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# Hawthorn Woods Happenings

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## Upcoming Events

Wed, Jan. 14  
Noon  
Senior Monthly Luncheon  
Village Barn

Wed, Feb. 11  
Noon  
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Village Barn

Sat, Feb. 21  
Noon  
Winter Carnival  
Community Park



Vehicle Sticker/Dog Tag Renewals | Due by January 31

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## Hawthorn Woods Receives Innovation Award

The Village Hawthorn Woods was recently awarded the *Innovation Award* by the Lake County Municipal League. The Lake County Municipal League is a council of nearly forty cities and villages in Lake County dedicated to furthering excellence in municipal government through information sharing and networking, intergovernmental cooperation, and advocacy for the common interests of its membership. This award recognizes municipalities that developed strategic programs to solve municipal challenges and increase the effectiveness of local government. Mayor Mancino, along with Village Trustees and Village administrative Staff, attended a reception on Thursday, November 20th when the award was presented.

Mayor Joseph Mancino took office in April of 2009 and was faced with a severe financial crisis. He and the Village Board implemented a radical policy change – the Village of Hawthorn Woods would be entrepreneurially managed, using small business principles.

The first step in implementing this policy was assembling a team of seasoned professionals with both public and private sector experience. Policies and procedures were reinvented to facilitate the economic recovery. A zero based budgeting approach was implemented. Non-tax revenue initiatives were created including sponsorships, fund raising, and donation partner support. A pay for performance and private sector model for employee benefits and paid time off was implemented. Five years later, the Village is happy to report a dramatic turnaround. The general fund balance has improved from a low point of 5% (\$179,353) as of December 2008 to 45% (\$1,755,584) as of the December 31, 2013 audit.

This entrepreneurial vision resulted in dramatic and sustainable results, and because of this vision and its success, the Village of Hawthorn Woods Board of Trustees and Staff are proud to receive the Innovation Award. Chief Operating Officer Pam Newton states, "We are proud to serve on this team that strives for excellence by building a financially secure, strong community for the future of Hawthorn Woods."



Top row from left to right: Trustee Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor Joseph Mancino, and Trustee Peter Ponzio. Bottom row from left to right: Trustee Kelly Corrigan, Chief Financial Officer Kristin Kazenas, and Chief Administrative Officer Donna Lobaito

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## Saturday, February 21 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Community Park

Shake loose from being cooped up inside and get out and enjoy Community Park for a spectacular fun family afternoon. There is no reason to wait for spring. 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.

## 2015 Special Events Save the Dates!

- February 21 - Winter Carnival
- April 25 - Bark in the Park
- May 18 - Village Golf Outing
- May 23 - Aquatic Center Opening Day
- Starting June 12 - Farmer's Market
- Fridays Starting June 5  
Concert in the Park
- June 19 - Movie in the Park
- July 3 - Fireworks
- July 4 - Fourth of July Parade
- July 17 - Movie in the Park
- August 21 - Movie in the Park
- September 12 - Fall Family Fun Fest
- October 23 - Movie in the Barn
- November 28 - Craft Fair
- December 4 - Tree Lighting
- December 11 - Movie in the Barn

Visit [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org)  
> Parks & Recreation > Special Events  
for more information.



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events & news!

### Elected Officials

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

Monday, Jan. 5, 6:00pm  
Public Safety & Judicial  
Committee Meeting  
Village Barn

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 6:00pm  
Public Works Committee  
Meeting  
Village Hall

Thursday, Jan. 8, 7:00pm  
Environmental Committee  
Meeting  
Village Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, Jan. 19  
Village Offices Closed  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:00pm  
Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, Feb. 2, 5:30pm  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Village Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, Feb. 16  
Village Offices Closed  
President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:00pm  
Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, Feb. 23, 6:00pm  
Board of Trustees of the Police  
Pension Meeting  
Village Hall

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

## Village News

### Sunset Period Ending on 2007 Shed Ordinance Village to Begin Compliance Process

On November 26th of 2007, the Village Board of Trustees at that time passed ordinance number 1235-07 which prohibits sheds within the boundaries of Hawthorn Woods. The ordinance provided residents with already existing sheds on their property in 2007, with a 7-year amortization period to remove the shed. This sunset period granted by that board is coming to an end. In compliance with this ordinance, all existing sheds, no matter when erected, are to be removed by December 15, 2014. On December 16th of this year, the Village Building Division will begin the compliance process, which could result in the issuance of a ticket for a shed not taken down or removed from the property. We appreciate your cooperation. For questions, please contact Planning Manager Michael Cassata at [mcassata@vhw.org](mailto:mcassata@vhw.org) or (847) 847-3527.

### Snow Plow Know How

During the winter season, the Village performs snow and ice removal operations on village owned streets. All residents are reminded that during and after snow and ice events, roadway surfaces may not provide as much traction as would otherwise exist, and driving with extra caution is recommended. The Village's Public Works Department offers the following information to help ensure snowplow operations are accomplished in a safe and effective manner:

- Obstructions in the Village right-of-way are not allowed per Village Ordinance 7-2-2, Obstructing Parkway. Placement of obstacles such as rocks, boulders, concrete, railroad ties, trees, shrubs, monument columns and monument mailboxes that inhibit snowplowing, vehicular traffic movement and the flow of water that prohibit maintenance of the right-of-way or obstruct vision are prohibited in the Village right-of-way.
- Depositing snow to streets from private driveways creates a hazard and is very dangerous after it freezes. When removing snow from private property, please avoid shoveling snow onto or across village streets.
- Parking is prohibited on any street during snowfall events. On-street vehicles impede the ability to clear the street of snow.

