

# HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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## Did You Know...

Recently, the Village of Hawthorn Woods proudly introduced the Phoebe Snetsinger Memorial Garden, a memorial outdoor living museum and pollinator garden located in Community Park, initiated as an Eagle Scout candidate project. The volunteer group responsible for implementing the garden is pictured above.

Phoebe Burnett Snetsinger became one of the most renowned birders of all time, documenting nearly 85% of the world's bird population. Her love of nature began in Hawthorn Woods on the homestead of her parents, Leo and Naomi (Geddes) Burnett.



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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

I am sure by now everyone is happy to have experienced the beginning of the new year without the need to purchase vehicle stickers thanks to your support of last year's road referendum. As promised, the Village no longer requires the purchase of stickers for your vehicles or animal tags. As a friendly reminder, be sure your animal can be identified if lost with an identity collar and microchip. Equally important, please register that microchip number with your name, phone number, and updated address with your tracking service or with your veterinarian so that we can quickly notify you if your pet is lost and brought into the Police Department or another animal control center.

We have been hard at work planning the next steps for the Village's Road Program, Hawthorn Woods Paves the Way, as funds begin accruing this year. The first step has been initiated by hiring Christopher B. Burke Engineering to update the Village's Pavement Management Report. The Village's consulting engineers have reinspected every street in town and updated the Pavement Management Report with current data on surface conditions, numerical value of road condition, and set priorities in terms of initial sequencing of the roadway program. This updated report will provide the Village with timely information on the condition of all Village roads and the estimated cost to rehabilitate each road. The website contains the full Pavement Management Plan designed for Hawthorn Woods by Burke Engineering for all to review at [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org).

The Village begins collecting the road referendum funds starting in 2023. We will not have collected the first full year of funding until December of 2023. Although the Village will not have the new road funding collected or available to spend in the 2023 summer construction season, we have secured Rebuild Illinois funding that we have received over the last couple of years and reserved in anticipation of the one-year funding delay between payment and distribution. This puts us in a position to start this year with a modified road program that will allow an investment of \$500,000 to kick-start the road maintenance program this summer. We are starting the design and preparation of the bidding documents this month and plan to bid out the project in March. **Our plan includes design, engineering, funding, concrete ribbon application, and road construction of Hawthorn Drive and Hickory Road starting in this Summer of 2023.** Beginning in the 2024 season, we will have accrued a full year of funding and will hit the streets running with our street renovation plan.



Once we receive a full year of Road Referendum funding, the Village will be in the design phase of the road program each Winter, bidding phase in the Spring, and have the full one year of road program funding and get to work with approximately \$1 Million collected from the referendum from the previous year as soon as weather permits. Our first full year of the road program will begin in 2024 with almost \$1,000,000. Each subsequent year thereafter we anticipate also investing close to \$1,000,000 in our road programs.

The Village has also secured State of Illinois funds that were budgeted for rehabilitating Community Park parking lot. The Village is expecting \$316,000 for this project, and we are grateful to State Senator Dan McConchie for his assistance in securing this grant for Hawthorn Woods. We expect to be able to design, bid out, and coordinate construction of the parking lot project this summer. Utilizing the Rebuild Illinois funding and the State of Illinois funds, the Village expects to invest approximately \$800,000 on Village roads and the Community Park parking lot this summer.

We will keep you updated by weekly eblast as we begin our reinvestment program as Hawthorn Woods continues to Pave the Way towards our street renovation program. Please be sure you are signed up to receive our weekly emails at [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org) or call (847) 438-5500 to be added to the email communication list. Thank you for your support of our Village as we work to maintain a safe and reliable roadway network throughout town.

