

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Did You Know...

The Village performed road construction on Hawthorn Drive and Hickory Road in late July to early August. The project included the resurfacing of roads and the installation of concrete ribbon. The Village utilized Rebuild Illinois funds to finance this project. The year 2024 will start the first year of the Village's road program utilizing the Road Referendum funding that is being collected throughout 2023.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

As we head into the fall season, we are looking forward to our Party in the Park event, where all residents are invited to bring your families together at Community Park for the largest block party in town! We will have fun for the kids the first few hours and then an evening of music, food trucks and adult beverages available for purchase. We have two back-to-back bands playing for dancing under the stars.

Last year was a huge success, and we welcome everyone to join us on Saturday, September 16th, for this premier event in Hawthorn Woods, with family events starting at 4:00 and bands playing until 10:00 pm. For the families, there will be train rides and a petting zoo that will run until the first band starts at 6:00pm. Come join us as we eat our way around the food truck circle, try our skills at caged axe throwing, or relax with a bourbon, craft beer or wine. We will also have a hand-rolled cigar tent back by popular demand! Bring the whole family out for a night celebrating our Hawthorn Woods Community!

This past summer brought about several opportunities to gather, including our Independence Day Fireworks and Parade, our summer Concerts in the Park each Friday night, and daily gatherings of families at our Aquatic Center. We also recognize that five of our neighborhoods overcame a difficult situation over the Independence Day holiday with an Aqua Illinois water main break that left our residents without water for three days and then with a boil order advisory. We thank the residents in town who offered their homes to those without water, and who came out to help distribute water bottles to those neighbors in need of fresh drinking water. Our staff and elected officials worked tirelessly and stepped up to help in any way possible when Aqua Illinois did not. We should all be proud of this community pulling together to help one another. The Village will continue to seek cooperation from Aqua Illinois and the Illinois Commerce Commission to expedite system upgrades of both water supply, including other water sources, and system maintenance on their 27 miles of pipeline that service many of our neighborhoods.

And for those who have been patiently waiting for their streets to be resurfaced or reconstructed, the road program began this summer with resurfacing and concrete ribbon installation on Hickory Road and Hawthorn Drive using grant money we received from the Rebuild Illinois program. 2023 is the first year we are collecting dedicated road referendum funds. As of December of this year, we will have collected our first year of referendum funds to initiate a full year of road repairs for 2024. The first few years of the program addresses those streets in town that currently do not have any concrete ribbon edging. Our entire program is detailed with numerical ratings of each street and approximate years of resurfacing or reconstruction for each of our 60 miles of roadway and can be found on our website at www.vhw.org.

From my family to yours, I hope you enjoy the beauty of our stunning community as we enter into the autumn season together in the Village of Hawthorn Woods.

Best regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

Hawthorn Woods Receives \$25,000 in Urban and Community Forestry Funding

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is pleased to receive \$25,000 in funding assistance through the 2023 Chicago Region Earmark Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program. The funding is provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service through the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI). The Morton Arboretum of Lisle, Illinois, serves as the grant administrator.

This grant opportunity is intended to improve the health, diversity, and equitable distribution of trees in the Chicago region to benefit people and communities.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods endeavors to increase our tree canopy throughout three of our nationally award-winning public parks: Meadowlark Park and Arboretum; Brierwoods Preserve; and Woodland Park. The Village will also replace fifteen parkway trees lost to the emerald ash borer infestation, vehicular impact, and storm damage. The Village intends to purchase, properly plant, and maintain a total of 131 diverse trees to initiate an increase in our canopy cover from 26.47% to 31% by 2033.



With the initiation of this tree planting program, Hawthorn Woods will further demonstrate our commitment to environmental sustainability and an even higher level of tree care.

This grant project was made possible with increased resources thanks to Congressman Sean Casten's Community Project Funding support in 2021.

The Village would like to thank the USDA, CRTI, Morton Arboretum, and Congressman Casten for this most generous funding opportunity.



Celebrate Hawthorn Woods at Party in the Park

Saturday, September 16

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Community Park

Free Admission & Free Parking



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 offers 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.

More Community Special Events

Lake County Symphony Orchestra

Fall Concert

Friday, October 14

Halloween Movie in the Barn

Friday, October 20

Holiday Craft Fair

Thursday, November 25

Hometown Holiday

Friday, December 1

Holiday Movie in the Barn

Friday, December 8

Lake County Symphony Orchestra

Holiday Concert

Friday, December 15

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Yard Waste Stickers Now Available at County Bumpkin

The Village of Hawthorn Woods has an established yard waste pick-up program with Waste Management. The yard waste service collects grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, and other yard waste materials, and takes them to facilities where they can be used to create renewable energy or compost.



Yard waste stickers for residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods can now be purchased at the Country Bumpkin Garden Center, located at the corner of Gilmer Road and Hawley Street, 27691 N. Gilmer Road, Mundelein. Lawn care bags are also available for purchase.



Country Bumpkin Garden Center is open:
Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Yard waste stickers may also be purchased at Village Hall, 2 Lagoon Drive, Hawthorn Woods, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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