

# HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



Summer

2019

Issue 2



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## Woodchucks Summer Camp

(pictured above)

Woodchucks Summer Camp guides children ages 3 to 13 through many adventurous activities. Campers enjoy crafts, games, sports, music and more as they socialize and explore with friends. See page 7 for more information.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Upcoming Public Meetings

### June 2019

Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, June 10, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

### July 2019

Village Offices Closed (Independence Day)	Thursday, July 4, All Day	Village Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, July 8, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Environmental Committee Meeting	Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Business Continuity Work Group Meeting	Thursday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

### August 2019

Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Police Commissioners Board Meeting	Wednesday, Aug. 14, 3:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Police Department
Police Pension Board Meeting	Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

## Upcoming Special Events

Concerts in the Park	Fridays, June 7 - August 23 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Community Park
Car Show Cruise Nights	Friday, June 14, July 12 & August 9 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Community Park
Movies in the Park	Friday, June 21, July 19 & August 16 Dusk	Community Park
Fireworks	Wednesday, July 3 6:00 p.m. Concert 9:15 p.m. Fireworks	Community Park
4th of July Parade	Thursday, July 4 10:00 a.m.	Lagoon Drive to Village Hall

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



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

With the arrival of warmer weather, the Village is gearing up for our summer activities that help us build community here in Hawthorn Woods. Our Friday night concerts are held each week in Community Park and are fun, and free, for the whole family. Bring your own picnic, or feel free to gather after work and enjoy some of the selections from our vendors. Concerts run June through August and begin at 6:30 p.m. each Friday evening. We hope to see you at some of these special events.

Our Aquatic Center opens Memorial weekend and we invite you to take advantage of one of the nicest outdoor pools in the area. We offer a poolside café, rental space for private parties, swim lessons, and a community room for special functions. Our Aquatic Center is located at 94 N. Midlothian Road. We hope you will check it out this summer as a Village amenity.

On July 15 and 16, our America in Bloom judges return to tour the village and rank our efforts in several categories. We will be scored on our urban forestry program, our residential gardens, landscapes, flowers, our business community properties, our parks and open spaces, and our community vitality, to name just a few of the categories. Last year, Hawthorn Woods won the National Championship in our population category, but we are looking to implement even a higher level of beautification this year. I hope many of you noticed the thousands of daffodil bulbs around our village parks and signage. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of so many, our town has assembled our own Hawthorn Woods in Bloom Committee, and their work is already paying off. Thanks to all who do their part to make our village the special place that we all call home.

The Village would also like to recognize our own resident, Senator Dan McConchie, who conducted a Town Hall meeting on the increased CN train traffic issues that have become more prolific in recent months. Both the length of the trains and the frequency of the trains are contributing to stalled or stopped traffic, affecting our daily commutes and quality of life. This May, I testified before the Senate panel that was assembled to request rail and road grade crossing separation funding (underpass/overpass) for the Old McHenry Road and Gilmer Road crossings. Senator McConchie was on the panel, and is supporting our efforts to include our traffic congestion issues in a future Capital Bill under consideration by the General Assembly in the State of Illinois. Until next time, I hope to see you out and about town at one of our many summer events.



Mayor Mancino testifies at Senate hearing for CN railroad grade separation projects at Old McHenry and Gilmer roads.

Warmest personal regards,

**Joe**

# The Judges are Coming!

## America in Bloom Update

The date has been set for the 2019 America in Bloom assessment of Hawthorn Woods. The judges will be visiting Hawthorn Woods on July 15th and July 16th. Last year the Village was the National Champion in our population category and the judges gave some areas where the Village could improve. We took their suggestions and implemented them village wide. Some of these suggestions included planting more flowers, removing invasive plants, in addition to embracing and showcasing the historical roots of Hawthorn Woods.



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. The judges that will be coming to Hawthorn Woods include Sue Amatangelo, who has a very strong background as a horticultural expert, and has been a judge for America in Bloom since 2010. The panel also includes Laurie Potier-Brown, who has a background with Landscape Architecture. 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.

## Hawthorn Woods Ranked #2 Safest City by HomeSnacks

Hawthorn Woods was ranked as the #2 safest city in Illinois for 2019 by HomeSnacks. Using the FBI's most recent Uniform Crime Report, HomeSnacks looked at cities in Illinois with a population of more than 5,000 people and created a safety index for each place by averaging violent crimes per capita and property crimes per capita. Hawthorn



Woods is proud to be one of the safest places to live in the entire state of Illinois. We thank our residents, along with our exceptional Police Department, as we work in unison to keep Hawthorn Woods one of the safest and most desirable places to live.

# Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center



## Opening Day: May 25

The Aquatic Center offers seasonal memberships or daily fees to enjoy the many amenities including: two water slides, spray features, a lap pool, a zero-depth entry pool, diving boards, and more! We offer group and private swim lessons, swim team and diving camps, and various other aquatic programs. Birthday party packages and private rentals are also available.

