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# Hawthorn Woods Happenings

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Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Call J.U.L.I.E. at 811 at least 48 hours prior to digging, tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what you will be doing, and your affected local utilities companies will be notified about your intent to dig. Within that 48 hours (2 business days), they will send a locator to mark the approximate location of your underground lines, pipes and cables, so you'll know what is below - and be able to dig safely. Safe digging is no accident. 811 is a FREE service.



## Special Events

**Fridays thru Oct. 3**  
4:30pm  
Farmer's Market  
Community Park

**Fridays thru Sept. 19**  
6:30pm  
Summer Concerts  
Community Park

**Saturday, Sept. 6**  
10:00am - Noon  
Fall Family Fun Fest  
Aquatic Center

**Wednesday, Sept. 10**  
Noon  
Senior Monthly Luncheon  
Village Barn

**Wednesday, Oct. 8**  
Noon  
Senior Monthly Luncheon  
Village Barn

**Friday, October 24**  
6:30pm  
Movie in the Barn  
Village Barn

**Saturday, Oct 25**  
9am - 11am  
Java with Joe  
Hawthorn Woods Country Club

## Mayor's Message

Dear Friends,

It has been a great summer in the Village of Hawthorn Woods. I have enjoyed every moment of the great weather, good friends, and fun activities in our beautiful community.

August is the time our department heads are deep into budget analysis for next year. Consistent with this administration's policies, staff is working from a conservative revenue forecast and managed expenditure plan. The past 5 years of zero-based budgeting has strengthened us as a village and allows us reinvest in our assets. This summer we began receiving revenue from our tax sharing agreement from the Mariano's grocery store. We deliberately did not budget for this revenue, therefore making 2014 another healthy year for our reserve fund. To learn about the details on our plans for 2015, join us on September 29th as we hold a joint Finance/Committee of the Whole budget review meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Barn (2 Lagoon Dr.).

Development activity continues in Hawthorn Woods. The Pulte Corporation is finalizing its process with the Village, hoping to break ground this year on an exciting new housing project on the corner of Gilmer and Midlothian Roads. This development includes a retail/commercial component at the intersection. High interest remains in new housing due to our desirable location and available land.

Registration is still open for late summer and fall activities in our Parks and Recreation department. You can find details by visiting our website and going to the Parks and Recreation section. If you have not been to a Friday night Concert in the Park this year, come on out as we have expanded the season until September 19th. Our concert series has become one of the most popular weekly community events in the area. Check our website for more upcoming events including our annual Family Fall Fun Fest.

Stay up to date on important Village news and events by going to our website at vhw.org and signing up for our e-blasts and newsletter. You can also find our official Facebook page online and like us for news and social events.

August is also the time of year for our children to go back to school. This year is quite different in our household from the years of the clutter, school supplies, and backpacks. Our youngest is off to college and our newly degreed oldest is leaving home to start her dream job. As we prepare for our proverbial empty nest I am thankful to have raised both of our children in Hawthorn Woods. It is no doubt their vibrancy is a reflection of where they have grown and the people in their lives from where they call home.

I thank you for your continued support and trust of our Board of Trustees. See you in the neighborhood soon.

Warmest personal regards,

Joe



## Taxpayers Benefit through Awarded Grants

Staff at the Village of Hawthorn Woods is consistently and diligently working toward finding alternate funding sources for the betterment of the community, without utilizing taxpayer dollars. Since the beginning of this year, the Village has been awarded \$351,684 in cash grants, with an additional estimated \$31,166 in products awarded. This brings an added value to the community of \$382,850, without consuming tax dollars.

The grants listed in the chart have been used to repair parks after storms, plant new trees, complete a comprehensive tree inventory, complete a comprehensive plan, maintain abandoned properties, add additional after school youth programming, fund lifesaving AED machines and bullet proof vests, and install garage safety features at the Public Works facility. The Village staff continually looks for means and funds to better the community while not adding an additional tax burden to the residents.