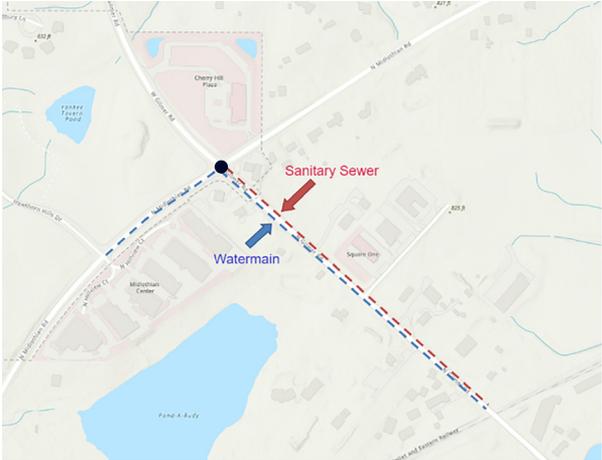
With Kind Regards,

*Mayor Dominick DiMaggio*

# Hawthorn Woods Receives \$1.5 Million in Community Project Funding

On December 23, 2022, U.S. Congressman Sean Casten announced \$15,804,200 in Community Project Funding for the 6th District. Representative Casten championed fourteen funding projects that will directly benefit Illinois's 6th District residents. This includes \$1.5 million for the Village of Hawthorn Woods to fund a utilities extension to accommodate a portion of our town currently on well and septic systems.

The project that received funding consists of the watermain and sanitary sewer extension from the Midlothian Road/Gilmer Road intersection to roughly the intersection of Gilmer Road and the CN railroad tracks. This project would include approximately 2,400 linear feet of watermain and 1,700 linear feet of sanitary sewer (map below). The project would entail the overall engineering design and fund the construction of both utilities. This extension of services would allow for the future development of residential and commercial projects. Full funding will take 3 to 6 months to receive.



● Intersection of Midlothian and Gilmer Roads

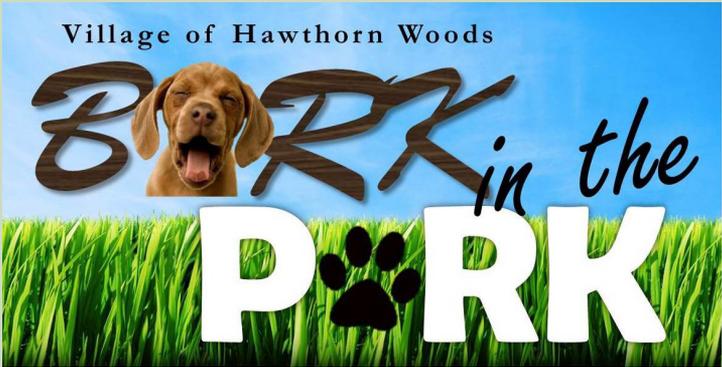
“The Village of Hawthorn Woods is extremely grateful to Representative Casten for facilitating our request to bring essential utilities to a section of Hawthorn Woods without water and sewer infrastructure,” said Pamela O. Newton, Hawthorn Woods Chief Operating Officer. “This grant will be the catalyst for new economic development opportunities in Lake County, putting more people to work in Illinois. Thank you, Representative Casten, for bringing federal funding back home to assist small communities in your district.”



## Save 10% on Your Aquatic Center Season Pass

Purchase your 2023 season pass to the Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center now through March 31 and receive our discounted early bird rates! The Aquatic Center, located at 94 Midlothian Road, features a 6-lane, 25-yard competition pool, a zero-depth activity pool, a diving well with 2 diving boards, 2 water slides, as well as a spray and activity area for children. Opening day is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th. Swim lesson and program registration will open on March 1st. Booking of parties and rentals will begin on April 1st.

Visit us at [vhw.org/HWAC](http://vhw.org/HWAC) for more information.



## Bark in the Park

Saturday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Held at Community Park

Bring your family, friends, and all dogs to venture through Community Park for the annual Hawthorn Woods Bark in the Park event. Let's celebrate our furry friends who give us so much each and every day. Dogs can run, jump, roll over, and play with other friends. Your canine friend will enjoy treats, pampering, fun activities, and more at this FREE event! We encourage all participating dogs to have the current influenza vaccine. Please leash all dogs.

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- All solicitors must obtain a permit/picture ID from the Village containing the name of the solicitor, the company they represent, and the dates solicitation will take place, which shall be prominently displayed by the solicitor.
- Residents can display a “No Solicitors” sign upon or near the main entrance door to the residence, which constitutes notice to any solicitor that soliciting is not allowed.
- If such sign is displayed, every solicitor must obey the “No Solicitor” sign and immediately depart the premises.
- Solicitors must cease solicitation upon resident request.
- Commercial or charitable solicitors may only ring door bells or knock on doors between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding state or national holidays. Religious solicitors are permitted all days of the week, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.



## No Solicitor Window Clings

“No Solicitor” window clings are available at Village Hall, free of charge, to all residents; one per household. Village Hall hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Otherwise, contact Donna Lobaito at dlobaito@vhw.org or (847) 540-5222 to receive a window cling in the mail.

