

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



Spring

2019

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Heritage Oaks Park

Heritage Oaks Park is a 45-acre park located at 310 Farfield Road in Hawthorn Woods. It provides a wide array of amenities including a playground, basketball and tennis courts, various sports fields, and rental pavillions. It has a paved trail system where you can walk or jog and enjoy the quiet and natural beauty of our community. Heritage Oaks is home to our Woodchucks Summer Camp, Youth Soccer Leagues, and Youth Baseball League.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming Public Meetings

March 2019

Finance Committee Meeting	Monday March 11 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building, and Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday March 12 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Business Continuity Work Group	Thursday March 21 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday March 25 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building, and Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday March 26 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

April 2019

Environmental Committee Meeting	Thursday April 4, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Finance Committee Meeting	Monday April 8, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building, and Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday April 9, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday April 22, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building, and Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday April 23, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

May 2019

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting	Wednesday May 8, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Police Department
Finance Committee Meeting	Monday May 13, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building, and Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday May 14, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Business Continuity Work Group	Thursday May 16, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Police Pension Meeting	Tuesday May 21, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	Monday May 27, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Planning, Building, and Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday May 28, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Tuesday May 28, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

Upcoming Special Events

Bark in the Park	Saturday, April 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. - Noon	Community Park
Golf Outing Fundraiser	Monday, May 20, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Hawthorn Woods Country Club
Aquatic Center Opening Day	Saturday, May 25, 2019 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Aquatic Center

Please visit www.vhw.org for calendar updates.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

As we begin the progression out of winter and into the spring season, we look forward to the community greening up and our neighbors venturing back outside as the temperatures rebound from an unseasonably cold arctic blast. We are proud to introduce to the community the formation of our new Hawthorn Woods in Bloom Committee, which had their first assembly meeting at the end of February in preparation for advancing some of our many environmental efforts. I personally thank the community for the dozens of volunteers who offered their service to their hometown.

The Hawthorn Woods in Bloom Committee is group of citizen volunteers who live in diverse areas of town, and they bring forward talents and interests to help us maintain our national status as an America in Bloom national award winner. We hope you will notice our efforts to add seasonal color to our parks and municipal buildings as we work to eradicate invasive buckthorn around town. We are making a concerted effort to promote Monarch butterfly gardens by planting nectar and milkweed plants, and we encourage neighborhoods and Homeowner's Associations to join us in our effort.

This year we are also working on two national environmental designations, having applied to be an Audubon Community and Dark Sky International Community. We are working on the standards to achieve these top honors, including a revision of our lighting ordinances and our tree ordinance.

In other news, Hawthorn Woods was selected to receive an OSLAD grant (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development) this month for the development of a new park in town called The Meadowlark Park and Arboretum. This new park will break ground off of Schwerman Road this spring, and will include a tree walk, a series of playground pods depicting the history of our land use in Hawthorn Woods, and an outdoor classroom. Hawthorn Woods competed against other municipalities and Park Districts in Illinois for these limited funds, and was granted \$105,100 for this park. When combined with our \$20,000 grant from the Morton Arboretum, and our SRALC (Special Recreation) restricted funds, we are providing a new accessible park for the residents in town without the use of operating funds. This innovative financing takes extra time and a lot of work, but our grant team meets weekly on our behalf to bring these competitive funding dollars back home to Hawthorn Woods.



Future Meadowlark Park and Arboretum

I hope to see you out and about as the weather warms and our parks programming starts to emerge back into the ballfields, tennis courts, basketball courts, and playgrounds. Thank you for all that you do to make Hawthorn Woods such a great community.

Warmest personal regards,

Joe

Hawthorn Woods in the News

VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS RECEIVES URBAN FORESTRY AWARD FROM THE CHICAGO REGION TREES INITIATIVE

The Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) has honored the Village of Hawthorn Woods with the Public Natural Areas Award for their efforts in restoring the new Briarwoods Preserve. The CRTI Urban Forestry Awards, presented at the organization's fifth annual Partner Recognition Celebration, recognize people, public and private organizations, and communities that are leaders in protecting, expanding and enhancing the tree canopy in the Chicago Region.

CRTI accepts award nominations year-round, honoring those effecting positive change for trees in the Chicago Region at its Partner Recognition Celebration each January. Categories include Advocate of the Year, Forester of the Year, Community Stewardship Award, Public Natural Area Award, Private Natural Area Award, Forestry Outreach Award, Partnership Award, and Youth Engagement Award.

"The mission of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative is to make a significant and measurable improvement to the Chicago region's tree canopy, but we can't accomplish this goal without partners the Village of Hawthorn Woods," said Lydia Scott, director, CRTI. "CRTI is proud to honor the Village of Hawthorn Woods as a leader in protecting and caring for our region's trees, enhancing the quality of life for our region's residents."