Grant Awarded	Awarding Agency	Received
Disaster Assistance	Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$134,481
IKE Planning Grant	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	\$90,000
Highway Rail Grade Crossing Mitigation	Illinois Commerce Commission	\$75,000
Abandoned Property Grant	Illinois Housing and Development Agency	\$27,497
Emerald Ash Borer Forestry Assistance Grant	Illinois Department of Natural Resources	\$12,146
Safety Grant	Illinois Public Risk Fund	\$4,114
Tree Inventory	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus	\$3,000
Bullet Proof Vest Justice Assistance Grant	US Department of Justice	\$2,516
Power Play Grant	Illinois Association of Park Districts	\$2,000
Helping Hands Grant	Illinois Public Risk Fund	\$480
Heart Saver Grant	Illinois Department of Public Health	\$450
Million Trees Project	Living Lands and Waters	1,000 Oak Tress (Est. Value = \$30,000) 30 Recycle Bins
Keep America Beautiful Public Park Recycling Grant	Dr. Pepper/Snapple	(Est. Value = \$1,166)

# FALL FAMILY FUN FEST

**Saturday, September 6, 2014**

10am - Noon at the Aquatic Center

Join us for the 6th Annual Fall Family Fun Fest. At this FREE event, children and families can swim in the pool, touch-a-truck, be creative with arts and craft, and go on a mini-train ride! This family friendly event is complete with a concert from Chuckaroo and the Fabulous Memories. Meet your Village staff from all departments including Public Works, Police, and more!

**Saturday, October 25, 9am-11am**  
Hawthorn Woods Country Club

Meet your Mayor and discuss topics impacting our community that are important to you, or stop by and say hello. Village Mayor Joseph Mancino will be at the Hawthorn Woods Country Club on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00am to 11:00am to enjoy a cup of coffee with the Hawthorn Woods community and meet & greet Mayor Mancino.

**Attendance is complimentary and open to everyone.**



Signup for our eblasts at [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org) for info on special events & news!

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## Village Calendar FALL 2014

Monday, September 1  
Labor Day - Village Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 5:30pm  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Village Hall

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

Monday, Sept. 15, 7:00pm  
Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting - Village Barn

Monday, Sept. 29, 5:30pm  
Joint Finance / Committee of  
the Whole Meeting -  
2015 Budget Review  
Village Barn

Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:00pm  
Environmental Committee  
Meeting - Village Hall

Monday, Oct. 6, 5:30pm  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Village Hall

Monday, Oct. 6, 6:00pm  
Public Safety &  
Judicial Committee Meeting  
Village Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6:00pm  
Public Works Committee  
Meeting - Village Hall

Monday, October 13  
Columbus Day - Village Closed

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00pm  
Village Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
Village Barn

## Summer In Our Parks

Village continues to offer good food, good movies, and great live music. View the remainder of our summer events schedule below. The following Farmer's Markets, Concerts, & Movies listed below are held at Community Park.

<b>Sept. 5, 4:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>Sept. 5, 6:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Concert: Deja Vu (Variety)</b>
<b>Sept. 6, 10:00am - Noon</b>	<b>Fall Family Fun Fest at Aquatic Center</b>
<b>Sept. 12, 4:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>Sept. 12, 6:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Concert: The Chauffeurs (Oldies Pop/Rock)</b>
<b>Sept. 19, 4:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>Sept. 19, 6:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Concert: 8 Miles South</b>
<b>Sept. 26, 4:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>October 3, 4:30pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Farmer's Market</b>
<b>October 24, 6:30pm</b>	<b>Movie in the Barn: Casper</b>



