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# Hawthorn Woods Happenings

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## Upcoming Special Events

**Wed, Jan. 13**  
**Noon**  
**Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
*Village Barn*

**Wed, Feb. 10**  
**Noon**  
**Senior Monthly Luncheon**  
*Village Barn*

**Sat, Feb. 20**  
**1:00 - 4:00p.m.**  
**Winter Carnival**  
*Community Park*



**Vehicle Sticker/Dog Tag Renewals | Due by January 31**

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## Mayor's Message

Dear Neighbors,

We welcome the New Year 2016 with wishes of health and prosperity to you and your families.

I wanted to catch you up on some year-end business that was conducted by your Village Board regarding the newest information on the Route 53 issue. Our Village Board and staff continue to stay actively engaged in the process of the proposed Route 53 extension project. At the November Board meeting, our Trustees listened to public comments, took into consideration all of your input over the past several months, and voted to send a message to the Illinois Tollway Authority, IDOT, and Governor Rauner that the extension of Route 53 through Hawthorn Woods would be devastating to the municipality, the environment, and the people and businesses in its alignment. I want to thank everyone who took time to come to the meeting. Our Village Barn was packed with many of our residents who voiced concerns with the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council's (BRAC) report, the alignment of the road, environmental impacts, and funding of this road that would negatively impact our schools and emergency services.

The resolution, which was passed unanimously, highlights:

- A lack of consensus among stakeholders. Only 16% of the Lake County population supported the Route 53 extension in the last advisory referendum, which did not identify the road as a freeway or tollway.
- A flawed process where state statutes have been violated with Open Meetings Act violations and wrongful composition of the BRAC omitting all corridor communities.
- A promise to construct a 45 mph boulevard with two lanes with an estimated \$2.6 billion price tag, while the state of Illinois is in financial crisis and unable to pay existing expenses.
- A controversial funding plan that would take future property tax revenues from new commercial development away from schools, police, libraries, fire districts and other critical emergency services.
- An elevated road on high piers that would create a bridge over several communities in Lake County, including Hawthorn Woods, creating salt, noise and light pollution destroying the quality of life in Lake County and polluting drinking wells of adjacent homeowners.
- More traffic congestion that would funnel onto already congested roads to avoid additional tolls priced at 20 cents per mile, and congestion pricing at an even higher rate.
- The extension would impact the very high quality ADID Indian Creek Wetland Complex, a 130-acre conservation area with documented sensitive flora and fauna and high functional value that qualifies this wetland as a High

Quality Aquatic Resource (HQAR) based on the floristic quality inventory along with Sandhill Cranes, Great Blue Herons and the Great egret surveyed in 2015. (ADID Site 143).

The next step for the Tollway is an Environmental Impact Study. We object to yet another multi-million dollar study, as the last one proved the extension of Route 53 should not proceed in its current alignment through the Indian Creek Marsh wetlands. In fact, the Tollway's own study suggests that this sensitive area in Hawthorn Woods should be avoided completely.

You can view the resolution passed by our Board of Trustees and keep informed on the progression of this project by visiting our website at [www.vhw.org/route53](http://www.vhw.org/route53). We will continue to stay engaged in the process and will take lawful steps necessary to prevent any extension of Route 53 through the corporate limits of our municipality. The Village of Long Grove has enacted a similar resolution to protect our area of the corridor. I urge you all to participate in the conversation and stay engaged as this road, as planned, would have permanent effects to the quiet, rural, and tranquil character of our community.

This proposed project is complex, and after almost 2 years of our task force working on the issue I have found that the details are critical to our position. There is no doubt we have a traffic congestion issue in southern Lake County, but I believe this proposed project will not address the underlying issue – our underdeveloped local roads. In fact, studies show it may worsen the congestion as it will pave a path for more dense development to the north of us, and bring that development much faster than current local roads can handle. It is a nuance that requires a broader look at the entire picture, and includes the question of why we all chose to live in this beautiful area.

While many are claiming a consensus of support for the project, we will continue to challenge the process going back to the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council, which began the latest iteration of the project and did not include one single municipality that lies in the actual path of the proposed road. Not only was this unfair to us and the other four municipalities, but it is not in compliance with State laws.

Your Board of Trustees will continue to respectfully engage with the appropriate authorities with the mission to protect our lifestyle for generations to come. Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest personal regards,



*Joe*

## Hawthorn Woods 2016 Special Events Calendar

### Save the Dates!

The Village of Hawthorn Woods hosts several special events every year to bring together friends, family, and our wonderful community. Join us for our 2016 events!

