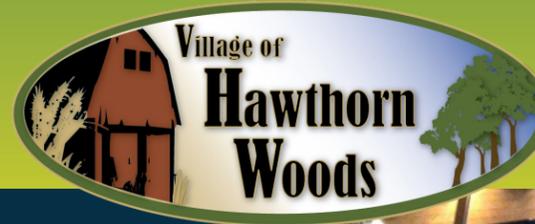




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Hawthorn Woods Happenings

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Special Events

Fri, Oct. 24
6:30pm
Movie in the Barn
Village Barn

Sat, Oct. 25
9am - 11am
Java with Joe
Hawthorn Woods Country Club

Wed, Nov. 12
Noon
Senior Monthly Luncheon
Hawthorn Woods Country Club

Sat, Nov. 29
10am - 4pm
Holiday Craft Fair
Village Barn

Fri, Dec. 5
6:00pm
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Village Barn

Wed, Dec. 10
Noon
Senior Monthly Luncheon
Village Barn

Fri, Dec. 12
6:30pm
Movie in the Barn
Village Barn



Craft Fair | Sat. Nov 29

Tree Lighting | Fri. Dec 5

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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)
Keep America Beautiful Public Park Recycling Grant	Dr. Pepper/Snapple	30 Recycle Bins (Est. Value = \$18,000)

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Improving Our Local Parks for Safety, Accessibility, and Enjoyment

This past year was a busy and successful season in our parks. Village staff consulted with Recreation Accessibility Consultants to complete an American Disabilities Act (ADA) audit. The results of the audit were presented to the Board of Trustees at the Village Board meeting held on April 21st of 2014. Mayor Joseph Mancino stated, "Our parks and open areas are some of our greatest treasures in Hawthorn Woods, and we are committed to maintaining them for generations to come." After reviewing the results of the ADA audit and considering the recently completed Comprehensive Master Plan, several park projects were launched. The Village received assistance from an ADA accessibility grant and FEMA Disasaster Recovery to help fund the projects.

Improvements were completed throughout the entire Hawthorn Woods community under the belief that all Village parks should be safe, fun, and accessible to everyone. Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Sullivan stated, "The Village of Hawthorn Woods has a long tradition of valuing excellent parks and open areas which bring together families and the community." The following improvements were made this past year:

- ADA compliant pathways were installed at Highview, Rambling Hills, and Woodland parks
- 24 recycling containers were added throughout the park system (funding assistance received through a grant from Dr. Pepper/Snapple)
- The ball field at Highview Park was renovated to make available for competitive play
- The tennis courts and basketball courts at Highview Park were resurfaced
- A new piece of playground equipment was installed at Highview Park (replacement for outdated equipment)
- A new piece of climbing equipment was installed at the Aquatic Center, along with a rubber safety surface
- New certified safety playground mulch was placed throughout Community, Heritage Oaks, Copperfield, B&B, Highview, Rambling Hills, and Woodland parks
- New park benches were installed at Highview Park
- Benches at B&B, Rambling Hills, and Woodland parks were upgraded
- Athletic fields at Heritage Oaks and B&B parks were top dressed and over seeded (both parks should be ready for play in spring of 2015)

The Village will continue to invest in the park system throughout 2015 and beyond. Next year many projects are scheduled to be completed including installing ADA paths and placing certified safety playground mulch at Acorn Acres and Heather Highlands parks, sand blasting and painting the pools at the Aquatic Center, and renovating the ball field at Rambling Hills Park. With funding assistance from a grant, the Village will also be installing uniform signage throughout the entire Hawthorn Woods park system.



Renovated Ball Field



New Playground Equipment and Certified Safety Playground Mulch



Resurfaced Basketball Courts



ADA Path

Signup for our eblasts
at www.vhw.org
for info on special
events & news!

