

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Play at Your Parks Year-Round

Winter weather has arrived! No matter the weather, spending time outdoors and in nature has tremendous benefits including improved concentration, stress reduction, and better moods. Did you know your local parks are open year-round? Go for a walk or head to a playground with family to get your dose of outdoor play no matter the time of year.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming Public Meetings

December 2018

Hawthorn Woods Paves the Way - Infrastructure Improvement Plan UPDATE:

Community Open House	Monday, Dec. 10, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Community Open House	Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Community Open House	Saturday, Dec. 15, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Aquatic Center

Please join us at one of these Open Houses to learn more about the updated pavement management report. As a result of your initial feedback, the village seeks your input on the revised infrastructure plan.

January 2019

Environmental Committee Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 3, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Special Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Jan 7, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Business Continuity Work Group	Thursday, Jan 17, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

February 2019

Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, Feb. 11, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Police Commissioners Board Meeting	Wednesday, Feb. 13, 3:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Police Department
Board of Trustees of the Police Pension	Thursday, Feb. 19, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 26, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

Upcoming Special Events

Hometown Holiday	Saturday, December 1, 2018 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Community Park
Movie in the Barn A Christmas Carol	Friday, December 7 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Bark in the Park	Saturday, April 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. - Noon	Community Park

Please visit www.vhw.org for calendar updates.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

We have great news to share with you this holiday season in regards to accolades and recognitions the Village has received over the last few months. This fall, the Village received the America in Bloom National Champion Award in our population category for being one of America's most desirable places to live. We competed on the national level, and hosted two judges from America in Bloom to visit and experience life in Hawthorn Woods. The judges had an opportunity to visit with residents on their properties and meet with many of our business community members. They spent an evening with our elected officials and staff, and enjoyed speaking with many residents. The judges reviewed our ordinances and policies, and Hawthorn Woods received special recognition for our Community Vitality. We also were awarded one of the top three most environmental cities in the United States in this competition. Of course, bringing home the national championship award from the symposium held in Kentucky was a highlight of our judging process.



This 2018 America in Bloom national award belongs to all of you. The judges stated, "The Village is a community populated by residents who made a proactive choice to live here. Its residents are good stewards of their environment and participate in community activities," stated AIB Judges Rod Barnes and Linda Cromer. They continued, "Spending time in the Village makes you want to relocate there. The Village of Hawthorn Woods is a thriving and progressive community. The Village reaps ongoing success wrought from the pursuit of excellence," concluded the Judges.

In addition to being nationally recognized for our environmental efforts that include the promotion of solar energy, the use of naturalized areas for storm water control, membership in various environmental initiatives, like the Greenest Region Compact, and our leadership efforts in preservation and conservation of our natural world, the Village has also just been awarded an Urban Forestry grant from the US Forestry Service and Morton Arboretum to establish a tree arboretum in town. We are also pursuing a grant with the State of Illinois OSRAD program, the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development fund, who will be visiting Hawthorn Woods this fall as they consider grant funding for a new public park.

We also thank the Midwest Sustainability Group for honoring me on behalf of the entire Village for the Mayoral Excellence in Environmental Efforts Award. Because of our collective efforts, Hawthorn Woods continues to be recognized as a leader in environmental excellence. Thank you, Hawthorn Woods, for working together to keep our hometown a special place to live. Happy Holidays to all!

Warmest personal regards,

Joe



Snow Plow Know How

During the winter season, the Village performs snow and ice removal operations on village owned streets. 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. Placement of obstacles such as rocks, boulders, trees, shrubs, monument columns and monument mailboxes that inhibit snowplowing and vehicular traffic movement or that prohibit maintenance of the right-of-way or obstruct vision are prohibited in the Village right-of-way.
- Depositing snow to streets 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 or sidewalks.
- 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 drift over roads:

- Any hour of the day, visit our website (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 during snow and ice events. However, snow removal efforts may result in damage to right of ways, parkways, and mailboxes. When a properly installed mailbox is damaged during Village snow plow operations, the mailbox will be repaired or replaced with a standard issue mailbox as soon as possible. Please be sure your mailbox is located according to U.S. Postal regulations, as box placement too close to the roadway may result in damage. Thank you, be safe, and we'll see you out and about this Winter!



Hawthorn Woods in the News

Recently, Hawthorn Woods was selected as the national winner of the America in Bloom Community Award for cities in the 5,000- 10,000 population category. Hawthorn Woods received an 8 star rating out of a possible 10 stars and received special recognition for its Community Vitality. All participants were evaluated on seven criteria: overall impression, community vitality, environmental efforts, heritage celebration, urban forestry, landscaped area, and flowers. Additionally, we were judged on our community involvement across municipal, residential, and commercial sectors. Hawthorn Woods placed in the top 3 cities in the nation for our environmental efforts and first place overall.



Additionally, the Morton Arboretum's Community Trees Program, on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture's Urban and Community Forestry, has awarded Hawthorn Woods a \$15,000 federal forestry grant, which will help Hawthorn Woods with planting diversified tree species to create an Arboretum in Hawthorn Woods. "The Village of Hawthorn Woods is proud to receive these funds to assist us in our tree diversification. Our plan is to introduce over 25 additional tree species to our Meadowlark Arbor Park that will be under construction in the spring of 2019. Our plan will create an educational outdoor tree walk and arbor park that will serve as a living classroom for our residents and visitors," stated Pamela O. Newton, Chief Operating Officer for the Village.