Winter Carnival	February 20, 1:00-4:00pm, Community Park
Bark in the Park	April 9, 10:00am-Noon, Community Park
Village Golf Outing	May 23, 9:00am, Hawthorn Woods Country Club
Aquatic Center Opening Day	May 30, 11:00am-7:00pm, Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center
Concerts in the Park	Fridays, June 3 - Sept. 9, 6:30-8:00pm, Community Park
Car Show Cruise Night	June 10, 5:00-8:00pm, Community Park
Movie in the Park	June 17, Dusk (8:45pm), Community Park
Concert & Fireworks	July 3, 6:00pm, Community Park
Fourth of July Parade	July 4, 10:00am, Lagoon Drive to Village Hall
Car Show Cruise Night	July 8, 5:00-8:00pm, Community Park
Movie in the Park	July 15, Dusk (8:45pm), Community Park
Car Show Cruise Night	August 12, 5:00-8:00pm, Community Park
Movie in the Park	August 19, Dusk (8:15pm), Community Park
Car Show Cruise Night	September 9, 5:00-8:00pm, Community Park
Fall Family Fun Fest	September 10, 10:00am-Noon, Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center
Movie in the Barn	October 21, 6:30pm, Village Barn
Holiday Craft Fair	November 26, 10:00am-4:00pm, Village Barn
Tree Lighting	December 2, 6:00pm, Village Hall & Barn
Movie in the Barn	December 9, 6:30pm, Village Barn



For more information on our community special events, visit [www.vhw.org/specialevents](http://www.vhw.org/specialevents)

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Sign-up for the Hawthorn Woods e-newsletter at [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org) for information on news & special events!

## Village Calendar January - February 2016

Friday, January 1  
Village Offices Closed  
New Year's Day

Thursday, January 7, 7:00pm  
Environmental Committee Meeting  
Village Hall

Tuesday, January 12, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, January 18  
Village Offices Closed  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 21, 10:00am  
Business Continuity Work Group Meeting  
Village Hall

Monday, January 25, 7:00pm  
Village Board of Trustees Meeting  
Village Barn

Tuesday, January 26, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, February 1, 5:30pm  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Village Hall

Tuesday, February 9, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Wednesday, February 10, 3:00pm  
Police Commissioners Board Meeting  
Police Department

Monday, February 15  
Village Offices Closed  
President's Day

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, February 29, 6:00pm  
Police Pension Board Meeting  
Village Hall

Visit [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org) for calendar updates.



## Village News

### Hawthorn Woods Named Safest City in Illinois by SafeWise

The Village of Hawthorn Woods was recently named the #1 Safest City in Illinois by SafeWise, a nationally-recognized security organization that helps families and communities stay educated about safety and security. To compile this list, SafeWise considered public safety initiatives and the most recent FBI crime data from 2013 to rank 298 cities in Illinois. This distinction follows other recent Village recognitions including being named in the top five Safest and Most Peaceful Cities in Illinois by "Only In Your State" (August 2015), the #1 Safest Place in Illinois by Value Penguin (April 2015), and recognized in the Top 10 Safest Cities in Illinois by Movoto Blog. Citizens, whether they live or work in Hawthorn Woods, take pride in being part of the Hawthorn Woods community. "This is the second organization this year to independently select the Village of Hawthorn Woods as the safest place to live in Illinois," stated Pamela O. Newton, Chief Operating Officer, "To be recognized as the number one safest city twice in the same year is affirmation to the highest standards of excellence which we provide to our residents. We acknowledge our highly engaged citizens who are actively involved in neighborhood watch programs in partnership with the Police Department."



Hawthorn Woods is proud to receive this recognition as Illinois' safest place to live. The Village continues to model excellence in the Lake County area through its impressive low crime index, proactive police force, and local amenities. "We congratulate our Police Department, as well as our citizens, who work in harmony to keep the Village of Hawthorn Woods one of the most desirable places to live in the nation," said Mayor Joseph Mancino, "We are proud to stand out as a model community in Illinois." The Hawthorn Woods Police Department is guided by their mission to provide effective, high-quality service to the community in a professional and courteous manner. The Police Department's commitment to safety and excellence is evident by the recognitions received from SafeWise, Only in Your State, Value Penguin and Movoto Blog.

### Village of Hawthorn Woods Achieves Excellence in Financial Reporting for the last Decade

The Village of Hawthorn Woods has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 2014 fiscal year. This is the tenth consecutive year the Village has been awarded this honor.



The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Kristin N. Kazenas, CPA, MBA, CPFO, Chief Financial Officer for the Village of Hawthorn Woods, is primarily responsible for preparing this award-winning report and has been presented with this distinguished award. "CFO Kazenas has set the standard for excellence in financial management not only for Hawthorn Woods, but has achieved accolades in her profession receiving state and national recognitions," stated Pamela O. Newton, Chief Operating Officer. "The Village of Hawthorn Woods prides itself in achieving excellence for its residents in all areas and appreciates receiving this recognition of excellence in finance," Newton stated. The 2014 Village of Hawthorn Woods CAFR can be found on our website at [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org).

### Vehicle Stickers and Dog Tag Renewals Due January 31

You will receive your renewal form in the mail the first week of January. The Village of Hawthorn Woods offers residents three convenient ways to renew their vehicle stickers and dog tags during the month of January. Payment for renewals can be made in-person at Village Hall, by mail, or by phone. Per Village Code, stickers must be displayed by January 31. Senior rates are available; to qualify, a copy of the driver's license is required.