Monday, Nov. 3, 5:30pm
Finance Committee Meeting
Village Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 11
Village Offices Closed
Veteran's Day

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:00pm
Planning, Building & Zoning
Commission Meeting
Village Barn

Monday, Nov. 17, 7:00pm
Village Board of Trustees
Meeting
Village Barn

Monday, Nov. 24, 6:00pm
Police Pension Board Meeting
Village Hall

Thursday, Nov. 27
Village Offices Closed
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 28
Village Offices Closed
Thanksgiving Friday

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Village Offices Closed
Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec. 25
Village Offices Closed
Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Village Offices Closed
New Year's Eve

Thursday, Jan. 1
Village Offices Closed
New Year's Day

Hawthorn Woods Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 29th | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Village Barn

Decorate your home or search for the perfect unique holiday gift at the Hawthorn Woods Annual Holiday Craft Fair. A wide variety of vendors and business bring their unique and handcrafted items to make your holiday season extra special. Find the perfect treasure for yourself or anyone on your holiday gift list. Admission is FREE!



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 5th | 6:00pm | Village Barn

Usher in the holiday season and see Santa at the Annual Hawthorn Woods Tree Lighting Ceremony. Please join Mayor Mancino, the Village Board of Trustees, your Village Staff, and your Hawthorn Woods neighbors at this annual event. The tree will be set aglow while we listen to the Stevenson High School Caroling Choir followed by the arrival of Santa Claus on our fire truck. Stay warm inside the Barn with hot cocoa and cookies while making an ornament for your family tree. Children can visit with Santa, so don't forget your camera. Be sure to join us for this traditional holiday event! This event is FREE to the community.



Movies In The Barn

Let's gather together at the Village barn for a cozy night with friends and family. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a craft and then we will settle in for our feature presentation at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and glow items will be available for purchase. These are FREE community events.



Friday, Oct. 24th
6:30pm
Village Barn



Friday, Dec. 12th
6:30pm
Village Barn

New Recreation Programs

Tot Science Academy (Ages 3-6)

Mondays, 9:30am – 10:30am
Children will explore, discover, and learn in these drop-off classes through science experiments, projects, and stories. Science engages a child's curiosity. Each week we will engage in sensory activities as we learn about stars, rocks, earth, and more! (Fees: \$20/Res/Class; \$25/Non-Res/Class; Register for more than 1 class and save; Instructor: Dawn Johnson; Location: Aquatic Center Community Room)

Oct. 27	Code: 1244
Nov. 3	Code: 1245
Nov. 10	Code: 1246
Nov. 17	Code: 1247

Kids in the Kitchen (Ages 3-6)

Mondays, 11:00am - Noon
A dash of this and a pinch of that! Let's put on our aprons and start cooking in these drop-off classes. We will make simple and fun, kid-friendly recipes. As we enjoy the fruits of our labor. We will talk about table etiquette and read a fun food story. Each child will receive a recipe card for each recipe made in class, and a to-go container for their leftovers. (Fees: \$20/Res/Class; \$25/Non-Res/Class; Register for more than 1 class and save; Instructor: Dawn Johnson; Location: Aquatic Center Community Room)

Oct. 27	Code: 1249
Nov. 3	Code: 1250
Nov. 10	Code: 1251
Nov. 17	Code: 1252

Teen Trips (Ages 13-15)

Let's get together with friends and enjoy a fun trip to Dave & Busters, Water Works Indoor Water Park, or Rink Side Sports. (Instructor: Dawn Johnson; Pick-Up and Drop-Off at Village Hall; Fees include transportation and entrance into the location; does not include money spent on-site)

Dave & Busters (Vernon Hills)
Friday, Dec. 12, 4:30pm - 8:30pm

Water Works (Schaumburg) Indoor Water Park
Monday, Dec. 22, 11:30am - 3:30pm

Rink Side Sports (Gurnee)
Monday, Dec. 29, 11:00am - 3:00pm

Visit us online for pricing and details on teen trips.

Visit www.vhw.org > Parks & Recreation > Recreation Programs for recreation program offerings for all ages.

Village News

Chief Administrative Officer Celebrates 25 Years of Service



Donna Lobaito began her tenure with Hawthorn Woods in August of 1989 when she was hired to work part-time in the Building Department. During this time, she also focused on raising her family. A year and a half later, she began serving in the Finance Department as the Treasurer's Assistant. For a brief period of time, Lobaito left Hawthorn Woods to work for the Lakes Region Sanitary District. But it was only 7 months later that the Village called her back to service in Hawthorn Woods as the Assistant Village Administrator - Lobaito answered that call. She returned to Hawthorn Woods, and then during a reorganization in 2009, Lobaito's title was changed to Chief Administrative Officer. In 2010, she was appointed as the Village Clerk by Mayor Joseph Mancino.

