

**Monthly Meeting Dates**  
All meetings held at Village Hall at 7:30 PM

	May	June	July
Village Board of Trustees	15	19	24
Architectural Review	3	7	12
Environmental	18	15	27
Finance	9	13	18
Park & Recreation	1	5	10
Plan Commission	4	8	13
Police Pension			24
Police & Public Safety	1	6	10
Scholarship			
Technology	24	28	26
Water & Infrastructure	8	12	17
Zoning Board of Appeals	4	8	13

**Welcome...Nancy Caine**



The Village of Hawthorn Woods welcomes Nancy Caine as our Finance Director. Nancy comes to the Village with over 25 years of accounting experience, and she is a Certified Public Accountant. She has worked for both the Villages of Lake Zurich and Barrington. Nancy lives in Barrington with her two children, Lauren and Jim.

**The Village of Hawthorn Woods sincerely thanks the Hawthorn Woods Womens Club for generously donating funds for new tables for the Barn and for donating toward the purchase of an audio/video system for Village Hall.**

**Village Office Closings...**

**Monday, May 29th**  
**Tuesday, July 4th**

Village of Hawthorn Woods  
2 Lagoon Drive  
Hawthorn Woods, Illinois 60047

Newsletter Editor  
Karen Richey

**E-PAY**

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is now accepting online payments for:

- Vehicle Sticker Registration (new and renewals)
- Dog Tags
- Waste Management Stickers
- Contractor's Licenses
- Street and Zoning Maps
- Comprehensive Plan
- Subdivision Ordinances
- Zoning Ordinances
- Police Ordinance Violations
- Police Parking Citations



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**Welcome...Jan Filenko and Officer Dennis Sears**

The Police Department welcomed a new Police Records Supervisor/Administrative Assistant and a new Police Officer in March. Both come to the Village with experience from Lake Zurich Police Department. Jan Filenko, the new Police Records Supervisor and Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police has 5 years of experience with Police Records and lives in Lake Zurich with husband and two children. Police Officer Dennis Sears served as a Police 911 Telecommunicator at Lake Zurich before being hired by the Village as its newest Police Officer. Officer Sears is currently attending the



Police Training Academy in Champaign/Urbana and will begin his Field Training in June. We welcome both of them to the Village.



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- Clerk's Office Ext. 2204
- Bldg. Inspector Ext. 2213
- Electrical Insp. Ext. 2212
- Electrical Insp. Ext. 2212
- Landscape Arch. Ext. 2216
- Plumbing Insp. Ext. 2211
- Public Works 540-5227
- Police Dept. 438-9050

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**MAY, JUNE, JULY 2006**

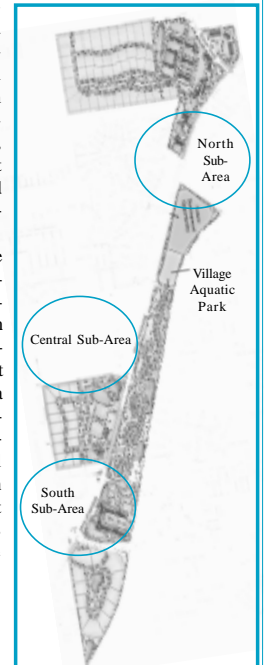
**Midlothian Corridor Update**



Dear Neighbor:

Last fall, the Village completed its Midlothian Corridor Planning process with an outside consultant — the Lakota Group. That process involved comprehensive planning workshops with the Plan Commission, Village Board, developers, landowners and area residents. Through that process, virtually all of the landowners participated in the process and agreed with the Village's vision for the Midlothian Road Corridor. The reason the Village undertook this planning process was not necessarily in an effort to foster development in the area as much as it was an effort to define and control development that would occur. It was a response to an increasing number of unacceptable proposals from various developers. We continue to receive proposals to build the stereotypical "suburban strip mall", large grocery stores and/or other proposed uses that are both incompatible with the particular parcels and inconsistent with the nature and character of our community.

As a result of these perpetually unacceptable proposals, the Village decided to articulate its own vision for the Corridor. As you can see from the enclosed artist's rendering, the Midlothian Corridor Plan embraces a variety of mixed use development including lower density, small footprint upscale retail that would cater primarily to local residents and provide a gathering place (including specialty grocers, restaurants, entertainment venues, Starbucks, perhaps a bakery, ice cream parlor, wine shop and a variety of small boutiques), small office buildings (similar to those in The Commons business park), and residential. Most of this plan relies on existing zoning classifications and will not result in zoning changes. It is our hope that by putting forth this plan we can better define the types of development that the Village Board would find acceptable and "weed out" unacceptable proposals at the outset.



