

# HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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## Did You Know...

In the General Primary Election on June 28, 2022, the Village of Hawthorn Woods plans to place a referendum question on the ballot with regards to funding the repair, maintenance, and replacement of our Village roads. The Village is comprised of 57 miles of public roads and \$28.5 million is desperately needed to rehabilitate them.



## June 28, 2022 Road Referendum

On June 28, 2022, the Village of Hawthorn Woods will have a referendum question on the ballot with regards to funding road repair and maintenance of Village roads, including the replacement of large diameter culverts. The Village has a unique opportunity to replace the existing road Special Service Area (SSA) tax rates with a Village-wide \$0.18 dedicated road tax. \$0.18 is equivalent to the average of the combined current road SSA tax rate. Year 2022 is the last year the road SSA taxes will be collected. If the proposed referendum is successful, a more equitable funding program would replace the current SSA road bond.

An independent engineering study performed in 2013 and updated in 2018, indicated that the Village's average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) was 3.9 (Good) in 2013 and decreased to a PCI of 5.0 (Fair) by the 2018 update, illustrating that the roads are significantly deteriorating. The PCI scale is from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst. The study also identified failing pavement, roads without concrete ribbon, and aging metal culverts under our streets. Over the next 20 years, all Village roads will need resurfacing or reconstruction. With proper maintenance, the lifespan of a road is 15 to 20 years with our freeze/thaw cycles.

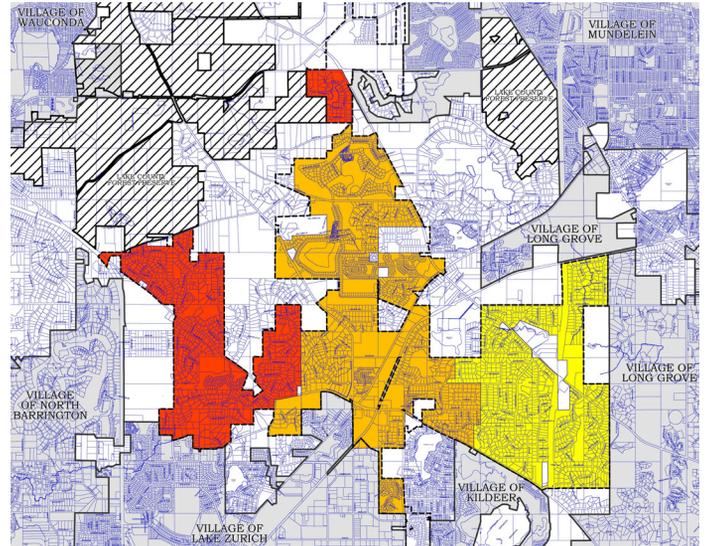
### Tax Bill Impact

If the proposed referendum is successful, a more equitable funding program would replace the current SSA road bond. The financial impact on your home depends on its location due to the expiration of the previous road bond on your property tax bill. If the referendum passes, based on a home with a fair market value of \$500,000:

- Residents in **SSA 1** will see a **decrease** of \$81.18 on their property tax bill.
- Residents in **SSA 2** will see an **increase** of \$89.59 on their property tax bill.
- Residents in **SSA 3** will see a **decrease** of \$83.68 on their property tax bill.

### Find Your SSA (Special Service Area)

- Visit [www.vhw.org/SSA](http://www.vhw.org/SSA) to view the map with street names.
- Look up by the subdivision listing below.
- Look at your property tax bill.
- Call us at (847) 438-5500.



Subdivision	SSA	Subdivision	SSA	Subdivision	SSA
Acorn Acres	SSA 1	Hawthorn Woods Unit 1-5, 7	SSA 2	Stonebridge	SSA 1
Bridlewoods	SSA 1	Hawthorn Woods Unit 6	SSA 3	Summit (Pheasant Ridge Estates)	SSA 2
Brierwoods	SSA 1	Heather Highlands	SSA 2	The Conservatory of Indian Creek	SSA 3
Brierwoods Estates	SSA 1	Highview	SSA 3	The Enclave	SSA 3
Camden Trace	SSA 2	Indian Creek Country Estates	SSA 3	The Glens of Stonecreek	SSA 2
Cherry Hill Plaza	SSA 2	Knottlingwood Lake	SSA 2	The Meadows	SSA 2
Copperfield	SSA 1	Lake Lorraine Estates	SSA 2	Thompson Wozny Estates	SSA 1
Countryside Glen	SSA 1	Lakewood Estates	SSA 1	Thornberry Creek	SSA 3
Elmwood	SSA 1	Lakewood Meadow	SSA 2	Thornfield	SSA 1
Estates of Indian Creek	SSA 3	Legend Knoll	SSA 2	Thornfield Meadows	SSA 1
Glennshire	SSA 3	Park Place Estates	SSA 2	Tiffany Estates	SSA 3
Hawthorn Grove	SSA 3	Pendeco	SSA 2	Villas at the Commons	SSA 2
Hawthorn Hills	SSA 2	Pheasant Creek Estates	SSA 2	Walnut Creek	SSA 1
Hawthorn Knolls	SSA 3	Pheasant Knolls	SSA 3	White Birch Lakes	SSA 2
Hawthorn Woods Business Park	SSA 2	Rambling Hills	SSA 3	White Birch Meadows	SSA 1
Hawthorn Woods Country Club	SSA 2	Rambling Hills East	SSA 3	Winding Creek	SSA 1
Hawthorn Woods Estates	SSA 2	Rambling Hills West	SSA 3	Woodland Estates	SSA 3