Village Vehicle Stickers and Dog Tags Expiring Soon

Your current vehicle sticker(s) will expire January 31, 2019. You will receive your renewal form in the mail the first week of January. Per Village Code, stickers must be displayed by January 31. Failure to purchase new stickers and/or dog tags will subject you to a penalty.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods offers residents three convenient ways to renew their vehicle stickers and dog tags during the month of January. Payment for renewals can be made in-person at Village Hall, by mail, or by phone. Senior rates are available for residents 65 years of age or older. To qualify for a senior rate, a copy of each driver's license is required. Watch for the applications in the mail the first week of January.



If you have any questions, or if you need to update any of your information at this time, please call either Amy at (847) 847-3537 or Karen at (847) 847-3586.



Usher in the holiday season with our Hawthorn Woods community at our first annual Hometown Holiday event. Children can visit with Santa in our North Pole tent, and families can enjoy horse drawn wagon rides! Bring your Toys for Tots donation to give to children in need this holiday. With the sound of holiday carols in the background, we will end the evening by lighting our community tree to officially start the Hawthorn Woods holiday season.

Attractions include: Visits with Santa, horse drawn wagon rides, an inflatable obstacle course, mini train rides, games and more! This event at Community Park will replace the tree lighting and Santa visit at the Village Barn.

Visit www.vhw.org/HometownHoliday for complete details.



Bring your Toys for Tots donation to the Hometown Holiday event!

The Village of Hawthorn Woods collects new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program. These toys are distributed as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. Please join the effort and help those in need by bringing your donation to the Hometown Holiday event.



Movie in the Barn

Friday, December 7

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Village Hall - Barn

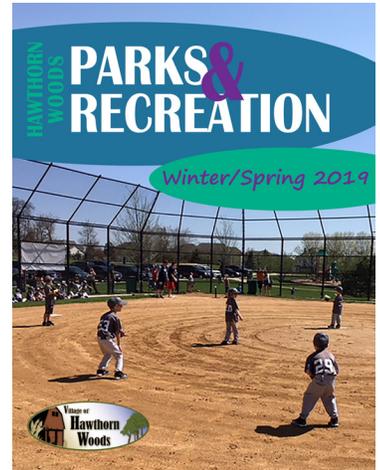
Start off the holiday season with A Christmas Carol! Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a craft and settle in for the feature presentation at 7:00 p.m. Holiday pajamas are encouraged. Everyone will receive one free bag of popcorn at this event. This movie is rated PG for viewing audiences.

Parks & Recreation Brochure

Winter/Spring 2019 Programs and Events

See what is happening this upcoming winter and spring in Hawthorn Woods by viewing the Parks and Recreation seasonal happenings brochure. The e-brochure will be available in early December. It features programs for all ages and a variety of events for the family to enjoy together.

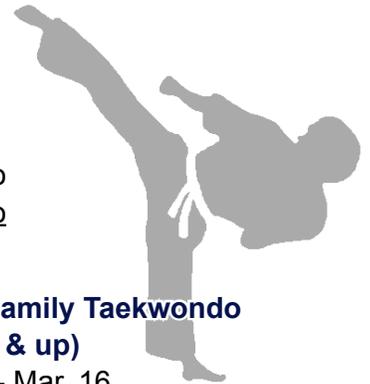
View the 2019 Winter/Spring brochure online at www.vhw.org/ParksAndRecreation.



Taekwondo

Winter Classes Begin on January 23rd

The Village of Hawthorn Woods partners with Ong Taekwondo Academy (OTA) to bring martial arts to the Hawthorn Woods community. Visit www.vhw.org/Taekwondo for details, and registration information on our spring session.



Little Jins (Ages 4-6)

Jan. 23 - Mar. 16
Wed, 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Fees: \$214/res; \$246/non-res
Code: 2388

Kids Taekwondo (Ages 7-10)

Jan. 23 - Mar. 16
Wed, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Fees: \$214/res; \$246/non-res
Code: 2390

Mixed/Family Taekwondo (Ages 7 & up)

Jan. 23 - Mar. 16
Wed, 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Sat, 11:15 a.m. - 12 Noon
Village Hall - Barn
Fees: \$214/res; \$246/non-res
Code: 2392

Women's Self Defense

Mondays & Tuesdays, Feb. 11 - Feb. 19

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Village Hall - Barn

Learn to defend yourself with confidence in this interactive program which provides training in recognizing dangerous situations, and techniques for defending against attacks. The Hawthorn Woods Police Department proudly educates women in our community to defend themselves in an unforeseen and potentially dangerous situation.

Fees: \$20/res; \$25/non-res
Code: 2376





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Senior Gatherings

Our Hawthorn Woods senior group gathers for a luncheon the second Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Barn at Village Hall. Each month a different speaker is featured. Attendance is always free and newcomers are always welcome. Enjoy good friends, good food, and memorable moments.

Upcoming Gatherings

December 12, 2018 at Noon

January 9, 2019 at Noon

February 13, 2019 at Noon

March 13, 2019 at Noon