## Village News

### Hawthorn Woods Electric Aggregation Rate Best in Network

Residents of Hawthorn Woods who have enrolled in the municipal electric aggregation program have saved \$510,000 as a whole since April 2013. This is money that is deservingly remaining in the pockets of our residents. Enrollees of the program pay a rate of 5.48 cents per kWh, as compared to the current ComEd rate of 7.596 cents per kWh. The Village recently renewed the aggregation contract in March 2014 with FirstEnergy Solutions, which will keep this low competitive rate fixed through Spring of 2017.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods proudly works on the behalf of its residents to facilitate this cumulative savings of \$510,000. All residents currently in the Hawthorn Woods Electric Aggregation program are automatically renewed into the program each year. To enroll into the program, contact FirstEnergy Solutions at (888) 651-5200 (M-F, 7am-4 pm). The Village of Hawthorn Woods currently has the lowest rate of any village within NIMEC communities.



### Mayor Mancino Elected as President of Lake County Municipal League

Continuing to answer the call to public service, Mayor Joseph Mancino of the Village of Hawthorn Woods has been elected to serve as the President of the Lake County Municipal League. Mancino began serving his term on July 17, 2014. Prior to being elected, Mayor Mancino served as Director on the board of the Lake County Municipal League (LCML) for the past 4 years, including one of those years as Secretary. The League's membership is comprised of 38 Lake County municipal government organizations including Mayors, Board Members and Municipal Administrators. The League serves as a vehicle for members to collaborate on issues and legislation and take joint-action on matters affecting Lake County municipalities.

In recent years economic uncertainties have placed pressure on local government to deliver better services with fewer resources. Municipal council of governments such as the LCML are growing resources for municipalities to exchange ideas and formulate sustainable strategies to address mounting challenges. Citing those unique challenges Mancino stated, "Lake County municipalities are doing things right despite the economic challenges around us. We need to unite and strengthen our local municipal authority to ensure continued good stewardship of our taxes and services."

For more on Village News topics, please visit our website [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org)

### Village Welcomes New Planning Manager to Staff

The Village of Hawthorn Woods recently welcomed Michael Cassata to its staff as Planning Manager. Michael will facilitate future development in our Village and will develop long-range plans. Michael has a Master's degree in Urban Planning & Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He offers the Village 12 years of experience and expertise in planning. Michael's career includes working for the Village of Mundelein, Foley & Lardner LLC, and as a consultant for entitlements and permitting. "I am happy and excited to come to Hawthorn Woods and work with the Mayor, Board of Trustees, and the talented Village staff for the progress and future of this great town," states Cassata. Michael can be reached at [mcassata@vhw.org](mailto:mcassata@vhw.org) or (847) 847-3527.



## Women's Self-Defense Program (Ages 17 & Up)

Defend yourself with confidence after completing the Hawthorn Woods Police Department Women's Self-Defense program. This interactive program will provide training in recognizing and responding to dangerous situations, and techniques for successfully defending against and escaping the types of attacks most often encountered by women. Our series of four classes offers an excellent opportunity to learn physical skills and techniques to



defend against attacks while maintaining a fun and positive environment. 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. In the four class sessions we provide, you will be given the information and physical training to feel confident and empowered to defend yourself.

**4 classes included in the fee. Wednesdays, Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 6pm-8pm**  
**Location: Village Barn - Fee: \$10/Res; \$15/Non-Res - Code: 1225**



## Fall Arts & Crafts Programs

### Halloween Wreath (Adults) - Mon, Oct. 20, 7pm-9pm - Code: 1236

Come create a one-of-a-kind, 12-inch, Halloween wreath, covered with rosettes of various Halloween paper and adorned with google eyes. (Instructed by Lora Rampino; Location: Village Barn; Fee: \$30)



### Ghouls & Goblins (Ages 6-12) Tues., Oct. 21, 4pm-6pm - Code: 1237

Come create some ghouls and goblins perfect for decorating for the upcoming Halloween celebration! (Instructed by Lora Rampino; Location: Village Barn; Fee: \$27)



## Youth Sports (Ages 3 - 9)

The following classes are held outside. Please bring a water bottle. Games are played at the end of each class. Instructed by Sports R Us; Located at Rambling Hills Park; Fees: \$54/Resident; \$62/Non-Resident.