## Learn to Swim

Our program ensures your child learns to swim in a gradual process that includes the introduction and mastery of various skill sets before moving on to new skills. Our program helps your child grow more confident in a safe and encouraging environment. The classes are taught by Red Cross trained staff. Class levels offered include parent/tot, preschool, and levels 1-5. You can register for group classes and private lessons online at [www.vhw.org/Swimlessons](http://www.vhw.org/Swimlessons) or in person at Village Hall.

# Come Out And Enjoy The Parks

Spring and summer in the parks of Hawthorn Woods marks another transition for our visitors and residents. The Village of Hawthorn Woods continues to build on the legacy and commitment of earlier generations to preserve the natural and open space areas within the Village. We take pride in enhancing our environmental stewardship by creating fun, safe, and accessible areas for recreational activities. Presently, the residents of our village can enjoy the use of 12 playgrounds and more than 20 parks/open spaces.

These pristine open spaces are maintained by the Parks Department in tandem with the Public Works Department, and are spread out within the community. In the next coming year, we anticipate adding the new MeadowLark Park and Arboretum. We also anticipate adding new park sites as development continues within the Village's jurisdictional authority. Our beautiful parks promote healthy lifestyles, stress reduction, enhancement of housing values, and a strong sense of community.

We encourage the community to visit our facilities, parks, playgrounds, and open spaces to appreciate the natural world that we all share. Our goal is to make sure that each and every resident has a positive interaction with our parks, programs, or facilities. All parks are open year round from dawn to dusk. Please enjoy the many opportunities available to you each season.





# Summer in the Parks Events

**Concerts in the Park | Car Show Cruise Nights | Movies in the Park**

The Village of Hawthorn Woods Parks and Recreation Department hosts a series of events throughout the summer for the community to come together and enjoy. Join us for a concert, car show, or a movie in our very own Community Park located at the corner of Quentin and Old McHenry roads. These events are free to the community and food vendors are always on-site. Check out our 2019 schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
June 7	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Latest Rumor (blues, rock & americana)
June 14	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Car Show Cruise Night
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Second Time Around (classic rock)
June 21	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Save the Clocktower (alternative pop/electropop)
	Dusk (8:30 p.m.)	Movie in the Park featuring Ralph Breaks the Internet
June 28	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Face N Time (variety)
July 12	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Car Show Cruise Night
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Bossydog (classic rock & country)
July 19	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Moon Money (90's rock, pop & alternative)
	Dusk (8:45 p.m.)	Movie in the Park featuring How to Train Your Dragon 3
July 26	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Saturday June Band (rock, pop & alternative)
August 2	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Magic Frank Blues Band (blues)
August 9	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Car Show Cruise Night
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Evo Band (blues & rock)
August 16	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Deja Vu (variety)
	Dusk (8:15 p.m.)	Movie in the Park featuring Coco
August 23	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Comstock Lode (country)



# 4th of July Celebrations

## **FIREWORKS**

**Wednesday, July 3**  
**Community Park**

Relax and watch as we light up the sky honoring our country. This night is complete with live music featuring a performance by Hip Pockit from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The fireworks display will begin at dusk (approximately 9:15 p.m.). Food vendors will be available.

## **PARADE**

**Thursday, July 4, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Lagoon Drive to Village Hall**

Celebrate America and our freedom with a march through town ending with a flag raising ceremony! The parade begins at Carlisle & Falkirk, continues down Lagoon Drive, and ends at Village Hall.

# Woodchucks Summer Camp

Let's take an adventure this summer, a Woodchuck adventure!

**Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Heritage Oaks Park**

Campers explore and discover with friends through various crafts, activities and games. Each week a theme will guide us on our adventures of music, art, sports and more! Our schedule includes weekly guests and trips to the Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center for some fun in the sun. Adventure Camp and Counselors in Training go on two field trips each session. Our camps are designed to encourage socialization, exploration and discovery in a structured and fun environment. Our Counselor in Training (CIT) program allows the opportunity for your future counselor to work alongside our counselors learning leadership and teamwork skills all while enjoying the fun of the camper experience. No camp Thursday, July 4; Camp will be made-up on Friday, July 5.

## **Woodchucks Preschool Camp (Ages 3-6)**

Fees per session: \$185/res; \$230/non-res  
 Session 1: June 10 - July 5                      Code: 2543  
 Session 2: July 8 - August 1                      Code: 2544

## **Woodchucks Adventure Camp (Ages 7-11)**

Fees per session: \$215/res; \$260/non-res  
 Session 1: June 10 - July 5                      Code: 2531  
 Session 2: July 8 - August 1                      Code: 2532

## **Woodchucks Counselor in Training (Ages 12-13)**

Fees per session: \$215/res; \$260/non-res  
 Session 1: June 10 - July 5                      Code: 2541  
 Session 2: July 8 - August 1                      Code: 2542



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# Yard Waste Program

The Village of Hawthorn woods has an established yard waste pick up program with Waste Management. The yard waste service collects grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, and other yard waste materials.

There are two ways to participate in the program. The first option is to make an annual payment and receive unlimited service from April 1st through November 30th. To register for this service, please contact Waste Management customer service at 866-230-1547, or visit <https://www.wm.com/us>. Alternatively, yard waste stickers are able for purchase at Village Hall. 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. If you have any questions, please call Village Hall at 847-438-5500.

