

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Did You Know...

Structural fences, defined as a barrier used as a boundary constructed of manufactured materials, such as, wire, mesh, marker flags, stakes or poles, chain link, wood or stone, are prohibited within the boundaries of Hawthorn Woods in order to maintain our rural by design, open environment aesthetics. Natural fences, comprised of shrubs, trees, or a hedge in a straight line, are also prohibited, as outlined in Sections 8-4-1 and 8-4-2 of the Hawthorn Woods Village Code.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Hawthorn Woods Tax Dollars at Work for You.

I wanted to provide you with an update that your Hawthorn Woods tax dollars have been hard at work this summer as we have invested in our street maintenance improvement program, "HW Paves the Way." We have accomplished more than we originally scheduled, thanks to additional grants that the Village has competitively been awarded. We collect approximately \$900,000 annually for our road program, but this year we will be able to accomplish over \$3 million dollars of actual infrastructure improvements. For the first time, our streets including Squire, Foxtail, Cattail, Lancelot, Arthur, and Glen received concrete ribbon binder and new pavement with parts of Orchard receiving resurfacing. Indian Creek Road is receiving a new concrete box culvert to replace the corrugated and rusted metal culvert under the road, and will be resurfaced this fall. We will continue to write competitive grants to expedite our road repaving program in town.



Village of Hawthorn Woods Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 18 Consecutive Years!

The Village of Hawthorn Woods has received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada. This achievement rewards excellence in reporting the municipal annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.



The Village remains in the top 1% of municipalities nationwide that have received this award in our population category for eighteen consecutive years! The GFOA advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods Annual Financial Report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate our financial story and motivate individuals and groups to read the report. The GFOA Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Let's Party Together!

While we still continue to enjoy the last days of summer, we are gearing up for a fun fall season of special events. Our 3rd Annual Party in the Park is quickly approaching on Saturday, September 7. Please mark your calendars now for a special gathering in Community Park that is our Hawthorn Woods version of a Village community block party. There will be two live bands, family entertainment, an after-dark dance party under the stars, a bourbon station, cigars, and lots of great food and fun. I hope to see you all there!



Warmest Regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

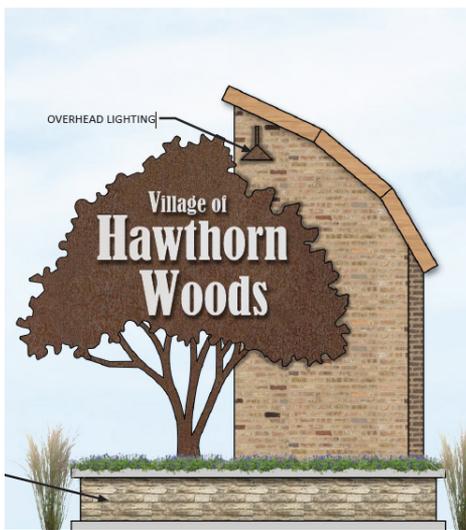
Village of Hawthorn Woods to Establish First-Ever Entry Sign Monument

The Village is embarking on a new placemaking initiative with the implementation of two entry sign monuments to be placed at the north and south entry points to our community. The first sign will be placed at the corner of Route 22 and Quentin Road.

The design of the entry sign monument (pictured here) was centered around the Village's "rural by design" motto and was envisioned by the team at Kimley-Horn, our engineering, planning and design consultants. This concept draws inspiration from the natural surroundings of our Village, incorporating the elements of Village Hall and our designated municipal Hawthorn tree. The sign will be dynamic rather than static, utilizing modern materials and techniques to create not only an entry sign monument, but a work of art.

The installation of this entry monument, tentatively scheduled for this August, will be completed by Doyle Signs. They are responsible for implementing numerous municipal signs throughout the area.

Hawthorn Woods Community Bank has generously donated \$35,000 to assist in the funding of this distinctive placemaking initiative.



Hawthorn Woods Police Department Warns Against Recent Surge in Phone Scams



The Hawthorn Woods Police Department is urging residents to stay vigilant against a recent surge in phone scams targeting the community. Scammers are employing sophisticated tactics to deceive individuals into providing personal information, financial details, or making payments under false pretenses. Common scams include

the "IRS Scam," where callers impersonate IRS agents and threaten legal action for unpaid taxes unless immediate payment is made. Another prevalent scam is the "Tech Support Scam," where fraudsters pose as technical support representatives from well-known companies, claiming there are issues with your computer that need urgent fixing, often requesting remote access or payment for non-existent services. Additionally, the "Grandparent Scam" involves callers pretending to be a distressed grandchild in need of immediate financial help due to an emergency.

To protect yourself from these scams, it's essential to recognize the warning signs and take preventive measures. Never share personal or financial information over the phone unless you are certain of the caller's identity. Legitimate organizations will not demand immediate payment or sensitive information through unsolicited calls. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately and verify the information through official channels. The Hawthorn Woods Police Department recommends registering your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry and utilizing call-blocking features on your phone. By staying informed and cautious, you can help safeguard yourself and the community from these deceptive and potentially harmful schemes.

Upcoming Calendar

Party in the Park

Saturday, September 7

Broadway Cabaret by Lake County Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, October 19

Movie in the Barn

Friday, October 25

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 30

Hometown Holiday

Friday, December 6

Movie in the Barn

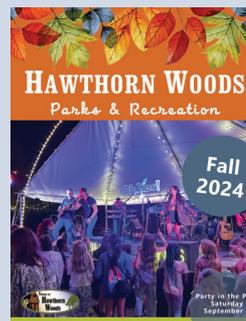
Friday, December 13

Welcome Christmas by Lake County Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, December 15

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Parks & Recreation Fall Brochure



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Are You Registered to Vote?

The next General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. To determine if you are registered to vote, visit the Lake County Voter Power web portal at:

www.lakecountyil.gov/351/Voter-Power-for-Registered-Voters

You will be prompted to provide your name, address, zip code and date of birth. If registered, you will be able to find information on where you vote, who your elected officials are, how to request permanent vote by mail, and other election related information.

If you are not registered to vote, you can do so at several locations including: Hawthorn Woods Village Hall, the Lake County Clerk's Office, Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services facilities, Fremont or Ela Library, and online at the Illinois State Board of Elections' website (ova.elections.IL.gov). Two forms of identification will be required.



Party in the Park 2024

Saturday, September 7, 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Community Park

You are invited to the biggest block party of the year! This celebration of Hawthorn Woods will feature two live bands, food vendors, a beer and bourbon tent, cigar tent, family and party games, and the great company of our neighbors.

Visit www.vhw.org/PartyInThePark for details.



Live Music!
4-6 pm - Winnie Cooper Band
6:30-9 pm - Oh Yes!