

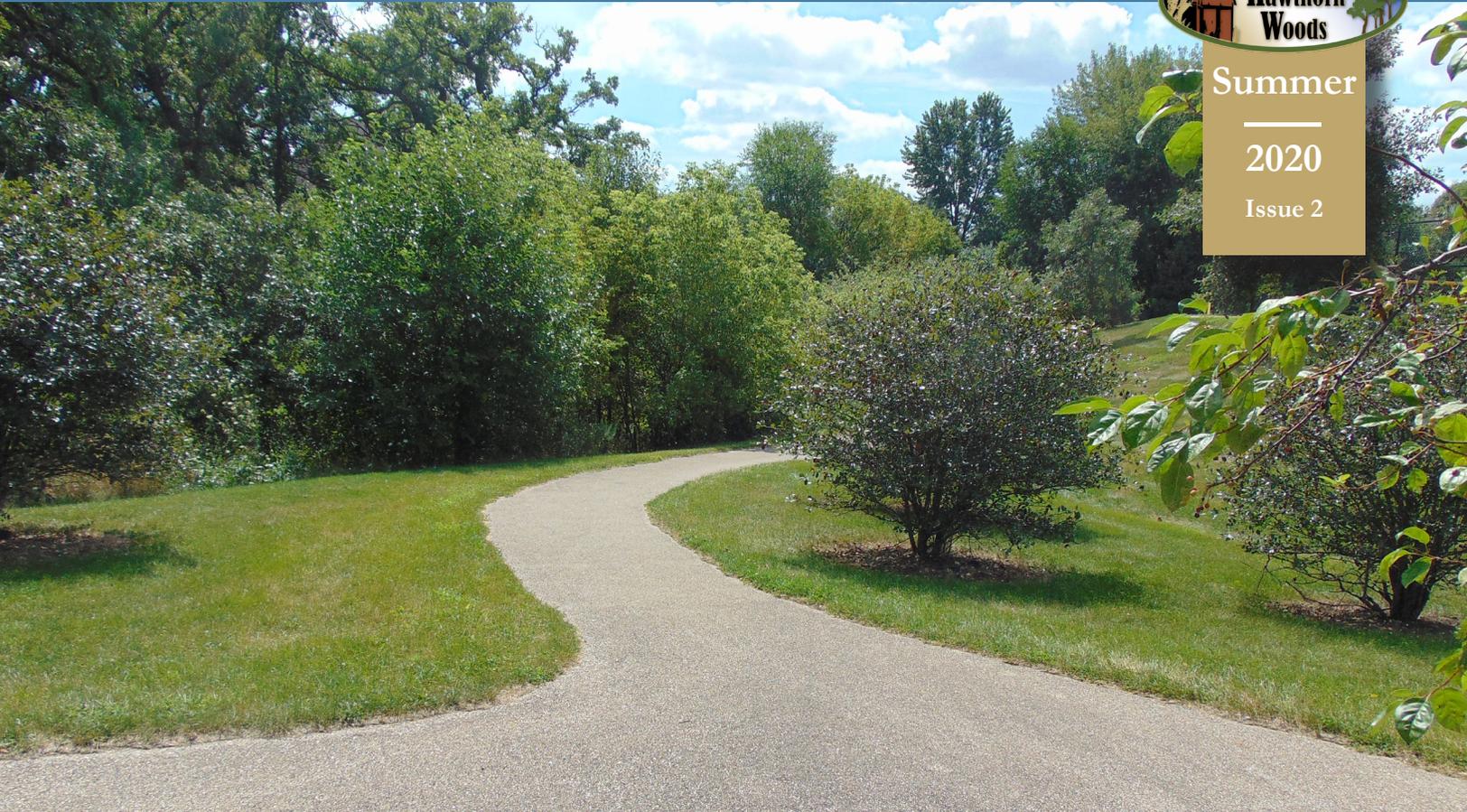
# HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



Summer

2020

Issue 2



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## Did You Know...