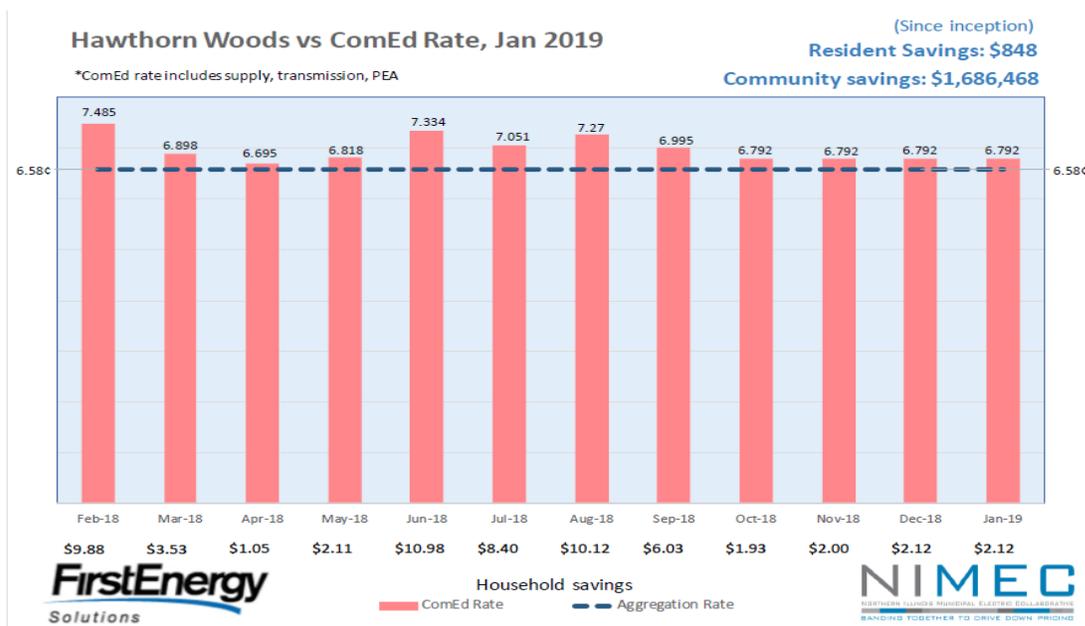
The Chicago Region Trees Initiative strives to make the Chicago region the greenest, most livable, and most resilient region in North America, and believes that trees are critical to achieving this vision.

The Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) is a partnership for coordinated action on key issues facing trees. It is the largest such initiative in the country, with leading organizations and agencies from across the seven-county Chicago metropolitan region working together to leverage funding, knowledge, skills, and expertise to build a healthier and more diverse regional forest.



Village Staff pictured at the Morton Arboretum; Brian Sullivan, Pam Newton, and Amy Mason.

Electric Aggregation Update



Hawthorn Woods residents participating in the electrical aggregation program reached a cumulative savings of over \$1,686,468! The standard rate through ComEd was set at 7.292¢ per kWh as of December 2018. Hawthorn Woods’ rate as 6.58¢. The chart above illustrates savings by comparing the standard ComEd rate (pink) to the Hawthorn Woods aggregation rate (blue). Residents not currently enrolled in the program may do so any time by calling FirstEnergy at 888-651-5200. While you may receive solicitations from other companies, only First Energy Solutions offers this rate to our residents.

Water Quality Tips

Best Management Practices to Improve Water Quality

Aesthetics is only one benefit for properly maintained properties; sustainable, watershed-friendly best management practices (BMP’s) are another. Nutrient and pesticide management is one BMP that homeowners and HOA boards should consider. Out of twenty nutrients required for plant growth, phosphorus is most often found in excess in streams and lakes. Phosphorus is the most troublesome pollutant because it feeds algae and weeds, which use up oxygen in the water. Some communities in Lake County have banned the use of fertilizers containing phosphorous. Residents are encouraged to comply with this important environmental consideration when buying and applying lawn treatments. When purchasing a bag of phosphorous-free fertilizer, there will be three numbers on the bag; the middle number should be zero to ensure compliance.

Test your soil before applying any fertilizer or pesticide. This will save you money since you will know the appropriate amount and type of fertilizer that is needed for your yard. If you use a lawn care service, know what chemicals are being used on your lawn.

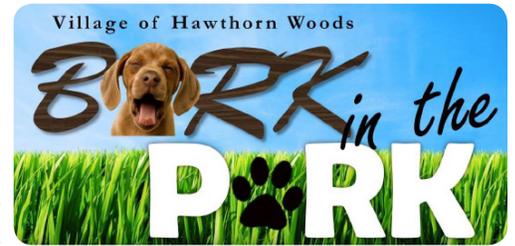
Simple best management practices can be applied by the homeowner or HOA for water quality, flood reduction and healthy natural resources which adds to the quality of life factor for homeowners and those living in the watershed. Visit Lake County Storm water Management Commission’s website to learn more water quality best management.

