

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Did You Know...

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is an affiliate with the national environmental initiative Bee City USA®. We join many other cities and campuses across the country united in improving landscapes for pollinators. We are proud to do our part for sustainability in our region.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I am sure we have all been looking forward to spring and the arrival of more outdoor activities. I am pleased to announce that the Village of Hawthorn Woods has been preparing our parks, athletic fields, playgrounds, and outdoor shelters for your use as the weather invites us back outside to enjoy springtime activities. Please remember our picnic shelters and park gazebos are available for private rentals for your family parties, as celebratory gatherings outdoors can be accommodated by reserving your date with the Parks Department.

I wanted to share with all of you that we have been working with Audubon International during a three-year process of earning the prestigious Audubon Community Designation. While we are still one step away from becoming the first community in Illinois to reach this high standard, we have earned two important awards along the way.

The Audubon International Sustainable Planning Award was just awarded to Hawthorn Woods as we have recently completed our first Sustainability Plan for the Village. Thanks to our partnership with the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus Greenest Region Council, the Village has been working in partnership with our Sustainability Coordinator, Robin Grooms, to accomplish this achievement. Together, this honor bestowed upon the Village opens the doors for financial funding through grant awards and qualifies us to compete nationally for funding and financial awards.

We were also awarded the Green Community Award from Audubon International for our commitment to live in harmony with nature and promote environmental standards in all aspects of our municipal community. As a result of this work, and the grant writing talents of our HW Team, we have secured nearly \$1 Million dollars in grant funding in 2020, the highest in recent history. Achieving these financial awards, especially during a global pandemic, should be celebrated by all. It takes every one of us in town to be great stewards of our community, and we celebrate these achievements collectively. Way to go, Hawthorn Woods!

And, sharing one more accolade, I am pleased to inform you the Village of Hawthorn Woods has applied for the prestigious Governor's Hometown Award for our efforts celebrating volunteerism in 2020. We thank all of you who have volunteered to serve on our committees, assist with scout and youth projects, serve as volunteer neighborhood watch groups, assist our seniors with their needs, or serve on your neighborhood homeowner's associations. We thank all of you who pick up litter in the park, water our flowers around a park sign, volunteer with a service organization, or call to report a hazard in our community.

I thank you for building our wonderful community as a group of residents who care about one another and our beautiful hometown. We are proud to be nominated with each one of you for the Governor's Hometown Award. I wish you and your families a wonderful spring season with health and safety as priorities. I look forward to seeing you as we leave winter behind, get our lives back to normal and get out and about to enjoy our hometown amenities.

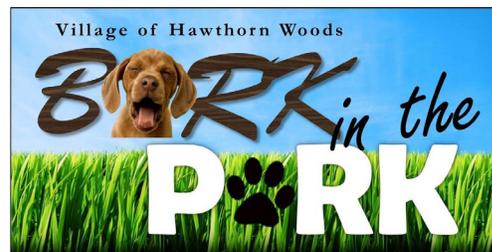
Warmest Personal Regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

Bark in the Park

Saturday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Community Park

Let's gather safely with family and friends to celebrate our furry friends who give so much to us each and every day. Dogs can run, jump, roll over, and play with other friends in our fenced enclosure. Canines enjoy treats, pampering, fun activities and more! Face masks will be required at this event. The event will follow all state, local, and federal COVID-19 safety precautions and guidelines.



Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center

Season Passes On Sale Now

Let's plan for some outdoor fun in the sun this summer by purchasing your 2021 season pass to the Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center! Purchase your pass by March 31st and save 10% with our early bird rates. Swim lesson registration will open March 15th.

The Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center will follow all state, local, federal, American Red Cross, and USA Swimming COVID-19 safety precautions and guidelines.

Should COVID-19 restrictions dictate the cancellation of our Aquatic Center season, a full refund will be provided.



Now Hiring Seasonal Staff

Looking to work outside this summer in a safe and fun location? The Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center is looking to hire individuals 16 years of age and older for the positions of Lifeguard, Office Staff, and Swim Instructor.

Questions? Contact Alex at acasler@vhw.org or (847) 847-3539, or visit us online at www.vhw.org/HWAC.

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. Of the 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 Stormwater Management Commission's website to learn more water quality best management.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The Village of Hawthorn Woods would like to encourage residents to assist our senior population with the AllVax portal online registration process for the COVID-19 vaccine.



If you should know of an elderly friend or neighbor who may not have access to a computer or who might struggle with technology, please reach out to assist them with registering online for the COVID-19 vaccine. They may also register by phone by calling (847) 377-8130. It truly does take a Village to aid those in need, especially during this global pandemic.

Everyone that lives and works in Lake County can register for a vaccine online at <https://allvax.lakecohealth.org>. You may also register by phone by calling (847) 377-8130. Once registered in AllVax, you will be notified via email when a vaccine is available for you and it is time to make an appointment through the Lake County Health Department. Please note that vaccine supply is limited, and the Health Department staff are working as quickly as possible to get as many residents vaccinated as they can.