probably costing you more money than you think. ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators use at least 20 percent less energy than required by current federal standards and 40 percent less energy than the conventional models sold in 2001. So that old fridge could be costing you more than a \$150 per year!

With ComEd's Smart Ideas for Your Home Program you can get a \$25 cash incentive to turn in your working second refrigerator or freezer. ComEd is working with JACO Environmental to pick up your refrigerator or freezer for free and recycle it in an environmentally responsible way. You can learn more about turning in your working second refrigerator or freezer by visiting [www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com) or calling (888) 806-2273.

## Many Home Improvement Projects Require Permits

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 prior to submitting a permit application to the Village.

Some typical construction projects requiring permits are listed below:

- Central air conditioners, new or replaced
  - Concrete stoops, slabs and stairs
  - Decks, pergolas or porches
  - Driveways, replacement or expansion and ribbons
  - Electrical Work
  - Fences
  - Fireplaces
  - Furnaces, new or replaced
  - Garages, attached or detached
  - Gazebos or greenhouses
  - Irrigation systems and second meters
  - Patios
  - Ponds
  - All plumbing work
  - Remodeling; interior, exterior or basement
  - Retaining walls
  - Roof decking replacement (as in tear-offs)
  - Room additions or sunrooms
  - Sewer repair, replacement, or clean-out
  - Sheds
  - Sidewalks or stairs
  - Swimming pools, in- or aboveground
  - Wall partitions
  - Water heaters, new or replaced
  - Whirlpools and spas
  - Windows/doors when added, increased/decreased in size
- Handouts with more information on permit requirements for projects such as decks, fences, pools, and patios can be picked up at the Village Municipal Complex or found online at [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us) under Development Services. The Development Services Department can be reached at 847-669-0600. Or, check us out on the web!

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

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Pets are great! Please be sure and follow local and County Codes and Ordinances. Huntley does not require pet licensing. However, Kane and McHenry Counties do require valid rabies tags for all dogs in both counties.

## New Sports Park to Honor Carl Tomaso

A great big thank you goes out to the Huntley Park District for honoring Huntley's late Village Manager, Carl Tomaso, by naming a new Sports Park after him. The Carl Tomaso Sports Park will be officially dedicated on May 9th.

The 38 acre Sports Park is located in the north end of the Talamore Subdivision at the northwest corner of Ackman Road and Dolby Street. There are many amenities including a playground, 6 baseball fields, 10 soccer fields, and a walking path on the perimeter.

Known as "Coach Tomaso" to many, Carl was an avid sports fan. It's great to know that in the naming of the park, the Tomaso name will forever remain associated with Huntley and one of Carl's biggest passions, sports! Be sure and watch the Park District website for dedication information as the May 9th date approaches.

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## Huntley Approves First Historic District

The friendly village with country charm recently gained a level of historic protection for a portion embodying that charm with the approval by the Village Board on February 26th of Huntley's first historic district. The historic district includes several homes along Woodstock Street and the brick portion of Woodstock Street itself.

Each residential property in the district is at least seventy-eight years old with the oldest constructed in 1856 by Huntley's founder Thomas Stillwell Huntley. Installation of the brick portion of Woodstock Street was completed in 1917 and designated as a McHenry County Landmark in February 1999 and a local landmark last summer.

The Huntley Historic Preservation Commission, formed in 2004, looks forward to continuing the mission of adding properties to the historic district and perhaps creating separate historic districts while continuing to designate those landmark properties built and occupied by those who contributed greatly to the fabric of the village's rich history.

May is National Historic Preservation month. A kick-off event will be held Saturday, May 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Old Village Hall, 11704 Coral Street where local author Nancy Bachellor will be signing her recently published book of local history and a tour-guided bus tour of downtown sites will be available. Please contact us at Village Hall (847) 669-0600 for more information, or check us out on the web: [www.huntley.il.us](http://www.huntley.il.us)



## Mark Your Calendars!

April 7	Consolidated General Election
April 13-17	Hydrant Flushing Week
April 20-24	Hydrant Flushing Week
May 2	Book Signing & Historic Huntley Bus Tour
May 4-8	Curbside Brush Pickup
May 9	Special Farmers Market Plant Sale
May 9	Dedication of Tomaso Sports Park
June 6- Oct 3	Regular Farmers Market (Saturdays)

Workshop- Future Huntley Transit Stations  
2nd Community Visioning Workshop  
April 22, 2009, 6:30 PM  
Village Board Room, 10987 Main Street

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