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Did You Know...

Did you know that not only you, but anyone in your household can register to receive our weekly E-Blast email announcements? You may have as many emails registered as you like. That way, you and your family members can stay informed of the most current community news, events, recreational activities, and alerts, happening in Hawthorn Woods.

To be added to our list, simply contact Kim Stewart at kstewart@vhw.org or 847-847-3514 and provide the name and email address of anyone interested in receiving the Village's weekly E-Blast. We look forward to hearing from you!



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As the hustle and bustle of the changing seasons allows us to think back on holidays past, I am reminded how fortunate we are to live in this wonderful community of Hawthorn Woods. I hope you are all receiving our weekly emails each Thursday, which provide useful information about our programs and events, as well as Village news. If you are not receiving those updates each week, please call Village Hall at 847-847-3514 or go to our website and ask to be added to the email distribution list. We provide up to the minute news if there is an emergency or public notice that needs distribution. Also, our website is another easy way to stay informed at www.vhw.org with updates in real time regarding events, activities, or any public safety notices that may impact your travel routes.

We still have many fun activities planned for you before winter sets in, so please join us on Saturday, November 27th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., for our Holiday Craft Fair at the Village Hall Barn. Also, I hope to see you at the Hometown Holiday special event and tree lighting in Community Park on Saturday, December 4th, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you out and about town as we prepare for this joyful season.

For my family, Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday season where we pause to give thanks and appreciation for all that we have and that we share. I wish to acknowledge and show appreciation to our wonderful staff at the Village, who have worked tirelessly through the pandemic to ensure our safety, keep our streets plowed and salted, processed an unprecedented number of permits, and provided assistance to some of our most vulnerable residents. I am grateful to our wonderful municipal employees for being on the job ensuring our safety, even when their own health was at risk. We have much to celebrate this Thanksgiving season, and many people to thank.

This year, especially, as we find ourselves preparing for another Thanksgiving, I am grateful and honored to serve as your mayor. Our board members, who offer their talents on the Village Board, also do so without any compensation. We serve as volunteers to give back to the community that we love. So, from my personal family to yours, I send my warmest wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. And to my work family, staff members, committee volunteers, and Village Board members, please know we are grateful to you for your service to the Village of Hawthorn Woods.

Happy Holidays to all!

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

Village Vehicle Stickers and Dog Tags Expiring Soon

Your current vehicle sticker(s) will expire January 31, 2022. You will receive your renewal form in the mail the first week of January. Per Village Code, stickers must be displayed by January 31. Failure to purchase new stickers and/or dog tags will subject you to a penalty.



A unique pin number will be included on every application allowing for the purchase of vehicle stickers and dog tags using our online portal. Residents will be able to purchase vehicle stickers, update vehicle information, and make payments through the online portal. If you are not able to use the portal, you can mail in your form with payment, stop by Village Hall during our regular office hours, or drop it off in our drop box outside of Village Hall at the double red doors. You may also phone in your payment with a credit card to the numbers listed below.

Senior rates are available for residents 65 years of age or older. To qualify for a senior rate, a copy of each driver's license is required to be on file. If you are just reaching the senior discount age, you can mail-in or drop off a copy of your driver's license for us to add to your file. Please watch for the applications in the mail the first week of January.

If you have any questions, or if you need to update any of your information at this time, please contact either Amy Belmonte at (847) 847-3537 or abelmonte@vhw.org, or Erica Rezula at (847) 847-3586 or erezula@vhw.org.

Governor's Hometown Award

Earlier this year, the Village of Hawthorn Woods was honored to have received the Governor's Hometown Award in the category of Environmental Stewardship for volunteer efforts involving our 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 need, and made a definitive impact, thereby generating a positive outcome in the community and by extension, the state.

Brierwoods Preserve 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 subdivision at 28 Bruce Circle North.

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.

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

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots will be collected by the U.S. Marine Corps and Hawthorn Woods Police Department. Beginning November 1st through December 10th, you may drop-off new and unwrapped toys to give to children in need this holiday season. Every year the Village of Hawthorn Woods participates in collecting Toys for Tots. The Toys for Tots mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to those children less fortunate.



Upcoming Special Events Calendar

All events held by the Village of Hawthorn Woods will follow COVID guidelines issued by local, state, and federal authorities. We appreciate your cooperation as we aim to keep our community safe and healthy. Please visit us online at www.vhw.org/SpecialEvents for complete details.



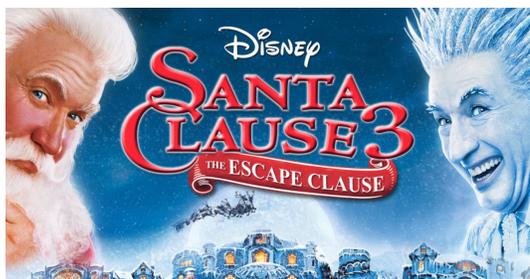
Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 27
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Admission is FREE



Hometown Holiday

Saturday, December 4
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Community Park



Movie in the Barn

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

Friday, December 10
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Feature presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn
This movie is rated G for viewing audiences.

Snow Plow Know How

During the winter season, the Village performs snow and ice removal operations on Village owned streets. The Village's Public Works Department offers the following information to help ensure snowplow operations are accomplished in a safe and effective manner:

- Obstructions in the Village right-of-way are not allowed. Placement of obstacles, such as rocks, boulders, trees, shrubs, monument columns, and monument mailboxes that inhibit snowplowing and vehicular traffic movement or that prohibit maintenance of the right-of-way or obstruct vision are prohibited in the Village right-of-way.
- Depositing snow to streets creates a hazard and is very dangerous after it freezes. When removing snow from private property, please avoid shoveling snow onto or across Village streets or sidewalks.
- Parking is prohibited on any street during snowfall events. On-street vehicles impede the ability to clear the street of snow.

Please adhere to the following guidelines to report hazardous road conditions, such as ice, over two inches of snow accumulation, or drift, over roads:

- Any hour of the day, visit our website (www.vhw.org) and take advantage of the Report a Concern function to send a message directly to our Public Works department regarding road conditions.
- Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., please call (847) 540-5227 to report any concerns regarding road conditions.

The Village acts with great care during snow and ice events. However, snow removal efforts may result in damage to right-of-ways, parkways, and mailboxes. When a properly installed mailbox is damaged during Village snow plow operations, the mailbox will be repaired or replaced with a standard issue mailbox, as soon as possible. Please be sure your mailbox is located according to U.S. Postal regulations, as box placement too close to the roadway may result in damage.

Thank you, be safe, and we'll see you out and about this Winter!





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Don't Let The Cold Weather Keep You Inside!

Bundle up and venture outside to experience all that nature has to offer. The Village of Hawthorn Woods boasts a total of 24 parks and preserves located within our "rural by design" community.

Here's how you and your family can enjoy our parks during winter:

- Take a trek along one of our many walking trails at Community Park, Bridlewoods Park, Heritage Oaks Park, or Brierwoods Preserve.
- Go sledding at the Community Park sled hill.
- Organize an outing to go cross-country skiing, go snowshoeing, toss about a snowball or two, take your dog on a hike (don't forget to pick up after them), or build a snowman.



We invite you to send us pictures or videos of your winter park excursions. Simply send them to Brian Sullivan at bsullivan@vhw.org or Kim Stewart at kstewart@vhw.org, so we might post them to our Village website or Facebook page.

All of our parks are open year-round, from sunrise to sunset, accessible to all mobilities. For a full listing of our park sites, locations, and amenities, please visit us online at www.vhw.org/parks.