

# HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



Fall

2019

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## Brando Family Farm Tractor and Disc Plow

(pictured above)

As the Village of Hawthorn Woods celebrates its Rural by Design heritage, we plan to feature people and places that have helped shape the character of our Hawthorn Woods community. Did you know that Marlon Brando visited the Brando Family farm here in the Village? During his teen years, Marlon Brando visited the family farm that is located off of Hawley Road and now incorporated into Hawthorn Woods.



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Upcoming Public Meetings

### September 2019

Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Business Continuity Work Group Meeting	Thursday, Sept. 19, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

### October 2019

Environmental Committee Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Joint Finance/Committee of the Whole-Budget Review	Monday, Oct. 28, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

### November 2019

Finance Committee Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Police Commissioners Board Meeting	Wednesday, Nov. 13, 3:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Police Department
Police Pension Board Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Business Continuity Work Group Meeting	Thursday, Nov. 21, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Nov. 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

Fall Family Fun Fest	Saturday, September 28 10:00 a.m. - Noon	Aquatic Center
Movie in the Barn <i>Tim Burton's Corpse Bride</i>	Friday, October 18 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Holiday Craft Fair	Saturday, November 30 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Hometown Holiday	Saturday, December 7 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Community Park
Movie in the Barn <i>The Grinch</i>	Friday, December 13 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

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



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

From Mayor Joseph Mancino

Dear Neighbors,

Recently, The Illinois Tollway announced it would discontinue studies of the long-embattled proposal to extend Route 53 through Lake County, which has jeopardized residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods and many other communities for generations.

I would like to thank Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez for terminating this latest round of studies on the controversial Route 53 Extension. This decision appears to recognize that the same conditions that have derailed every other bid to extend Route 53 – a glaring lack of political consensus in support of the project and a chronic shortage of funds to build it – remain facts of life today.

I hope that this decision represents the permanent demise of the proposed extension, so that Lake County can begin efforts to make the transportation improvements that we can all agree on. Those concepts include arterial lane widenings, grade separations where roads cross railroads, and enhanced commuter rail service. After all, these common-sense and cost-effective improvements to the Lake County's transportation system have languished for decades, while one futile effort after another was mounted to extend Route 53.

In the wake of this decision, we call on the Tollway, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration to decommission the Route 53 corridor and work with relevant state and local agencies to convert it into a permanent greenway for public recreational use and environmental stewardship.

Moreover, since taxpayers bankrolled the purchase of the land that makes up the corridor -- it was bought incrementally by IDOT for a cumulative price tag exceeding \$54 million -- public use of the property as a recreational destination would make good on that investment and support state initiatives for health, wellness, and our commitment to protecting our valuable natural resources.

Making this vision for a once-in-a-generation greenway a tangible reality would require inclusive discussion, consensus, and planning among a variety of state and Lake County agencies, municipalities, and community residents, and conservation advocates.

A greenway linking these resources could include a pedestrian and biking trail, among other possible amenities, affording area residents a chance to find sanctuary amid some of the region's most scenic vistas. It could also yield residual benefits to the local economy, attracting outdoor enthusiasts who would be likely to visit a natural green corridor destination.

I will be working with our State, County, and Local officials to initiate discussion for a green corridor to be permanently commissioned for public use of conservation, preservation, environmental education, and recreation.

And unlike the trail of polarization, frustration, and, ultimately, stagnation, that the Route 53 project left behind during the six decades that it repeatedly resurfaced, this concept for a public greenway would benefit Lake County residents universally.

With this decision in place, Lake County can finally advance our local plan to effectively relieve traffic congestion, protect the beauty of our landscape, and enhance our collective quality of life.

Warmest personal regards,

*Joe*

# Hawthorn Woods In Bloom 2019

The America in Bloom Judges were here in Hawthorn Woods this summer. This is the second year that the Village has participated in this national competition that showcases municipalities who enhance their hometowns with natural beauty and community pride. America in Bloom (AIB) promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. The organization envisions communities across the country as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play – benefiting from colorful plants and trees; enjoying clean environments; celebrating heritage; and planting pride through volunteerism.