Please use the following guidelines to report hazardous road conditions such as ice, over two inches of snow accumulation, or drifted over roads:

- Any hour of the day, visit our website ([www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org)) and use the Report a Concern function to send a message directly to our Public Works department regarding road conditions.
- Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., please call (847) 540-5227 to report any concerns regarding road conditions.

The Village acts with great care, however, efforts may result in damage to lawns, parkways, and mailboxes. When a properly installed and secured mailbox is damaged during Village snow plow operations, the mailbox will be repaired or replaced with a standard issued mailbox as soon as possible. To report damage to a mailbox as a result of Village snowplow operations, please call (847) 540-5227. Thank you and let's hope for a mild Winter!

### Meet Your New Building Division Specialist



Amy Belmonte recently joined the Village Staff as a Building Division Specialist. Amy has over 20 years of experience working for municipal organizations and brings a wealth of knowledge. Belmonte stated, "I am excited for the opportunity to work for the Hawthorn Woods community and the Village Board. This community has a group of talented and enthusiastic individuals working for them, and I am happy to be part of this amazing team." Amy will be working in the front office of Village Hall and can be reached at [abelmonte@vhw.org](mailto:abelmonte@vhw.org) or at (847) 847-3537.



### Emergency Operations Plan

After nearly a 3 year process, the Hawthorn Woods Emergency Operations Plan has been finalized and approved by the Village Board. This 453 page document is for use in times of major disaster, natural or technological, that may occur in Hawthorn Woods.

The plan identifies possible disasters, methods of operations to insure the continuation of local government, and services and resources to handle all contingencies. This document will assist all necessary agencies to combat disaster more efficiently in effort to save lives, accelerate rescue services, alleviate suffering, rehabilitate and reunite families quickly, and restore to normal in the shortest time possible. It is the hope that these services will never be needed in Hawthorn Woods, but if needed, we stand ready to assist in every way possible and render aid to our fellow citizens.

## Upcoming Recreation Programs for All Ages

### Dance, Musical Theatre, Poms, Tumbling & More!

Wednesdays - Saturdays, Jan. 5 - May 16 | Ages 3-12

The Hawthorn Woods Parks & Recreation Department and Trilogy School of Performing Arts have come together to offer the residents of Hawthorn Woods convenient, affordable, and quality dance, theatre, and various performing arts classes. A wide variety of classes will be offered Wednesday through Saturday and will be held at the Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center located on Midlothian Road. Our dancers will finish off their season and demonstrate their talents at a showcase event on May 30, 2015.

Class Offerings Include: Ballet I & II, Jazz I & II, Contemporary/Lyrical, Hip Hop I & II, Storytelling, Musical Theater I & II, Pom-Poms, Pre-School Dance, and Tumbling I & II. For a detailed class schedule and registration information, please visit [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org) and search DANCE.

For more information on dance and performing arts classes,  
please contact Recreation Manager Amy Scholz at [ascholz@vhw.org](mailto:ascholz@vhw.org) or (847) 847-3533.



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

Wednesdays, Feb. 4 - Feb. 25, 6:00 - 8:00pm | Code: 1266

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: \$10/Res; \$15/Non-Res)



### Book Nook Book Club (Ages 17 & Up)

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month

Jan. 11 - May 24, 2:00 - 3:00pm | Code: 1262

Enjoy a good book and share with friends in the Hawthorn Woods Book Nook Reading Club. Our group will meet at St. Matthews School in the Library every second and fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00pm. All books will be provided and delivered to you when we meet, courtesy of Fremont Library. Our leader, Peter Ponzio, will prepare questions before starting each book for you to consider when reading. Then we can all share our thoughts at our club meetings. Visit our website for more information including a book list. (Leader: Peter Ponzio, published author, professional editor, and Hawthorn Woods resident; Location: St. Matthew's School - Library; Fee: \$5/Res; \$10/Non-Res)

### Stay Fit on Saturdays (Ages 14 & Up)

Boot Camp - Saturdays, 7:00am (On-Going Starting Jan. 3)

Get a full body strength and cardio workout with this mix of traditional calisthenics, body weight exercises, interval training, and strength training. All levels welcome. Equipment needed: yoga mat; light dumbbells; water; running or cross-training shoes. (Location: Village Barn; Drop-in fee required)

Zumba - Saturdays, 9:00am (Currently On-Going)

Dance to this dynamic and effective fitness system that fuses Latin and International music! Zumba utilizes interval training and resistance training to maximize caloric output, fat burning, and total body toning. (Location: Village Barn; Drop-in fee required)

### 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)

Jan. 21 - Mar. 11 | Code: 1260  
Fees: \$65/Res, \$75/Non-Res

### Fencing (Ages 3-6)

Thursdays, 4:45 - 5:45pm

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: Fencing Sports Club; Location: St. Matthew's School)

Jan. 8 - Feb. 12 | Code: 1261  
Fees: \$80/Res; \$95/Non-Res

Feb. 19 - Mar. 19 | Code: 1263  
Fees: \$67/Res; \$79/Non-Res

### Babysitting (Ages 6-14)

Saturday, Feb. 14, 11am - 3pm

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 are to bring a baby doll and a sack lunch to the class. (Code: 1269; Instructor: Dawn Johnson; Location: Village Barn; Fee: \$65/Res, \$75/Non-Res)



### Homebuyer Workshop

Thursday, February 5  
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 to help you get ready for the spring purchase market. The spring market starts the weekend after the Super Bowl. The presentation will review several items when considering purchasing a home. We will review credit scores and how they affect your purchasing power. We will also review different loan options and down payment needed. Lastly we will review getting pre-qualified for a purchase. Coffee and snacks will be provided.  
RSVP to Amy at [ascholz@vhw.org](mailto:ascholz@vhw.org) or 847-847-3533.

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