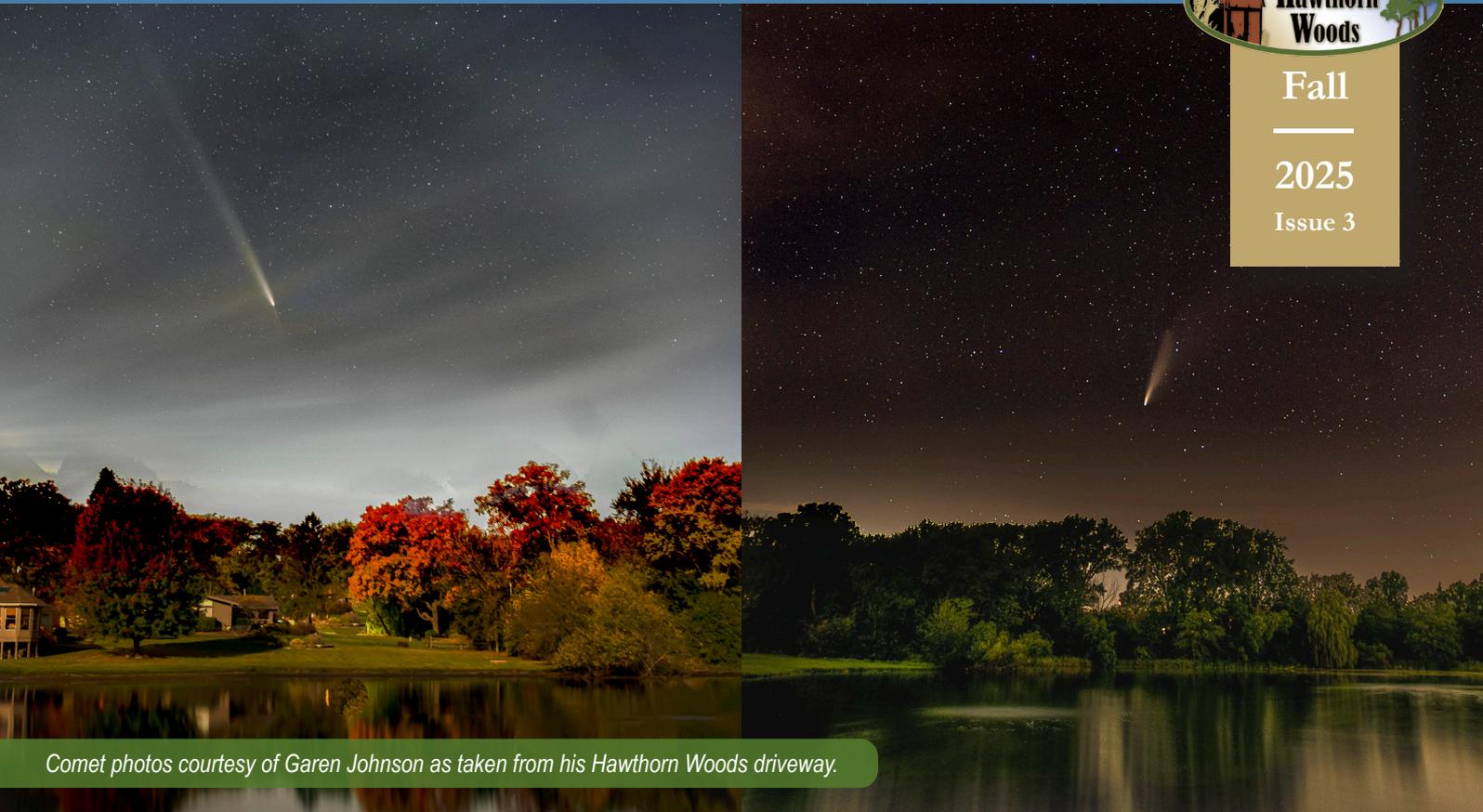


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Comet photos courtesy of Garen Johnson as taken from his Hawthorn Woods driveway.

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Did You Know...

Lighting up the night sky does not necessarily improve safety or security. Dark skies allow us to see special celestial events in Hawthorn Woods such as the comet pictured above. As a designated International Dark Sky Community, the Village of Hawthorn Woods would like to encourage residents to implement the following safe outdoor lighting solutions:

- Use fully-shielded, dark-sky friendly fixtures.
- Lights should shine down, not up, and won't create glare.
- Only use lights when and where needed.
- Install timers and dimmer switches, and turn off lights when not in use. All exterior lighting should be turned off or dimmed at 10:00 p.m. daily.
- If you must have security lighting, make use of motion sensors.
- Use the right amount of light. Too much light is wasteful and impairs vision.
- Use long-wavelength lights with a red or yellow tint where possible. Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This past summer brought about many fun opportunities to gather, including our Independence Day Fireworks, our summer Concerts in the Park each Friday night, our summer camp program, and daily gatherings of families at our Aquatic Center. I would personally like to thank our Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Police Department for always going above and beyond to put these great events on. Hawthorn Woods is so lucky to have such dedicated public servants working for us. We were able to provide the full summer concert line up at no expense to our residents because of our generous business sponsors in town. In case you missed our Friday night concert series, we have one more opportunity to celebrate our Hawthorn Woods community at our Party in the Park event on Saturday, September 20th, along with our professional drone show, that will light up the night sky in spectacular color and animation that is sure to impress. Last year's drone show was a big hit, and we are expanding our display again this year. Do not miss out on this special event!