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Virtually all of the existing zoning has been in place for more than 20 years. While there have been several development proposals, most developers have shied away due to the Villages' high development standards and the significant cost of bringing sewer service to the area. While the Village has secured sewer capacity through an inter-governmental agreement with Lake Zurich, a developer would still have to spend the necessary money (more than \$2.5 million) to bring the sewer line up Midlothian Road from the High School and to make the necessary downstream improvements to the system. Of course, any developer making this substantial investment would be entitled to "recapture" – a concept that provides the developer making this investment with an opportunity to be reimbursed for a portion of the investment as neighboring parcels develop in the future. While each of the parcel owners and perspective developers have been offered the possibility of recapture, none has been willing to make the sewer line investment under that scenario. Indeed, one developer – Weatherstone – recently sued the Village claiming that it should not have to make this investment and then wait to be repaid by other developers – when and if neighboring parcels develop in the future.

Due to the relatively small size of the parcels on Midlothian Road, and the relatively low density that the Village would find acceptable for that area, the situation results in a classic "stand off." On one hand, the property cannot be developed without sewer. But on the other hand, none of the parcels are large enough, nor have the developers been willing, to justify the significant expense involved faced with the possibility of recapture. Another option would be for the Village to create a Special Service Area (SSA) to fund the sewer line. An SSA is a funding mechanism where the Village sells bonds secured only by the future tax revenues from included properties. The debt is repaid from future taxes collected from the owners of only those parcels served by the sewer line. With an SSA, no single owner or developer has to front the entire project cost. Instead it is equitably spread among the benefited properties. For this reason, the Village Board is conducting an SSA hearing on May 15 to explore the feasibility of utilizing the SSA mechanisms to construct the sewer line that would serve the Midlothian Corridor. It is important to note that the only affected parcels are along Midlothian and each of these parcels has been on the market or the subject of developer interest for many years. And most of the owners purchased the property as an investment with the intent to either sell or develop it in the future.

While there have been a number of recent newspaper articles on this topic – many of which have contained confusing or misleading information. Here are the facts:

1. Under an SSA, the Village would sell bonds to finance the cost of the project. The bonds would be repaid entirely from real estate tax revenues from the *affected parcels only*. There are only a handful of parcels along Midlothian Road that would be affected – each of which has been the subject of considerable developer interest.
2. The Village would use this bond money to construct the sewer line – assuring a timely completion and ending the stalemate of waiting to see which developer would alone front the needed monies.
3. The SSA would affect no other Hawthorn Woods residents. No current residents would pay any taxes to support or fund the SSA.
4. Landowners would be given a two-year reprieve and would not have to pay any SSA tax during the first two years — enabling to evaluate development options or sell if they wish.
5. No one is being forced out of his or her home.
6. Hawthorn Woods paid \$308,000 to the Village of Lake Zurich to reserve sewer capacity. We will not recoup this money until someone builds a sewer line or the SSA is formed.

Coupled with the Midlothian Corridor Plan and a well-articulated vision for that area, the Village hopes that the SSA mechanism will provide a meaningful and orderly way for appropriate development to occur in that corridor and provide much needed tax revenue to the Village.

Keith L. Hunt  
Mayor



Dear Neighbors:

Summer is just around the corner and with the beginning of summer comes a lot of activity. I'd like to take a brief moment and give you some information on some three important topics that will be happening around town this summer and fall.

**Road construction.** As everyone is well aware, summer in Chicagoland means road construction. Here in Hawthorn Woods we are working on a number of streets within our residential neighborhoods and that will cause some potential delays. However, this work is critical and we will do everything possible to reduce the impact to your area. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Village Hall at any time and we'll provide you with the latest information. The Mayor and Village Board are very involved in this project and they want our residents to receive great service.

**Water conservation.** This is a very delicate topic that needs the support of our residents. As primarily a community with private wells it is very difficult for the village to monitor water usage and more importantly to place guidelines on its use. However, as a public safety/public health concern the Village of Hawthorn Woods will begin a campaign that will address this issue and provide valuable input on water conservation in the near future. In the meantime, the Mayor and Village Board is asking that all residents practice good water conservation practices and keep in mind the serious effects a drought can have on our community. Whether you water usages is outside or inside use please good common sense and conserve water. Every drop saved will help.