Your Village of Hawthorn Woods park system consists of 14 miles of trails. As the weather gets nicer, get outside and take in nature and some fresh air with a walk, jog, or bike ride. Please practice social distancing while in our parks. Visit Bridlewoods Park, Brierwoods Preserve, Community Park, Heritage Oaks Park (pictured above), or Rambling Hills to enjoy a trail.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Upcoming Public Meetings

*Due to the Covid-19 situation the Public Meetings may be conducted on a virtual platform.  
Please contact Village Hall for more information at 847- 438-5500.*

### June 2020

Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Hawthorn Woods In Bloom Meeting	Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

### July 2020

Sustainability Committee Meeting	Thursday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Business Continuity Work Group Meeting	Thursday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

### August 2020

Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, Aug 10, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Police Commissioners Board Meeting	Wednesday, Aug. 12, 3:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Police Department
Police Pension Board Meeting	Tuesday, Aug. 18, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Aug. 24, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

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



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I want to assure you that the Village of Hawthorn Woods is in constant contact with local, state and federal health and safety agencies and closely monitoring the progress being made in slowing the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The well-being and safety of our residents and community has been and always will be my top priority and that of the Village Board and Staff. Our Village Departments are continually assessing needs, procedures and supplies to ensure we can provide essential services to our community. Municipal operations are continuing to serve the needs of our community with excellence. All of our Village staff members are available to you and are committed to responding to your needs throughout this difficult time.

Please shop local, support our Cherry Hill Plaza businesses and restaurants, like Oregano's and Little Joeys. They both have outdoor seating that meet the parameters of the Phase 3 opening plan. Be sure to frequent our business park, The Commons, and the medical providers, agents, and business owners, so that they will see an increase in customers. Remember to get your gas at our Shell station, and frequent Hawthorn Gardens and the Country Bumpkin for your garden needs, and Inland Bank for your financial transactions. Together, we will work to pull Hawthorn Woods out of this economic set-back. The Village looks forward to all businesses responsibly opening their doors to customers and patrons this summer, reflecting the entrepreneurial spirit of the people of Hawthorn Woods.

As your Mayor, I want you to know that your actions as a community have kept Hawthorn Woods COVID-19 exposures limited, and I thank you for the many acts of kindness and neighborhood assistance I have witnessed. Please continue to check on each other through phone calls, emails, and text messages. I have personally enjoyed my many phone calls to our senior population, providing personal wellness checks throughout the last few months. Please remember that the Village is continually sharing and updating information to our residents through our Village Facebook page, weekly E-Blasts, and through postings on our website.

I know Hawthorn Woods will emerge stronger and better than before. We appreciate your cooperation as we all work together to slow the spread of this virus and look out for our neighbors and one another. We look forward to getting back out in the community soon and seeing you all out and in our many parks, businesses, and restaurants this summer.

Warmest personal regards,

*Dominick*

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

# America In Bloom Goes Virtual

## America in Bloom Update

This year the judging of Hawthorn Woods will be different than it has been in previous years. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, instead of the judges visiting our town, we are bringing our town to the judges! Last year the Village was the National Champion in our population category for the second year in a row!



The Village's progress from last year will be assessed by a panel of judges that will review our urban forestry program, our residential gardens, landscapes, flowers, our business community properties, our parks and open spaces, our community vitality, and other beatification categories. These judges will use their background knowledge to evaluate and score all the changes that Hawthorn Woods has made to make the Village even more welcoming.

We welcome the judges into our oasis, as we continually strive to showcase the robust environmental initiatives that the Village has implemented, the beautification efforts of the Village, and the increased quality of life that the residents of Hawthorn Woods experience.



## 2020 Census Information

Informational mailers regarding the 2020 decennial count will continue to be mailed to residents by the US Census Bureau reminding households to fill out the 2020 Census. The Census counts everyone living in the country, and the data can be used to inform important funding decisions that affect our community. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for our community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. Residents will have three ways to respond to the Census questionnaire. You can respond online, call by phone, or send it in by mail. If you don't respond, a Census Taker will follow up and assist you. For more information, visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).



## New Appointment of Village Trustee

At the April 27 village board meeting, Mayor Dominick DiMaggio appointed Hawthorn Woods resident Jodi McCarthy, P.E. to fill his vacant Trustee seat on the village board. Jodi McCarthy, a professional engineer, has been a resident of Hawthorn Woods for six years. She resides in the Lakewood Meadows subdivision with her husband and two children, who are currently in 6th and 9th grades. She is a civil engineer with over 18 years of regulatory and consulting experience, specializing in municipal and stormwater engineering. Jodi has been active in promoting STEM educational opportunities and careers to students throughout the county, including in the classrooms of CUSD95 and D125. Jodi has served on the Village's Finance Committee for almost two years, and is honored to be volunteering her time and professional talents for the residents of Hawthorn Woods. Jodi stated that she is honored to help out her community in any way she is called upon, and said it was an honor to be called to service as a member of the Village Board.