\* If your neighborhood is not listed, please call the Village at (847) 847-3590 so we can determine the SSA impact for your individual home.

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## Why are there Differences in the Tax Bill Impact?

Currently, some residents pay a higher portion of their real estate taxes than others based on their SSA population and location in town. Some residents pay no portion of their real estate taxes for the current program because their subdivisions were not part of the Village at the time the SSA's were created. The new program will include all properties in the Village based on the assessed valuation of each property, creating a more equitable plan for all residents.

## Can the Village Find Additional Funding Sources?

Yes. The Village has been hard at work for many years seeking alternative funding sources and grant opportunities for our Village streets. Over the last five years, the Village has secured over \$1.2 million for road projects and an additional \$1.8 million for non-related road projects. But, not enough grants are available to fund all of our 57 miles of roads in Hawthorn Woods.

The Village continues to seek additional sources of funding for our roads through local, state, and federal programs. In addition to the Village's efforts, securing a sustainable funding source is urgent to avoid falling behind the need to secure \$28.5 million dollars, which is the minimum amount necessary for the rehabilitation of our streets.

## How do I vote on the Referendum?

A question will be asked of all residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods on the June 28, 2022 ballot. The sample ballot to the right is directly related to the Road Referendum and is mandated by law to appear in this exact format on June 28, 2022.

## What Happens if the Referendum is Passed?

- The new road tax would begin in 2023, just as the current road SSA tax would no longer be collected.
- A property with a fair market value of \$500,000, regardless of location within the Village, would pay a road tax of approximately \$290 annually, based on the \$0.18 tax rate, or approximately \$25.00 a month. This same amount of approximately \$290 annually will simultaneously be retired off your tax bill, creating a neutral tax impact, or a slight savings, for most residents.
- The plan will not borrow in bonding capability. Rather, street maintenance projects will occur as taxes are collected. The referendum is expected to generate \$900,000 annually for Village roads.
- The annual Village vehicle sticker fee charged each year for all vehicles will be eliminated. This is a savings for all residents.

OFFICIAL BALLOT		
PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE LIMITING RATE		
(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)		
Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Lake County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.180000% above the limiting rate for corporate purposes for levy year 2020 and be equal to 0.621936% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2022?	YES	
	NO	
<p>(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$2,155,187.97, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$3,032,993.39.</p> <p>(2) For the 2022 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$60.00.</p> <p>(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2022 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).</p>		

## What Happens if the Referendum is Not Supported by Voters?

- The current Village tax rate does not provide enough income to fund the necessary road repair and maintenance program. With the current tax rate, the Village is unable to undertake the repair and replacement of our roads, currently estimated at \$28.5 million dollars.
- For every year we delay the program, road conditions worsen and the program expense increases. Pavement on roads will crumble, impacting vehicular traffic and making snow and ice removal difficult. Similar to the Darlington Road collapse, culverts will fail, forcing emergency road closures and detours.

## For More Information

Visit us online at [www.vhw.org/2022Referendum](http://www.vhw.org/2022Referendum) or call us at (847) 438-5500.



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## Summer Special Events

June 3	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Face N Time
June 10	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Big D & the Nomads
June 17	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring See Alice
June 17	Dusk (8:45 p.m.)	Movie - Clifford the Big Red Dog
June 24	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Save the Clocktower
July 3	6:00 p.m.	Fireworks (9:15 p.m.)
July 4	10:00 a.m.	Parade
July 8	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Comstock Lode
July 15	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring The Noize
July 15	Dusk (8:45 p.m.)	Movie - Encanto
July 22	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Second Time Around
July 29	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Deja Vu
August 5	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Ken Kuhn & Split Hook
August 12	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Bossydog
August 19	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Concert featuring Saturday June Band
August 19	Dusk (8:00 p.m.)	Movie - Sing 2

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