## WHY HUNTLEY?

Located in suburban Chicago's "Golden Corridor" at the crossroads of Interstate 90 and Route 47, Huntley is among the fastest growing communities in the Chicago area, a vibrant business-friendly community offering unique benefits to businesses. (*HuntleyFirst.com*)

Huntley is a rapidly growing village in McHenry and Kane Counties, Illinois. A special census completed in 2016, estimated the village's population to be 26, 611. Government official in Huntley, an outer suburb of Chicago, have adopted an aggressive development strategy regarding the population and business growth. (Visit <a href="www.huntleyfirst.com">www.huntleyfirst.com</a> for more information.)

## **HISTORY**

McHenry County was established in 1837, and in 1838 the first settlers, mostly from New England, came to Grafton Township. One of these families, Prescott and Lucy Geer Whittemore, of Grafton, New Hampshire, settled west of the future town. Thomas Stillwell Huntley and Eliza Fox (wife) and children, Charles, Harriet and William arrived in 1846.

Huntley bought a 640-acre section of farm land at what is now Conley Road and Route 47 and a few years later purchased two addition al 40-acre parcels north of that tract. He paid \$1.25 an acre. He purchased other pieces of property around this area as well.

Learning the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad line was to go through south of his land holdings; Huntley purchased 80 acres along the proposed railroad line. The first train came through on September 5, 1851 and the town of Huntley became a shipping center for butter, eggs, milk and other farm and dairy products. The Village of Huntley prospered. (*Huntley Historical Society*)

## WHY LIVE HERE?

Are homes available? Can you afford to live here? Is the area growing? With a homeownership rate of 93.5%, Huntley is among the fastest growing communities in the Chicago area and has the highest growth rate on our list. With a diverse economy made up of manufacturing, warehouse, service and health care organizations, Huntley's top employers include Centegra Health System – part of Northwestern Medicine & Weber-Stephens, a manufacturer of gas and charcoal grills. It is among the lowest-cost areas in the Midwest but has all the conveniences of being within the Chicago area. (*NerdWallet.com*)

## SUN CITY HUNTLEY - "BEST PLACE TO RETIRE"

Sun City Huntley, located at 12880 Del Webb Blvd in Huntley, recently received an award for one of the "Best Places to Retire" by Tripping, an internet search engine for vacation rentals. "We were thrilled with this news", said Marketing Manager of Sun City Huntley. "We hear from many of our residents that they feel like they are living on a cruise ship with all of the amenities and variety of activities available."

Sun City Huntley is a premier active 55+ adult community in the Midwest with an unsurpassed level of amenities. Sun City Huntley community has over 2,000 acres and 5,400 homes in a beautiful resort-style environment. For more information, call 847.515.7650 or visit <a href="www.sccah.com">www.sccah.com</a>. (*Tripping.com*)