

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Did You Know...

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is a Tree City USA community. To qualify for this designation, we must continually meet the four standards of sound urban forestry management. Trees add value to your home, regulate the temperature of your neighborhood, and provide food for wildlife. We are proud to keep our commitment to grow a strong and green community.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Now that the spring elections are behind us, I thank you for your support as I embark on my new term as your elected Mayor. I am always impressed with the investment of service in our community and wish to express my sincere gratitude to you all as I accept this volunteer position with great pride and appreciation to each of you.

As the weather is warming and the State of Illinois is making progress offering vaccination availability for all, The Village of Hawthorn Woods is busy planning many of our traditional outdoor activities for our residents this summer. We hope to see you out and enjoying our recreational amenities at one of our Friday night Concerts in the Park held at the gazebo in Community Park this summer. We are also planning several events this summer at the Aquatic Center for some family fun at the pool.

I have great news to share with you regarding one of my initiatives that I asked our staff to pursue. The Village of Hawthorn Woods was recently notified that we have been honored to receive The Governor's Hometown Award for Environmental Stewardship as a result of our volunteer efforts involving the Brierwoods Preserve Restoration Project.

The Governor's Hometown Award program bestows formal recognition to those who contributed to projects that improved their community's quality of life. These projects are sponsored by local units of government that had strong volunteer support, met a community need, and made a definitive impact, thereby generating a positive outcome in the community and by extension, the State of Illinois. The program is administered by the Serve Illinois Commission, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

Brierwoods Preserve, located adjacent to Acorn Acres Park on Bruce Circle North, was once an 11.5-acre thicket of overgrown vegetation. However, through the extensive clearing and planting efforts of our Village Parks Crew and a diverse group of dedicated volunteers, Brierwoods Preserve is now a sustainable woodland and wetland pollinator habitat, open to the public and accessible to all mobilities, located within the Brierwoods and Acorn Acres subdivision.

The following volunteer groups participated in the preserve's restoration efforts: Girl Scout Troop #1409, Boy Scout Troop #92 along with six Eagle Scout candidates, Fox Tribe Indian Princesses, Aqua Illinois, Rotary Club of Long Grove/Kildeer/Hawthorn Woods, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Corps, and the Hawthorn Woods in Bloom Committee, a local chapter of America in Bloom.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods would like to extend our deepest, heartfelt appreciation to our many volunteers and partners and congratulate all of you for being recognized for your tireless efforts in receiving the Governor's Hometown Award!

We will proudly display our recognition in the community for all to see this summer. I look forward to re-connecting with members of our community at one of the many events, programs, and activities planned in the months ahead.

With Kindest Regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

Fireworks

Save the Date! Saturday, July 3rd

Celebrate our freedom as we light up the sky to honor our country. Visit us at www.vhw.org/SpecialEvents for complete details including COVID-19 safety precautions.

Enjoy Fireworks Safely

The Fourth of July means barbecues and fireworks. It may seem like harmless fun, but fireworks are explosives. Only professionals should handle them. On average, 280 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the Fourth of July holiday. Follow these tips to prevent injury from fireworks:

- Leave the lighting to the professionals. Attend fireworks displays.
- Do not try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully ignited.
- Keep sparklers away from children. They can burn at temperatures about 2,000 degrees. That is hot enough to melt some metals.



Summer Events in the Parks

Concerts, Car Shows and Movies in the Park

The Village of Hawthorn Woods Parks and Recreation Department is excited to bring back our Friday night event series! 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. Check out our 2021 schedule below. Please visit us at www.vhw.org/SpecialEvents for updates.

June 4	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring John Lambert (Classic Rock/Bluegrass)
June 11	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Car Show Cruise Night
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring The Noize (Modern & Classic Rock/Motown/Soul)
June 18	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Deja Vu (Variety/Pop)
	Dusk (8:30 p.m.)	Movie in the Park featuring The Croods [PG]
June 25	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Face N Time (Pop, Rock & Country)
July 9	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Car Show Cruise Night
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Bossydog (Rock & Country)
July 16	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Comstock Lode (Country Rock)
	Dusk (8:45 p.m.)	Movie in the Park featuring Trolls World Tour [PG]
July 23	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Save the Clocktower (Original Alternative & Pop)
July 30	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Saturday June Band (Easy Rock)
August 6	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring See Alice (Rock, Pop, Funk & Blues)
August 13	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)
August 20	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Latest Rumor (Rock, Country & Blues)
	Dusk (8:15 p.m.)	Movie in the Park featuring Sonic the Hedgehog [PG]



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Messages from Hawthorn Woods Police Department

Zero-Tolerance of Illegal Fireworks

Annually, thousands of people are treated in emergency departments for fireworks related injuries in the U.S. Two-thirds of these injuries and in some cases death, occur between June 16 and July 16.

In an effort to maintain the safety of the residents and visitors, the Hawthorn Woods Police Department has a zero-tolerance policy towards illegal fireworks. Officers will be vigilant in enforcing the fireworks laws. Citations will be issued with fines ranging from \$100 to \$750. All illegal fireworks will be confiscated and destroyed properly.

Enjoy your Parks

All Hawthorn Woods parks open at sunrise. Memorial Day through Labor Day, parks close at 8:30 p.m. All other times of the year, parks close at sunset.

In order to ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone, we ask park visitors to abide by the rules, regulations and guidelines which can be found online at www.vhw.org/423/Park-Rules. The Hawthorn Woods Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of park ordinances. Violators may be issued a ticket. To report a serious violation, please call non-emergency dispatch at (847) 438-2349.