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# Hawthorn Woods Happenings

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## Upcoming Special Events

**Fridays through  
September 11  
6:30 p.m.**  
Friday Night Fests  
*Community Park*  
\* Concerts  
\* Movies  
\* Car Shows  
\* Food Vendors

**Wed, Sept. 9  
Noon**  
Senior Monthly  
Luncheon  
*Village Barn*

**Sat, Sept. 12  
10 a.m. - Noon**  
Fall Family Fun  
Fest  
*Aquatic Center*

**Wed, October 14  
Noon**  
Senior Monthly  
Luncheon  
*Village Barn*

**Fri, October 23  
6:30 p.m.**  
Movie in the Barn  
*Village Barn*

**Sat, October 24  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
Java with Joe  
*Hawthorn Woods  
Country Club*



Fall Family Fun Fest | Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - Noon

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## Mayor's Message

Dear Neighbors,

Over the past 18 months I have represented our Board of Trustees at local committee meetings researching the feasibility of a proposed Route 53 highway extension. While historically this was being considered as a State project, the Illinois Tollway Authority, who has authorized the recent meetings and discussions, is studying the current version.

Last summer we created a task force consisting of Village staff, professional consultants, and Village Board members in order to best comprehend the local Route 53 feasibility process and represent the Village's interests in discussions. As the committee meetings wrap up, a recommendation is to be made from the committees directly to the Illinois Tollway Authority to either proceed with the process or abandon the effort. Officially the Village has not taken a position on the road, but has carefully vetted the potential impacts such a road would have on Hawthorn Woods from land use perspective, environmental impacts, financial cost, and alignment (height of the tollway).

I feel it is critical for residents to understand precisely how this feasibility process has developed, what impacts are expected should the road project proceed, and then have our Board of Trustees hear your thoughts directly. We will be holding a Town Hall meeting specifically to present our findings on Route 53 – that is the sole purpose of this meeting and I want to personally urge to you attend.

Many of you have discussed Route 53 with me personally at Village events, via email, and around the neighborhood. As I have communicated with you personally, this project has legs, and it is critical for all residents to have the most current information and facts.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew's School, located at 24500 N. Old McHenry Road in Hawthorn Woods.

I thank you for your continued support and trust you have placed in your Board.

Warmest personal regards,



*Joe*

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events & news!

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## Friday Night Fun Continues Through September 11<sup>th</sup> Concerts | Movies | Car Shows

Enjoy a sweet summer night with good friends and great music. Friday Night Fests are FREE events with food vendors available each night. Take a look at the end of our 2015 summer schedule:

### 2015 Friday Night Events

- August 21 Concert: John Lambert (Classic Acoustic Rock)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Community Park
- August 21 Movie: Tangled  
Dusk (8:15 p.m.) | Community Park
- August 28 Concert: Magic Frank Blues Band (Blues/Rock)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Community Park
- September 4 Concert: K Michaels Band (Classic Rock)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Community Park
- September 11 Car Show Cruise Night  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Community Park
- September 11 Concert: 8 Miles South (Southern Rock)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Community Park



### Elected Officials

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**Village Calendar**  
September - October 2015

Monday, Sept. 7  
Village Offices Closed  
Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 5:30pm  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Village Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Monday, Sept. 21, 7:00pm  
Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting  
Village Barn

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:00pm  
Environmental Committee  
Meeting  
Village Hall

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

Monday, Oct. 5, 5:30pm  
Committee of the Whole  
Meeting - 2016 Budget  
Village Hall

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

Monday, Oct. 12  
Village Offices Closed  
Columbus Day

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

Monday, Oct. 19, 7:00pm  
Village Board of Trustees  
Meeting  
Village Barn

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:00pm  
Planning, Building & Zoning  
Commission Meeting  
Village Barn

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



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**Upcoming Happenings & Events**



**Fall Family Fun Fest**

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center

Join us for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Family Fun Fest. At this FREE event, children and families can touch-a-truck, be creative with arts and crafts, 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!



**Movie in the Barn - Maleficent**

Friday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Village Barn

Let's gather together at the Village Barn for a cozy night with friends and family. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for all to come and join us for a craft. We will settle in for our feature presentation at 7:00 p.m. Complimentary popcorn will be served at this FREE community event.

**Java with Joe**

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
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 24 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Come enjoy a cup of coffee with the Hawthorn Woods community and meet Mayor Mancino. Attendance is complimentary and open to everyone.



**Village News**

**Electric Aggregation Program  
Passes the Million Dollar Milestone**

Hawthorn Woods residents participating in the electrical aggregation program reached a cumulative savings of \$1,170,640! The standard rate through ComEd was raised to 7.18¢ per kWh for August 2015. It is estimated by the ICC that ComEd rates will range from 6.67¢ to 7.67¢ from October 2015 to May 2016. Hawthorn Woods' rate is fixed at 5.48¢ per kWh through June of 2017. Hawthorn Woods households enrolled in the program are seeing significant savings. Residents not currently enrolled in the program may do so any time by calling FirstEnergy at 888-651-5200. Savings per household are approximately \$560 per calendar year.

**Village Staff Continually Strive  
for Professional Growth**

The Village of Hawthorn Woods encourages staff to pursue professional education and certification opportunities to achieve professional growth. We are proud to announce the following accomplishments achieved by staff within the last eight months:

Kristin Kazenas, Chief Financial Officer, earned the distinguished title of Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO); only 592 people in the nation have been awarded this designation.

Donna Lobaito, Chief Administrative Officer, earned her certificate in Paralegal Studies.