**Hawthorn Woods Village Board**

Last year the Village of Hawthorn Woods won National Champion in our population category with a special recognition in community Vitality. The Judges left last year giving the Village a rating of 8 out of 10 stars and gave us over 40 suggestions that will help improve the quality of life for our residents. We took those suggestions to heart and addressed all of the suggestions the judges left us and are hoping to improve on our previous score.

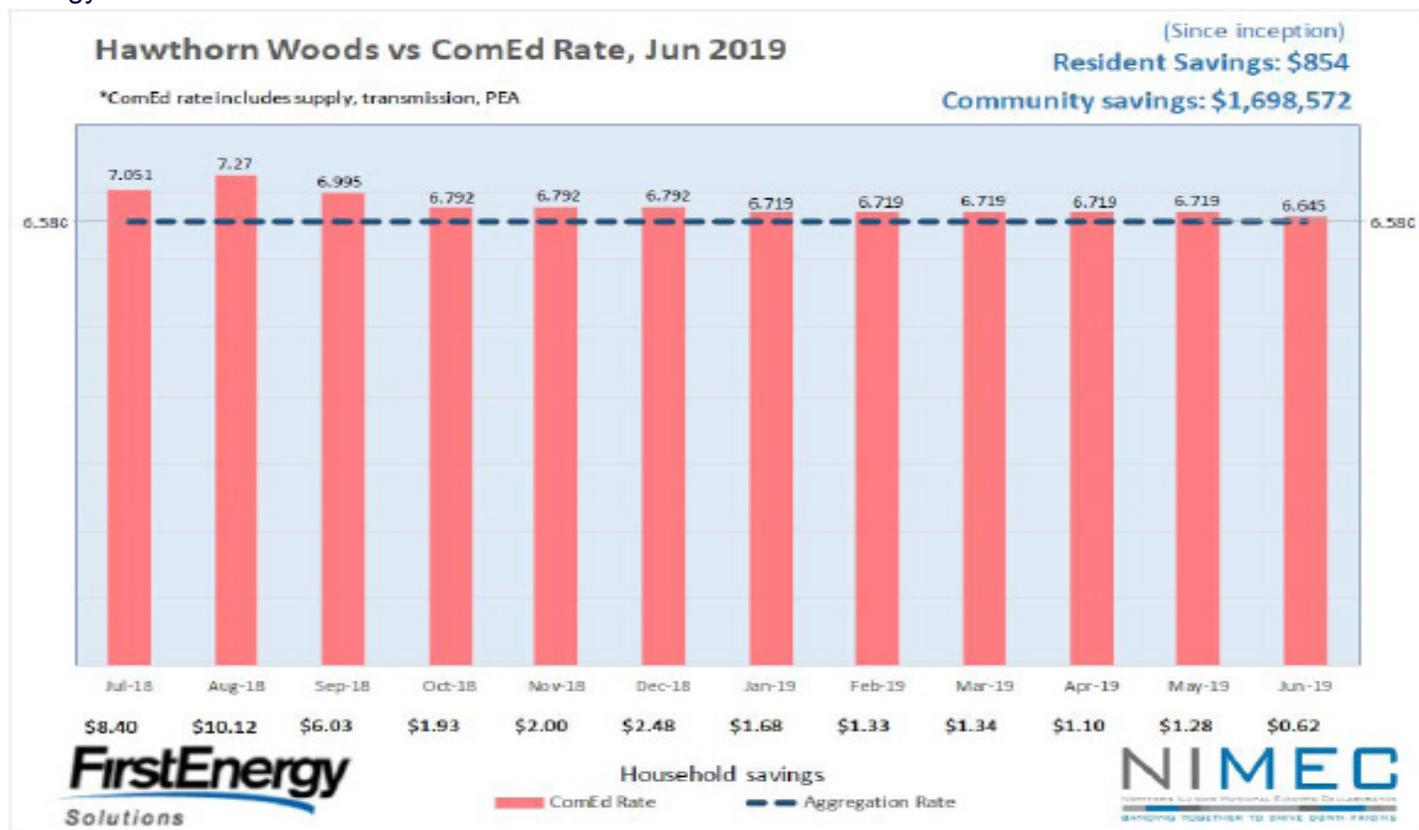
The judges were appreciative of the warm welcome they received this year from all who met with them, and showcased their home gardens, properties, and businesses. They also had a chance to meet with some of our business owners, service groups, and volunteers and spent time learning about what makes Hawthorn Woods so special. The judges met with the local elected officials at an evening reception, and also had an opportunity to seek information from our village staff.

