

# HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Photo: Indian Creek Nature Preserve

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## Did You Know...

As the holiday season approaches, the Village would like to remind residents of the temporary lighting regulations, per our Village Code:

- Temporary holiday lighting is allowed for up to sixty (60) consecutive days. After this period, the lights must be removed and may not be reinstalled for at least thirty (30) days.
- The total annual usage of temporary lighting cannot exceed ninety (90) days.

These guidelines help maintain a balance between celebrating the season and preserving our community's atmosphere.



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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Over the past 15 months, the Village has been working internally on seeking opportunities for alternate water sources for those residents currently not on private well systems. Approximately 1,200 homes in town rely on suppliers, such as Lake County Public Works Department or Aqua Illinois, to supply and distribute clean and safe drinking water to their homes in Hawthorn Woods. The source of that water distribution is pumped from our deep well that is then treated and distributed to homes and businesses.

We have been researching the possibility of decreasing our reliance on ground water only by seeking a Lake Michigan water supply allocation, which previously has not been available to us. That has been one of my top priorities of my administration, and a top concern from residents worried about their water quantity and quality.

I wanted to update you that our conversations have now extended to our service partners, as the Village staff and I have been working toward a dedicated allocation of Lake Michigan water. I am happy to announce we are one step closer, as the Village is currently in discussions with the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA), the Lake County Public Works Department, Aqua Illinois, and Village staff to secure a specific allocation of Lake Michigan water for the Village of Hawthorn Woods.

We are requesting the remaining allocation of Lake Michigan water for the Village of Hawthorn Woods and appreciate the spirit of collaboration with our governmental friends. We have been working together to make this complicated intergovernmental process become a quality of life improvement for all.

While we are finalizing the agreements, please be assured that clean, reliable, and safe drinking water remains a top priority of my administration. I will keep you informed as more details become available.

Warmest Regards,

*Mayor Dominick DiMaggio*

## Upcoming Calendar



### Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 30  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Hometown Holiday

Friday, December 6  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Movie in the Barn Wonka

Friday, December 13  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Movie at 6:30 p.m.

### Welcome Christmas Concert Performed by Lake County Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, December 15  
Doors open at 3:00 p.m.  
Concert at 3:30 p.m.

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## Public Works Projects

The Hawthorn Woods Public Works Department has been focused on two primary projects: the replacement of the large diameter culvert on Indian Creek Road and the construction of a new Public Works Cold Storage Building.

Indian Creek Road was closed to traffic while a large diameter culvert was replaced. This project, which was completed in October, included significant streambank stabilization of the creek at Indian Creek Road, as well as the replacement of the 12' x 6' concrete box culvert.

The Village was successful in securing Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding, administered through the Lake County Council of Mayors, to resurface Indian Creek Road in 2024. Eighty percent of the cost to resurface Indian Creek will be paid for with STP funds, with the remaining paid for with Village road referendum funding. The Village anticipates the resurfacing of Indian Creek Road to be complete this Fall.

The construction of a new Public Works Cold Storage Building continues with the shell of the building having been constructed and the concrete floor having been installed. We anticipate the building to be completed by the end of 2024. The Village is grateful to Senator Dan McConchie for securing funding to assist with the construction of this building. The Public Works Cold Storage Building will house Village equipment and vehicles, thereby extending the life of these Village assets utilized to serve residents.

Lastly, pavement patching was performed on Pheasant Run, Thornfield Lane, Mooregate Trail, and Bixtone Path. Funding was not available to address all areas, but the patching work performed was a significant improvement to the condition of these roads.

You may contact our Public Works Department at (847) 540-5227 with any questions pertaining to these projects.



*Culvert Replacement at Indian Creek Road*



*Construction of Public Works Cold Storage Building*



*Bixtone Path Pavement Patching*

## Solicitor Information

In the spring, we published a newsletter article informing residents of the rules for solicitors knocking on doors. There has been a flurry of applications for solicitor permits in recent weeks, so we felt it was appropriate to provide this information, once again:

Persons wishing to solicit door-to-door must apply for and be approved for a solicitors permit with the Village of Hawthorn Woods. Solicitors must adhere to the following rules outlined in Section 3-4B-1 of the Hawthorn Woods Village Code:

- Each commercial solicitor shall prominently display the Village issued solicitation permit photo ID while soliciting in the Village.
- Every solicitor must cease solicitation upon the owner or occupant's request.
- If a No Solicitors sign is posted on or near the main door, solicitors are not to enter or engage in solicitation on the premises. The Village has No Solicitor window clings available free of charge to residents by contacting Donna Lobaito at [dlobaito@vhw.org](mailto:dlobaito@vhw.org) or at (847) 540-5222.
- Solicitation can occur between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. excluding Sundays, and state or national holidays. Religious solicitors may solicit all days of the week between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

If you encounter a solicitor who does not have a solicitation permit photo ID from the Village, or if they knock on your door when a No Solicitors sign is posted, we ask residents to immediately call our non-emergency phone number at (847) 438-2349 to dispatch a Police Officer to address the situation immediately.





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## Reminder from Hawthorn Woods Police Department Secure Your Vehicles

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep Hawthorn Woods safe, Officers of the Hawthorn Woods Police Department would like to remind everyone of the importance of securing your vehicles. With the rise in vehicle thefts across the region, it's crucial to take simple precautions to protect your property. Leaving your keys inside your car or your doors unlocked can make your vehicle an easy target for thieves. Even a momentary lapse in security can lead to significant consequences, including the loss of your vehicle and any belongings inside.



We encourage all residents to develop the habit of always locking your doors and removing the keys from your vehicle, even when parked in your driveway or at home. Additionally, consider using steering wheel locks or other anti-theft devices to deter potential thieves. By working together to stay vigilant and proactive, we can help ensure that Hawthorn Woods remains a safe and welcoming community for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and support!