All residents are invited to bring your families together at Community Park for the largest block party in town! We have enhanced our entertainment line up with two live bands that will engage the crowd in fun all afternoon and evening. We have planned and expanded the children's entertainment area this year, followed by an evening of music, food vendors, and adult beverages available for purchase. We have two back-to-back bands for dancing under the stars and additional food trucks scheduled to reduce wait lines for the dinner rush.

You will find me and my family celebrating our community under the string of lights near the cigar station, the bourbon tent, and ticket booth. This is the only day each year where cigars and bourbon are permitted for sale, so don't miss this unique adult area. Family events will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the bands will play until 9:00 p.m. Be sure to come for the drone show that lights up the sky at 9:00 p.m. For the families, there will be train rides, inflatables, and a petting zoo that will run the first two hours of the event. Come for dinner or stay for the evening. There is no entrance fee, so bring the whole family for a night out celebrating our Hawthorn Woods Community!

Party in the Park has become our signature fall event, and we welcome all neighborhoods to spread the word and join together to attend our annual gathering on Saturday, September 20th, for this not-to-miss celebration at Community Park in Hawthorn Woods. Come join us as we taste our way around the expanded food truck circle, try our skills at caged axe throwing, or relax after dinner with a bourbon, craft beer or wine as we light up Hawthorn Woods with a personalized drone show.

See you there!

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio



Woodchucks Summer Camp



Aquatic Center



Party in the Park



Drone Show

Road Program Update

Hawthorn Woods "Paving the Way"

The Village recently completed the third year of the Village's Road Program. This year's road program included the resurfacing of roads and the installation of concrete ribbon within Indian Creek Country Estates, Tiffany Estates, and Rutgers Court. Streets included in this year's road program were Sequoia Road, Blackhawk Road, Shenandoah Lane, and Rutgers Court (pictured right).



After a successful 2025 Road Program, the Village is focusing on the various aspects of the road program's maintenance. The Village intends to perform the first year of the Village's Pavement Rejuvenation Program. This program is a maintenance strategy that extends the life of the pavement by up to five years.

In addition to the rejuvenation maintenance strategy, the Village intends to perform this year's contractual pavement patching program this Fall. Public Works staff is also working diligently to perform smaller in-house patching, in one neighborhood a month, throughout the summer and into the fall.

The Village has also secured Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding that is administered through the Lake County Council of Mayors in order to resurface Acorn Drive from Old McHenry Road to Bruce Circle North, to Brierwoods Lane, to the Village limits. Eighty percent of the cost to resurface these streets will be paid for with STP funds, with the remaining paid with Village funding. In addition to this, the Village intends to resurface the remaining streets in the Acorn and Brierwoods neighborhood as part of the normal annual road program. The Village anticipates beginning the design of these projects later in 2025, with construction occurring next year.

If you have any questions or comments regarding these projects, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Village's Public Works Department at (847) 540-5227.

Community Development Update

As fall settles into Hawthorn Woods, we're pleased to share news of continued progress in our Village. A new Starbucks location (pictured right) will be breaking ground soon with construction to continue through the fall months, marking a welcome addition to our local business landscape and a new gathering place for our growing community.



This season is also a great time for home improvement projects. If you're planning work, such as replacing a roof or windows, or tackling exterior upgrades, be sure to secure the appropriate building permits before starting. Our staff is here to ensure your project runs smoothly and complies with Village codes.

For permit applications, development updates, or to learn more about what's happening in the Village, visit us online at www.vhw.org, stop by Village Hall at 2 Lagoon Drive, or call us at (847) 847-3537.



Party in the Park

Saturday, September 20
4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Community Park

Movie in the Barn Hocus Pocus

Friday, October 24
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn

Lake County Symphony Orchestra Shall We Dance Concert

Saturday, November 15
5:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Tickets Required

Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, November 29
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn
FREE Admission

Hometown Holiday
Friday, December 5
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Public Works
FREE Santa Visits

Lake County Symphony Orchestra Welcome Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 13
3:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Tickets Required

Movie in the Barn A Minecraft Movie

Friday, January 17
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn

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Safety Reminder!

From Hawthorn Woods Police Department

The Hawthorn Woods Police Department would like to remind residents to stay vigilant and safe during the fall season. With school back in session, please be extra cautious while driving through neighborhoods, especially near school zones and bus stops. Shorter daylight hours mean more time spent driving in low-light conditions, so be sure your headlights are working correctly and always watch for pedestrians and cyclists. This is also a great time to check your home security systems, outdoor lighting, and ensure your emergency kits are stocked and ready for the months ahead. You can find preparedness information at www.ready.gov.

We are proud to serve such a caring and engaged community and look forward to continuing our partnership in keeping Hawthorn Woods one of the safest places to live. As always, if you see something suspicious, don't hesitate to say something—your eyes and ears help keep our Village secure. Stay safe and enjoy all the beauty and activities that Hawthorn Woods has to offer!