The winners for the competition this year will be announced in October. The Village will find out our score when we attend the symposium in St. Charles, Illinois. The judges left our town feeling the community pride that we commonly share and the service to others we practice. We want to extend our thanks to all the residents that opened up their properties, businesses, gardens, and natural areas while the judges were here. Pictured below are our America in Bloom judges visiting Heritage Oaks Park and private gardens on their tour throughout town.



# Electric Aggregation Update

Hawthorn Woods residents participating in the electrical aggregation program reached a cumulative savings of over \$1,698,572! The standard rate through ComEd was set at 7.052¢ per kwh as of June 2019. Hawthorn Woods' rate is 6.58¢. The chart below 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.



## Halloween Information

Thursday, October 31, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Village has recognized Trick-or-Treating hours where community members can take part in the holiday. In order to help our residents stay safe this Halloween, the Hawthorn Woods Police Department put together these tips:



- Treats: Encourage children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully checked them.
- Costumes: Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Children are encouraged to carry lit flashlights after dark. Purchase costumes that are labeled as flame resistant.
- Pedestrian Safety: Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should walk (not run) from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.
- Choose Safe Houses: Children should only go to homes that they know, or that have an outside light on. Trick-or-Treat in groups, so no child is alone.

# Fall Family Fun Fest

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center

Let's get ready for an enjoyable fall season at the Hawthorn Woods Fall Family Fun Fest. This free community event includes crafts, mini train rides, giveaways, and a variety of activities for children and families. Come touch a truck with vehicles available from the Hawthorn Woods Police Department and Public Works, Countryside Fire Department, and many others. Come say hello and meet staff from all of the Village departments.



# Movies in the Barn

Join us as we gather our community together at the Village Barn for a cozy night with friends and family.



**Tim Burton's  
Corpse Bride**  
**Friday, October 18**

6:30 p.m. - Doors Open/Activities  
7:00 p.m. - Showtime  
Village Hall - Barn

**PG**



**The Grinch**  
**Friday, December 13**

6:30 p.m. - Doors Open/Activities  
7:00 p.m. - Showtime  
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# Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 30, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Village Hall - Barn

Decorate your home or search for the perfect unique holiday gift at the Hawthorn Woods Annual Holiday Craft Fair. A wide variety of vendors and businesses bring their unique and handcrafted items to make your holiday season extra special. Find the perfect treasure for yourself or anyone on your holiday gift list. **ADMISSION IS FREE!**



# Hometown Holiday

Saturday, December 7, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Community Park

Usher in the holiday season with our Hawthorn Woods community at our annual Hometown Holiday event. Enjoy a visit with Santa and horse drawn wagon rides while snacking on cookies and sipping on cocoa. 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 at 5:30 p.m. at Community Park.







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## Senior Gatherings

### Wednesday, September 11

### Wednesday, October 9

Our Senior Group meets for a luncheon on 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. Enjoy good friends, good food, and memorable moments! Our September and October gatherings are FREE to attend and all are welcome.



### November Senior Gathering

### Wed, November 13, Noon

Hawthorn Woods Country Club

Fee: \$15/person

Code: 2640

Join us a special edition of our monthly senior gathering! Meet us at the Hawthorn Woods Country Club for a sit down lunch. All food is included with your registration. Attendees will enjoy soup, turkey, a vegetable side, dinner rolls, and more. Register by November 7th if you plan to attend. Please, no jeans or denim. Contact Alex at (847) 847-3514 or acasler@vhw.org with questions, or to register by phone.

