

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



Summer

2025

Issue 2

*Pictured: Mayor Dominick DiMaggio,
Chief Operating Officer Pamela Newton,
and Board of Trustees*



4th of July Celebrations
July 3 Fireworks & July 4 Parade

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Did You Know...

This past spring, Hawthorn Woods cleared over two acres of buckthorn from Brierwoods Preserve and Woodland Park. Buckthorn is an aggressive invasive species that outcompetes native plants, disrupts local ecosystems, and degrades wildlife habitats. It should be removed because its dense growth prevents sunlight from reaching native understory plants, reduces biodiversity, and alters soil chemistry. Residents are encouraged to take steps to reduce and eliminate buckthorn on their property. To effectively remove buckthorn, it should be cut close to the ground, and the stump should be treated with a suitable herbicide to prevent regrowth. Regular monitoring and follow-up treatments are essential to ensure it does not return.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Summer is coming and so is our Hawthorn Woods street improvement program. The Village has been hard at work planning the next steps for the Village's road program, Hawthorn Woods Paves the Way, as we look toward the Summer of 2025.

Our plan in 2025, utilizing Road Tax funds, includes the resurfacing of roads and the installation of concrete ribbon within Indian Creek Country Estates, Tiffany Estates, and Rutgers Court. The Village will also continue with our routine patching on streets where maintenance can prolong the life of the pavement until resurfacing is scheduled. Below is a listing of streets included this year:

- Sequoia Road
- Blackhawk Road
- Shenandoah Lane
- Rutgers Court

All streets listed above will be resurfaced this Summer.

Village streets and other paving projects completed thus far with the Village's Road Tax fund, Rebuild Illinois funds, Surface Transportation Program funding, as well as State of Illinois funds, include the following in 2023 and 2024:

2024: Glen Road, Squire Road, Lancelot Lane, Foxtail Road, Cattail Court, Arthur Court, Indian Creek Road, and our Community Park parking lot

Last year, the Village also replaced the large diameter culvert on Indian Creek Road, including streambank stabilization at the culvert and downstream. The replacement of the culvert utilized the Village's Road Tax, in addition to funding in the amount of \$64,325 provided by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission through a Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) for the streambank stabilization downstream of the culvert.

2023: Hawthorn Drive and Hickory Road

We will keep you updated through our weekly E-Blasts as we begin our reinvestment in the Hawthorn Woods Paves the Way infrastructure improvement program. Please be sure you are signed up to receive our weekly emails at www.vhw.org or call (847) 438-5500 to be included in the email distribution list.

Thank you for your support of our Village as we work to maintain a safe and reliable roadway network throughout town!

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio



Glen Road and Lancelot Lane



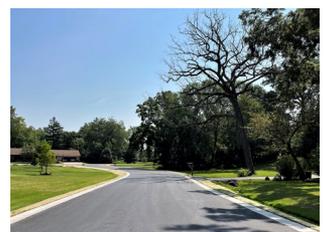
Indian Creek Road



Community Park Parking Lot



Hawthorn Drive



Hickory Road

Are You Prepared?

Severe Weather Preparedness

Severe weather can strike with little warning, bringing heavy rain, strong winds, hail, lightning, or tornadoes. Being prepared for such events is crucial to ensure your safety and the safety of your loved ones. Start by creating an emergency plan that outlines how to communicate with family members, where to take shelter, and what supplies



to have on hand. Essential items include non-perishable food, water, flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit, and any necessary medications. Additionally, stay informed by monitoring weather alerts through trusted sources and have a battery-powered or hand-crank weather radio available in case of power outages.

Taking the time to prepare for severe weather can make a significant difference when disaster strikes. Identify the safest locations in your home, such as basements or interior rooms on the lowest floor, away from windows. Ensure that your home is well-maintained, with secure doors and windows. Build a basic emergency kit to ensure you can meet your essential needs. For comprehensive guidance on severe weather preparedness, including specific tips for different types of storms, visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov). Being informed and prepared can help you stay safe and recover more quickly after severe weather events.



Property Maintenance Code Reminder

With summer comes longer days and blooming landscapes, allowing for the perfect season to enjoy the natural beauty that makes living in Hawthorn Woods so special. In order to retain the aesthetic beauty and tranquility of the surroundings of our community, we wish to remind our residents about an important local ordinance related to property upkeep.

Tall Grass and Property Maintenance Code

While it is true that thick, green grass raises the status of any homeowner, very tall grass and weeds are not appealing at all and may pose health problems, as well. The Property Maintenance Code of the Village stipulates that grass and weeds should not exceed ten (10) inches in height. Regular mowing and keeping the yard in order doesn't just help the property look well maintained and pest free, but will also uphold property values for all. Village Code Enforcement staff keeps an active check on properties throughout the growing season.



By doing your part, we can collectively keep Hawthorn Woods a well maintained, appealing, and welcoming place for both residents and visitors.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or would like further clarification on landscaping or maintenance standards, do not hesitate to reach out to the Community Development Department at (847) 438-5500. Thank you for helping us keep Hawthorn Woods beautiful!



**Concert in the Park
Save the Clocktower**
Friday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Big D & The Nomads**
Friday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Comstock Lode**
Friday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Face N Time**
Friday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.

Fireworks
Friday, July 3

Parade
Friday, July 4, 10:00 a.m.

**Concert in the Park
Saturday June Band**
Friday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Grey Matter**
Friday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Deja Vu**
Friday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Tank & the Beez**
Friday, August 1, 6:30 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Dixon Bandits**
Friday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

**Movie in the Park
The Wild Robot**
Friday, August 8, 8:00 p.m.

**Concert in the Park
Out of Storage Band**
Friday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.

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Hawthorn Woods Receives Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award For 7th Consecutive Year

The Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that the Village of Hawthorn Woods has received GFOA's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR Award) for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

This Award represents a significant achievement for the Village. In order to be eligible for the PAFR Award, a government must also submit its annual comprehensive financial report to GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Program and receive the Certificate for the current fiscal year. Each eligible report is reviewed by judges who evaluate the report based on the following categories: reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity and other elements.

"It is with great pride that I congratulate the Village of Hawthorn Woods for receiving the prestigious Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the seventh consecutive year. This recognition reflects our continued commitment to transparency, financial excellence, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars," stated Mayor Dominick DiMaggio.