Amy Scholz, Recreation & Public Information Manager, and Ryan Mathy, Parks Crew Leader, earned the title of Certified Playground Safety Inspector.

**Village Welcomes  
New Mechanic to Staff**

The Village of Hawthorn Woods recently welcomed Todd Knoll to its staff as the full-time mechanic. Todd is responsible for maintaining the vehicle fleets of Public Works and Police, as well as all other village vehicles. He will also assist with snow plow operations in the winter season. Todd specializes in diesel engines. At the young age of 17 he placed first in a regional Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) diesel mechanics competition, and went on to finish third in the state. Todd has worked for various companies including NAPA, RA Adams, Car Parts of Fox Lake, and most recently he worked for 31 years at John's Automotive. Todd's passion continues outside of the Public Works shop as he has a deep passion for motor sports. Knoll stated, "I am very pleased to join the team in Hawthorn Woods. This town is near and dear to my heart as I have childhood memories of visiting my grandparents when they lived on Lagoon Drive. I am excited to again be part of this community and work with the Board of Trustees and the talented Village staff." We are proud to welcome Todd to the Hawthorn Woods Team.



**Hawthorn Wods Youth Soccer - New for Fall 2015**

VILLAGE OF  
**HAWTHORN WOODS** *YOUTH SOCCER*

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is proud to offer fun, instructional, and participatory youth soccer leagues for children grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup>. Uniform is included in registration (jersey, shorts & socks). Practices and training sessions led by Tom Chmela; Games are coached and refereed by Hawthorn Woods Elite Soccer Staff & Players; Each team is required to have a volunteer team parent. (Location: Heritage Oaks Park).

**PRE-K - KINDERGARTEN**

Registration Code: 1504  
September 12 - October 31  
Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Fees: \$100/res; \$115/non-res

**GRADES 1-3 & 4-5**

Grades 1-3 Registration Code: 1505  
Grades 4-5 Registration Code: 1506  
September 12 - October 31  
Practices Wednesday evenings  
Games Saturdays  
Fees: \$125/res; \$145/non-res



**Learn to Dance! - New for Fall 2015**

**DANCE!**

Ballet | Jazz | Hip Hop | Contemporary/Lyrical | Storytelling  
Pre-School Dance | Musical Theater | Pom Pons | Tumbling

**LEARN TO DANCE!** The Hawthorn Woods Parks & Recreation Department and Trilogy School of Performing Arts have come together to offer 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. Classes start the week of September 9th and continuing through May 26th (No classes: 1-Week Thanksgiving Break, 2-Week Winter Break, and 1-Week Spring Break). Our dancers will finish off their season and demonstrate their talents at a showcase event held at the end of May.

**Upcoming Youth Recreation Programs**

**Fencing (Ages 8 & up)**

Thurs, Sept 10-Oct 15, 4:45-5:45pm  
Registration Code: 1499

Thurs, Oct 22-Dec 10, 4:45-5:45pm  
Registration Code: 1523

**After School of Rock**

Guitar Lessons (Grades 1-8)  
Thurs, Sept 17-Oct 22, 6:00-6:45pm  
Registration Code: 1513

**Chess (Ages 6-13)**

Wed, Sept 23-Nov 11, 4:30-5:30pm  
Registration Code: 1480

**Tot Science Academy (Ages 3-5)**

Tues, Sept 29-Oct 20, 10:30-11:30pm  
Registration Code: 1518

**Storytime Art (Ages 3-5)**

Tues, Sept 29-Oct 20, 9:00-10:00am  
Registration Code: 1519

**Kids in the Kitchen (Ages 3-5)**

Thurs, Oct 1-Oct 22, 2:30-3:30pm  
Registration Code: 1517

**Babysitting & CPR Certification (Ages 11-14)**

Fri, Oct 9 & 16, 4:30-8:30pm  
Registration Code: 1481

**Upcoming Adult & Senior Recreation Programs**

**Heavenly Soles Walking Club (Ages 50 & up)**

Tues & Thurs, Sept 8-Oct 29, 8:00am  
Registration Code: 1524

**Book Nook Reading Club (Ages 17 & up)**

Wed, Sept 9 & Oct 14, 6:30pm  
Registration is not required for this FREE program.  
Call 847-847-3533 for details.

**Women's Self Defense (Ages 17 & up)**

Wed, Sept 16-Oct 7, 6:00-8:00pm  
Registration Code: 1500

**Adult's Day Out Stampin' Up Craft Workshop  
Cards, Envelopes, & Notebook (Ages 17 & up)**

Tues, Sept 15, Noon-2:00pm  
Registration Code: 1520

**Youth One-Day  
Stampin' Up  
Craft Workshops  
(Ages 6-12)**



**School Supplies**

Fri, Sept 25, 9:30am-Noon  
Registration Code: 1521

**Halloween Coasters**

Mon, Oct 12, 12:30-3:00pm  
Registration Code: 1522

**Basic Horsemanship  
(Youth & Adult Classes)**

Learn basic safety and care elements for horses at Millennium Farm. Program fee includes a group workshop (off the horse) plus a 30-minute private riding lesson. For more information, including details about the workshop and fees, visit us online at [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org) > Parks & Recreation

**Youth Group Workshops  
(Ages 6 & Up)**

Tues, Sept. 22, 5:30-7:30pm  
Tues, Oct. 20, 5:30-7:30pm

**Adult Group Workshops**

Thurs, Sept. 24, 7:00-8:30pm  
Thurs, Oct. 22, 7:00-8:30pm

**RECREATION  
OFFERINGS 2015**

**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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