#### In-Person:

Visit Village Hall, 2 Lagoon Drive, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm to pay for the renewal of your vehicle sticker or dog tag. Village Hall will be open on Saturday, January 30th from 9:00am to Noon for renewals.

#### By Mail:

Mail your entire renewal form (top and bottom), to 2 Lagoon Drive. Checks must be made payable to Village of Hawthorn Woods.

#### By Phone:

Call us at (847) 847-3537 or (847) 847-3586 to order by phone with credit card.

## Hawthorn Woods Winter Carnival

Saturday, February 20 | 1:00 - 4:00pm | Community Park

Shake loose from being cooped up inside and get out and enjoy Community Park for a fun family afternoon. The afternoon will be complete with refreshments, entertainment, music, snowman building contest, games, sledding, and old fashioned wagon rides. This promises to be a spectacular afternoon for the whole family. With the warmth of our great Hawthorn Woods Community, this is sure to make some family memories that will last a lifetime.



## Recreation Happenings

### Fencing (Ages 8+)

Thursdays, 5:00 – 6:00pm

Our fun and informative classes teach students the basics from beginner to expert. Safety is stressed and each participant handles a foil in every session. Students will learn moves and strategies that create the foundation for their fencing game. Each class features instructions and competition. All Equipment Provided. (Instructor: Vladimir Lapshin; Location: Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center)

Jan. 7 - Feb. 11 | Code: 1546  
Fees: \$72/Res; \$80/Non-Res  
Feb. 18 - Mar. 24 | Code: 1557  
Fees: \$72/Res; \$80/Non-Res

### After School of Rock Guitar Lessons (Grades 1-8)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:45pm

Enroll your future rock star and musician to learn how to play guitar in a fun and interactive setting. Your child will be introduced to the basics of guitar including strumming patterns, melodies, and how to read tablature. Music workbooks will be provided; participant must bring their own guitar. (Instructor: Jon Jansky; Location: St. Matthew's School-Luther Hall)

Jan. 7 - Feb. 11 | Code: 1540  
Fees: \$125/Res; \$140/Non-Res  
Feb. 18 - Mar. 24 | Code: 1556  
Fees: \$125/Res; \$140/Non-Res

### Fitness in the Barn (Ages 14 & up)

YOGA Thursdays, 6:00pm  
ZUMBA Saturdays, 9:00am

### Women's Self Defense (Ages 17+)

Wednesdays, Feb. 24 - Mar. 16

6:00 - 8:00pm

Code: 1551

Defend yourself with confidence after completing the Hawthorn Woods Police Department Women's Self-Defense program. This interactive program provides training in recognizing and responding to dangerous situations, and techniques for defending against and escaping attacks. You will learn how projecting confidence through body language can make you less of a target. This is the perfect class for women headed to college, or who live or travel alone. After completing this program, you will feel confident and empowered to defend yourself. (Instructor: Hawthorn Woods Police Department; Location: Village Barn; Fee: \$20/Res; \$25/Non-Res)



### Chess (Ages 6-14)

Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:30pm

Learn the rules of how to play the game and continue to develop chess playing skills, including tactics and strategies. Chess teaches you to think while you visualize moves, create plans, focus thoughts, solve problems, and accept responsibility. (Instructor: Richard Milnamow; Location: St. Matthew's School-Luther Hall)

Jan. 13 - Mar. 2 | Code: 1544 | Fees: \$86/Res, \$96/Non-Res

### Parent/Tot Tumbling (Ages 1 1/2-3)

Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:15am

In this active and fun introduction to gymnastics, tots will learn to take turns, listen, and follow instructions as they enhance fine and gross motor skills. Skills, which will be practiced on our soft tumbling mats, include jumping, climbing, somersaults, rolling, and more! Tot must be walking. (Instructor: Sara Johnson; Location: Village Barn)

Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 | Code: 1555 | Fees: \$65/Res, \$75/Non-Res

### Babysitting (Ages 6-14)

Friday, Feb. 19 & 26, 4:30 – 8:30pm

This class will prepare participants for situations they may face while responsible for children, and teach them to appropriately respond. After successfully completing this course, participants will be Red Cross certified. Books included; participants must attend both dates to complete the certification and are to bring a baby doll and a sack lunch to the class. (Instructor: Dawn Johnson; Location: Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center)

Code: 1541 | Fees: \$50/Res, \$60/Non-Res



### Book Nook Reading Club January 13, 6:30pm

February 10, 6:30pm

Enjoy a good book and share with friends in the Hawthorn Woods Book Nook Reading Club. Our group meets at Village Hall once a month. With this FREE club, all books will be provided for you, courtesy of Fremont Library. Our leader, Peter Ponzio, is a distinguished published author, professional editor, and Hawthorn Woods resident. He will prepare questions for you to consider while you read, and lead discussions at our group meetings. (Location: Village Hall)

## RECREATION OFFERINGS 2016

### REGISTER TODAY!

Choose your convenient method to register for recreation programs.

The Activity Registration Form can be downloaded from our website at [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org).

#### Online

[apm.activecommunities.com/vhw](http://apm.activecommunities.com/vhw)

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