### Soccer/T-Ball Combo (Ages 3-4) Mon, Sept 15-Oct 20, 4pm-4:50pm

This class is perfect for toddlers who are full of energy and parents who are looking for an introduction to t-ball and soccer. Socialization, teamwork, following directions, key motor skills and having fun will be the focus in this non-competitive environment. For the first two weeks of class we will focus on t-ball and the second two weeks we will work on soccer skills. (Code: 1229)

### Pee Wee Flag Football (Ages 4-6) Mon, Sept 15-Oct 20, 5pm-5:50pm

Tackle the fun with this instructional, non-contact class. Using mini-sized footballs along with the introduction of flags, players will learn the skills to get them started in football. Along with the core skills of passing and catching, players will learn the rules, positions on the field, as well as strategies for both offense and defense. (Code: 1230)

### Monday Night Flag Football Speed & Agility (Ages 7-9) Mon, Sept 15-Oct 20, 6pm-7pm

Are you ready for some flag football? You are invited to play the competitive, minimal contact sport of football (without tackling). You will learn the fundamentals as we learn how to pass, catch, simple positioning, and teamwork. Participants will improve speed & agility to make them faster, stronger, and more agile athletes. (Code: 1231)

## General Recreation - All Ages

### AARP Driver Safety Course

Thurs., Sept. 25 & Tues., Sept. 30, 9am-1pm  
Increase your confidence while driving by learning safe practices on roads today. In this 2-day course, drivers will learn research based safety strategies that can reduce the likelihood of having an accident. Drivers will learn about advanced safety features available to them in their cars. Coffee and snacks will be provided. (Instructed by Bud Emmons; Location: Village Barn; Fees: \$20/AARP Member; \$25/Non-Resident; Code: 1235)

### Little Chefs Cooking Class (Ages 3-5)

Fri., Sept. 12, 9:30am-10:30am, Code: 1226  
Mon., Oct. 20, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Code: 1227  
A dash of this & a pinch of that! Let's put on our aprons and start cooking. We will make simple and fun, kid-friendly recipes. Each child will receive a recipe card for each recipe made in class. (Instructed by Recreation Staff; Location: Village Barn; Fees: \$15/Res \$18/Non-Res)



### Chess Classes (Ages 6-14)

Wed., Sept. 17 - Nov. 5  
4:30pm-5:30pm  
Chess teaches you to think while you visualize moves, create plans, focus thoughts, & solve problems. You will learn the rules of the game and develop chess playing skills. All equipment will be provided. (Instructed by Richard Brunom; Location: St. Matthews School; Fees: \$65/Res \$75/Non-Res; Code: 1228)

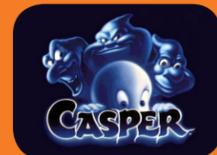


## Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is a cooperative Member Agency of the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County. SRACL provides community based therapeutic recreation programs and services to people of all ages with special needs or disabilities. Contact the SRACL at (847) 816-4866 or visit their website at [www.sraccl.org](http://www.sraccl.org).

### MOVIE IN THE BARN

Friday, October 24, 6:30pm  
Let's gather together at the Village barn for a cozy night with friends and family. Join us at 6:30pm for a craft and then we will settle in for our feature presentation, "Casper", at 7:00pm. Popcorn and glow items will be available for purchase. This is a FREE community event!



## RECREATION OFFERINGS 2014

### REGISTER TODAY!

Choose your convenient method to register for recreation programs such as open gym, chess, & more.

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

- Register Online ([apm.activecommunities.com/vhw](http://apm.activecommunities.com/vhw))
- Mail or Drop-Off to Village Hall, 2 Lagoon Dr, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047
- Fax to (847) 438-1459