Bark in the Park

Saturday, April 6, 10:00am - Noon

Community Park

Dogs are welcome to gather with family and friends at Community Park in Hawthorn Woods for the Village of Hawthorn Woods Bark in the Park event. This free community event will take place on Saturday, April 6, from 10:00am - Noon. Dogs can run, jump, roll over and play with other friends. A variety of vendors will be available to pamper your best friend. Our canine friends will enjoy treats, pampering, fun activities and more! Dogs can run freely in our off-leash area. We encourage all dogs in attendance to be up to date on all vaccinations, including influenza. Please leash all dogs.



Golf Outing Fundraiser

Monday, May 20, 10:00am

Hawthorn Woods County Club

Grab your clubs for a wonderful day on the course. You are cordially invited to the Village of Hawthorn Woods Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser held at the exclusive Arnold Palmer designed course, Hawthorn Woods Country Club. Enjoy 18 holes of golf on this magnificent course. Sponsorship opportunities are available. All proceeds benefit Hawthorn Woods community special events. Golf attendees enjoy locker room service, golf event activities, lunch, dinner, drink ticket, snacks, and an appreciation gift bag.



Aquatic Center Opening Day

Saturday, May 25, 11:00 a.m.

Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center is scheduled to open for the 2019 season on Saturday, May 25. Early bird rates on season passes are available through March 31. Save 10% on your season pass by registering early! Swim lesson registration will begin on March 1. Visit www.vhw.org/HWAC for details.



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Youth Baseball

Registration deadline: March 31

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is proud to bring you a co-ed baseball league for children ages 5 through 10. This league is for players of all levels who enjoy the game of baseball and want to play in a fun and constructive environment. The league will provide instruction at practices and during game play to improve a player's individual skills and team strategies. Players will build character as we focus on sportsmanship, teamwork, and positive attitudes.



The spring 2019 registration deadline is March 31. All fees will increase \$10.00 on April 1. Practices will be 1-hour during the week, to be scheduled by the volunteer coach. Games will be played on Saturdays at Heritage Oaks Park. All players must have a uniform which includes a jersey and a hat (included in your program fees). Each player must provide their own pants, shoes, socks and glove. Visit www.vhw.org/YouthBaseball for details.

6U (Ages 5-6)

April 20 - June 22 (no play 5/25)

Fees: \$115/res; \$130/non-res

Code: 2398

8U (Ages 7-8)

April 20 - June 22 (no play 5/25)

Fees: \$115/res; \$130/non-res

Code: 2399

10U (Ages 9-10)

April 20 - June 22 (no play 5/25)

Fees: \$115/res; \$130/non-res

Code: 2400



Youth Soccer

Registration deadline: March 31

The Village of Hawthorn Woods and Hawthorn Woods Elite Soccer are proud to team up to offer co-ed youth soccer for children in grades Pre-K through 6th. Our leagues and camps provide instruction to build upon each player's skills in a recreation-based environment where players learn by playing together on the field.



The spring 2019 registration deadline is March 31, all fees will increase \$10.00 on April 1. Practices will be 1-hour on Wednesdays at Heritage Oaks Park starting at 4:30 p.m. Games will be played 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays at Heritage Oaks Park. All players must have a uniform which includes jersey, shorts and socks. Previous players may wear their old uniform. Additional uniform pieces are available to order individually. Visit www.vhw.org/YouthSoccer for details.

Pre-K - K (2 days/week)

Wed & Sat, April 17 - June 8 (no play 5/25)

Program + Uniform \$125/res; \$145/non-res

Code: 2384

Program Only \$110/res; \$130/non-res

Code: 2383

Pre-K - K (1 day/week)

Sat, April 20 - June 8 (no play 5/25)

Program + Uniform \$100/res; \$115/non-res

Code: 2382

Program Only \$85/res; \$100/non-res

Code: 2381

Grades 1-3

Wed & Sat, April 17 - June 8 (no play 5/25)

Program + Uniform \$125/res; \$145/non-res

Code: 2378

Program Only \$110/res; \$130/non-res

Code: 2377

Grades 4-6

Wed & Sat, April 17 - June 8 (no play 5/25)

Program + Uniform \$125/res; \$145/non-res

Code: 2380

Program Only \$110/res; \$130/non-res

Code: 2379



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Living with Wildlife

The Police Department will respond to a report of an injured or sick wild animal or to one that poses an immediate threat to human life or property. All other cases will be referred to either Lake County Animal Care and Control or to a private agency with the means for the capture, relocation, housing, or disposal of wild animals at the cost of the homeowner. All coyotes in Illinois are protected by the state and under the policy protection of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). It is recommended that residents contact a professional regarding coyotes and other wildlife on their property. To inquire about trapping permits on personal property, residents can contact the IDNR at (847) 608-3100.



Living with Wildlife