## Stay Connected!

The Village of Hawthorn Woods encourages all residents to stay connected with the happenings of what is going on in the community. The Village maintains a Facebook page to share helpful tips, reminders, and engage with residents. We also encourage all residents to subscribe to the weekly E-Blast that is delivered on Thursday afternoons. To stay connected with the Village please visit [www.vhw.org](http://www.vhw.org) and look under the "How Do I" tab on the Village website.

# Activity Books

## Kids Activity Books

With the stay home order issued by the Governor, finding activities for children day after day can become a daunting task. Especially if you are working from home with children of various ages. The Parks and Recreation Department of the Village of Hawthorn Woods is compiling workbooks of activities and crafts geared for children ages 2-10. A new volume of activities is issued every Monday.

## Adult Boredom Busters

Staying home and social distancing is a tremendous responsibility we are all taking on right now. We miss spending time with our friends and family. Our days feel monotonous. Break up the boredom with an activity found in our Boredom Busters book! A new volume of boredom busters is issued every Monday.

Visit our website at [www.vhw.org/ParksAndRecreation](http://www.vhw.org/ParksAndRecreation) > Activity Books to download our activity books.



# Recreation Amid COVID-19

## Programs

COVID-19 has changed the way we work, live and play. There are many uncertainties ahead of us. The Hawthorn Woods Park and Recreation Department will continue to provide safe-distancing programs and virtual classes to provide activities for our residents until we can gather as neighbors and friends. Visit our website at [www.vhw.org/ParksAndRecreation](http://www.vhw.org/ParksAndRecreation), like Village of Hawthorn Woods on Facebook, and subscribe to our weekly e-blast to keep in touch!

## Parks

The Village will open playgrounds and athletic fields with proper safety protocols when it is deemed safe by local and state health agencies. Please check our weekly e-blast and website for updates. All park sites remain open during their normal hours, sunrise to sunset. Trails are available for use. Residents are welcome to visit their local parks and enjoy activities such as walking, running, or biking. While using the open spaces, please practice safe social distancing and keep a minimum of 6-feet distance between you and other park goers.



# Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center

## Closed for the 2020 Season

The Village of Hawthorn Woods Family Aquatic Center, located at 94 Midlothian Avenue in Hawthorn Woods, will remain closed for the 2020 swim season due to safety concerns regarding the global pandemic.

The Village Board of Trustees announced the decision after a thoughtful discussion at their April 27, 2020 monthly board meeting. Amid a continuing Stay at Home order from the Governor of Illinois through at least May 30, 2020, the action was taken citing guidelines from the Center for Disease Control recommending against visiting water parks during the pandemic. Once the order is lifted for a gradual phased opening, requirements will need to be in place to ensure public safety that would make it difficult to protect the swimming public, the employees, and visitors to the center.



“The Mayor and Village Board of Trustees considered the impact of the Center for Disease Control guidelines and recommendations for the pool, the locker room facilities, and our poolside food service café that attracts thousands of visitors annually. We thank our residents and patrons for their understanding and patience as we prioritize the safety and wellness of all of our residents, families, guests, and staff. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Family Aquatic Center in 2021 with added amenities and benefits,” stated Pamela O. Newton, Chief Operating Officer.

## Summer Special Events

Each year, the Village of Hawthorn Woods Parks and Recreation Department proudly hosts a series of events throughout the summer for the community to come together and enjoy. This includes Concerts in the Park, Car Show Cruise Nights, Movies in the Park, and Fourth of July festivities. With the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the status of all our summer community special events will be determined pursuant to executive order.

Please check our weekly e-blast and website at [www.vhw.org/SpecialEvents](http://www.vhw.org/SpecialEvents) for updates.





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## Waste Management Programs

### Yard Waste:

There are two ways to participate in the program.

- **Unlimited Service:** Service is provided from April 1st through November 30th. To register for this service, please contact Waste Management customer service at 866-230-1547.
- Alternatively, yard waste stickers are able for purchase at Village Hall and Hawthorn Gardens. Stickers must be applied to each bag or bundle for curbside pick up. Stickers are available for \$3.00 per sticker or 10 stickers for \$25.00. Please call Village Hall 847-438-5500 to purchase yard stickers.

### Refuse and Recycling:

Waste Management is the official provider of recycling and disposal needs for residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods.

### Discounts for Senior Citizens:

Residential customers of Waste Management who are 65 years of age and older are eligible for a senior citizen's discount. If you are eligible, please contact Waste Management directly at 1 (800) 796-9696.