

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Did You Know...

As the fall season is upon us, neighbors are stepping outdoors to rake their leaves, clean-up their yards, and make use of their fire pits on a chilly evening. We remind residents that open burning is prohibited under title 4, chapter 7 of the Village Code. Open burning is defined as a fire on the ground or in an open receptacle where any material, such as landscape waste, grass, leaves, shrubbery, wood, paper or garbage is burned. Recreational fires are allowed, but regulated. Burn materials for fire pits, barbecues, or cooking devices shall be comprised only of seasoned firewood, charcoal, natural gas, or LPG gas.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

The Village sends a big "Thank You" note of appreciation to all who took part in expressing your strong support of our road referendum this summer at the voting polls. The Village residents overwhelmingly said YES to a professionally designed plan to resurface and rebuild our roads and invest in our aging infrastructure. This is an investment in your neighborhoods, your safety, and overall property values.

Beginning next year, we will receive funds to initiate year one of our road program. Until that effort begins, the Village has retained Christopher Burke Engineering to revise and update our street maintenance plan that will professionally determine the phased approach of our road rehabilitation program. The first few years of the program will focus on those areas of town that have not yet received the ribbon edging that holds the pavement edge in position before we move into a Village-wide program. We will also be replacing the rusted corrugated culverts under the roads with a concrete box culvert, improving the lifespan and durability of our infrastructure and address safety concerns for all motorists.

Good news continued to pour in this month as the Village received a unanimous ruling from the appellate court regarding a dispute on the 62-acre parcel on Midlothian Road. The appellate court vacated any prior judgements against the Village, and we are appreciative of that higher court ruling.

On another positive note, the Village of Hawthorn Woods welcomed advisors from the America in Bloom National Foundation who visited our town in July to evaluate our environmental efforts, natural landscaping and floral gardens, community vitality, celebrations of hometown heritage, and overall livability. They were able to meet with our business and faith community, our environmental and social service partners, and our residents and elected officials.

They visited several homes in town on their two-day tour, and left behind accolades of appreciation for everyone who helped to make their visit memorable...and fun! They toured each of our neighborhoods, got to take a boat ride in White Birch Lakes, and even toured the environmental efforts on our County Club course. They looked at best management practices in our parks, and congratulated Hawthorn Woods residents on the passage of a new investment in our streets program.

Over the past four years, Hawthorn Woods has been at the top of the leaderboard in points, earning over \$125,000 in America in Bloom CN EcoConnexions grants, as well as national awards for overall best town with a population under 10,000, and best in the nation for our environmental efforts. Last year, our Aquatic Center won the national award for "Coolest Place for Kids", and our Green Business Program won a national award for "Innovation in Action-Most Impressive New Program".

Thanks to all who participated, gave a welcome wave, or took time to meet and greet our America in Bloom advisors.

And...even though summer may be coming to a close, fall fun is just getting started! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th, for our first annual celebration of Hawthorn Woods called "Party in the Park." This free event is a hometown celebration with live bands, food trucks, games, and beverage tents. We have a lot to celebrate as we come together as a community this fall. I hope to see you all on September 17th at Community Park from 4 until 10 pm.

With Kind Regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

Village Earns Mark of Distinction

The Village of Hawthorn Woods Receives Tree City USA Growth Award from Arbor Day Foundation

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is proud to receive the Tree City USA Growth Award by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor our commitment to effective urban forest management. A Growth Award is bestowed upon a community alongside their Tree City USA recognition for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care. The Growth Award recognizes major milestones and annual activities in five different categories on a point-based system to build sustainable community forestry programs over the long term, such as: building a team, measuring trees and forests, planning the work, performing the work, and building the community framework.



Only a small percentage of Tree City USA participants ultimately earn the Growth Award honor due to a continued dedication towards building a sustainable community. “Hawthorn Woods is proud to elevate our Tree City USA status to earn this new environmental award. We are committed to growing our municipal forest and hope all will join us in this regional effort,” stated Mayor Dominick DiMaggio.

Tree City USA is a national recognition program founded in 1976 by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

“Tree City USA communities can experience the positive effects that an urban tree canopy provides year after year,” said Dan Lambe, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The trees being planted and cared for by Hawthorn Woods are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program helps cultivate a sense of stewardship and pride for the trees the community plants and cares for.”

With the additional recognition of a Growth Award, Hawthorn Woods has demonstrated our expediency towards building a framework for sustainable urban forest management. Urban tree plantings help reduce energy consumption by up to 25%, which will reduce general energy costs and help with the overall cooling of the Village. In addition, members of the community benefit from properly placed trees, as they increase property values from 7-20%. Trees also positively affect the local ecosystem by helping to clean water and create animal habitats to encourage biodiversity.

For more information about the Tree City USA Growth Award program, please visit www.arborday.org.



Celebrate Hawthorn Woods at Party in the Park

Saturday, September 17, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Community Park
Free Admission & Free Parking

New for 2022! Calling all Hawthorn Woods residents to the biggest block party of the year! Let's gather our community to enjoy music, food, lively refreshments, and the great company of our neighbors. This free event has entertainment for all ages. Visit us online at www.vhw.org/PartyInThePark for complete details including a schedule of events and a list of attractions.



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Sat, September 17
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Party in the Park
Community Park

Fri, October 21
6:00 p.m. Doors Open
7:00 p.m. Showtime

Movie in the Barn
Scoob!
Village Hall Barn

Sat, November 26
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Craft Fair
Village Hall Barn

Sat, December 3
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hometown Holiday
Community Park

Fri, December 9
6:00 p.m. Doors Open
7:00 p.m. Showtime

Movie in the Barn
Polar Express
Village Hall Barn



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