Lobaito states, "The best part of my job is being able to serve the residents of Hawthorn Woods, it has become my passion." Lobaito has been instrumental in many Village developments and projects, including the upcoming Pulte development, but says her greatest accomplishment is "being able to provide information and have direct and personal contact with the residents". Lobaito is the longest serving employee at the Village of Hawthorn Woods. She holds her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and will graduate in December of 2014 with her Certificate in Paralegal Studies. We thank Donna for her years of service and continued dedication to the Hawthorn Woods community.

Police Department Welcomes New Officer to Staff

Officer Michael Behan III was sworn in by Mayor Joseph Mancino as a Police Officer with the Hawthorn Woods Police Department at the March 31st, 2014 Village Board of Trustees meeting, which was attended by over 40 of his closest friends and family. He then completed 12-weeks of basics training at the Police Training Institute in Champaign-Urbana. Behan has been working alongside with Officers of the Hawthorn Woods Police Department as he completes 15 weeks of field training. His field training will be completed at the end of October at which time Officer Behan will begin solo patrol.



"I am so unbelievably excited and honored to be working with this wonderful community with great leadership in a position that you are continuously learning and having new experiences," stated Behan. Behan graduated from Columbia College with a bachelors degree in psychology.

Trick-or-Treating

Friday, October 31st
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stay safe this Halloween with these safety tips from the Hawthorn Woods Police Department:

Treats: Encourage children to not eat any treats before an adult has carefully checked them.

Costumes: Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Children are encouraged to carry lit flashlights after dark. Purchase costumes that are labeled as flame resistant.

Pedestrian Safety: Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should walk (not run) from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

Choose Safe Houses: Children should only go to homes that they know, or that have an outside light on (as a sign of welcome). Trick-or-Treat in groups, never alone.

Parks and Recreation Department Named Among the Best of the Best in Illinois

The Village of Hawthorn Woods Parks & Recreation Department has been named among the Best of the Best within the state of Illinois by the Illinois Association of Park Districts for their partnership with Apex Landscaping. The department placed among two other entities in the category of "Best Friend of Illinois Parks-Small Business" for their effort and success in bringing together public and private entities for the benefit of the public.

Apex Landscaping is located in Hawthorn Woods and specializes in commercial and residential property design, construction, and maintenance. The company continually demonstrates its commitment to the improvement of the Hawthorn Woods parks system and open spaces through donations, assistance with cooperative projects, and being an available resource for expert advice. Staff from the Village's Parks & Recreation Department and Apex Landscaping will attend an awards gala held by the Illinois Association of Park Districts on October 24th where they will be recognized for their achievements.



Inventory of Trees on Village Property



Health Savings Account (HSA) Workshop

Wednesday, November 19
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Inland Bank - Hawthorn Woods
Inland Bank and the Village of Hawthorn Woods have come together to offer this FREE workshop for you to discover how a no-fee Health Savings Account is a smart way to save money to help pay for current and future qualified medical expenses on a tax-free basis. An Inland Bank HSA is like an IRA for your healthcare that empowers you to prepare for and manage healthcare costs. HSAs offer triple tax benefits, complement your retirement plan, and also can be used to save and pay tax-free for your qualified healthcare expenses (doctor's visits, prescriptions, and dental and vision expenses).
RSVP to Amy at ascholz@vhw.org or 847-847-3533.



Saturdays, 9:00am
Village Barn

Dance to this dynamic and effective fitness system that fuses Latin and International music! Zumba utilizes the principles of fitness interval training and resistance training to maximize caloric output, fat burning and total body toning. Ages 14 & up are welcome! (Fees: \$8/class; \$60/10-punch pass)

RECREATION OFFERINGS 2014

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Choose your convenient method to register for recreation programs.

The Activity Registration Form can be downloaded from our website at www.vhw.org.

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