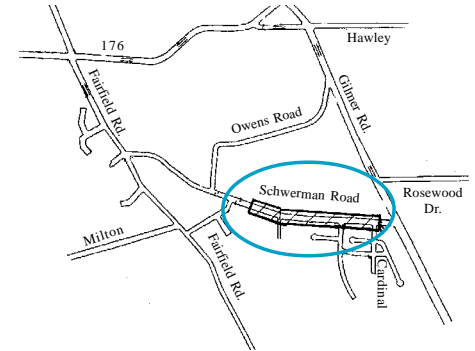
**Village Aquatic Park.** I'd like to report that the plans for the Village Aquatic Park are coming along nicely. The Mayor and Village Board are in the process of interviewing prospective contractors, formulating budgets and putting the finishing touches on the design of our new aquatic facility. In the very near future the Mayor will be able to officially announce the overall plans along with a time schedule for its completion. We are currently working towards a June 1, 2007 opening. As this exciting project takes shape the Mayor and Village Board will keep you up to date.

On behalf of the entire staff here in the Village Hall have a great summer and please feel free to contact us if you have any needs, questions or comments.

Jim Krischke  
Village Administrator

## Schwerman Road Closed for Road Construction

Starting mid/late May Schwerman Road will be closed to thru traffic. Local residents (Lake Lorraine and Camden Trace subdivisions) will have access. Road will re-open by September 1st. All construction costs will be incurred by Toll Brothers.



## HURRICANE KATRINA UPDATE...

**What:** The H.E.L.P. Committee Thanks You!!

**Who:** All Ela area residents who participated in donation drives to benefit residents of Hancock County, Mississippi affected by Hurricane Katrina.

**When:** For the past nine months you have endured 3 donation drives, 6 volunteer packing and loading days and one super-duper sized Pizza Challenge Fundraiser.

**Where:** Village of Lake Zurich, Village of Hawthorn Woods, St. Francis De Sales Church, Quanten Road Baptist Church, Hawthorn Woods Women's Club, Lake Zurich Area Chamber of Commerce, District 95 Schools and Cambridge Bank amongst others.

**Why:** Because you responded with awe-inspiring humanity and consideration to come together as a cohesive group to help where truly needed.

In the beginning of May the last shipment of the H.E.L.P. organization was sent to Mississippi. The truck was loaded full with donations and cleaning supplies. None of this could have occurred without the openhanded kindness of all the Ela area residents. For this, the H.E.L.P. committee would like to thank you. We know that the lives of over 40,000 Hancock residents affected by Hurricane Katrina were improved through our efforts. As one Hancock County official put it... The government is doing what it can, but the real, timely relief in the form of specific items the residents can use now, is coming through H.E.L.P. and other such grass root organizations.

Residents in Mississippi are still struggling to regain a normal life, but after all this time, they are finally able to start thinking about rebuilding. It is for this reason that the H.E.L.P. organization will close up shop. The bank account of monetary donations will be drained and used, thankfully, to purchase building supplies for Hancock County. Thank you to everyone for stepping forward with such overwhelming kindness and compassion. You truly showed the quality of character that makes up Ela Township.

**4th of July...LET'S CELEBRATE!!!**



**Monday, July 3rd**

**Community Park (off Old McHenry)**

**Deja Vu (70's & 80's) will begin playing at 5:00 pm**  
**Fireworks at Dusk**  
 Parking:  
 Community Park  
 St. Matthew's Church



**Tuesday, July 4th**  
**Parade**

The Hawthorn Woods Women's Club will once again sponsor the annual parade on **Tuesday, July 4th** at 9:30 AM. Line-up for the parade will begin at 9:00 AM (on Falkirk and Carlisle) and end at the Community Park (off Old McHenry Road). Following the parade there will be a flag-raising ceremony, parade awards, and activities in the Park.

**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS**

2006 Sunday Concert Series in the Park  
 Community Park (Old McHenry and Quentin Roads)

Generously sponsored by **Toll Brothers**

- June 4th Zanes Way Featuring Dave Zane of the Cryan' Shames (Solid Gold Oldies)
- June 11th Skip Towne & The Greyhounds (Blues R&B)
- June 18th Jamaican Breeze (Island Sounds)
- June 25th Johnny Star & The Meteors (50's & 60's)
- July 3rd Déjà Vu (70's & 80's)
- July 9th Howard & The White Boys (Blues)
- July 16th Jazz Spectrum (Jazz)
- July 23rd The Legends (Beach Party & British Invasion)
- July 30th Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners Big Band (11 Piece Big Band)
- August 6th Slow Burn (Pop, Dance Music)
- August 13th One Foot In The Groove (The Chicago Bulls House Band)
- August 20th Route 66 (Oldies & Elvis)
- August 27th Triple Dawg Dare (Blues Rock Cover)
- September 3rd The New Invaders (60's Flashback)

All Concerts are from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. except for the July 3rd concert, which will be from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Culver's Ice Cream will be for sale at all concerts. In case of rain, concerts will be held at the Village Hall, 2 Lagoon Drive.



**2ND ANNUAL BICYCLE RODEO**  
**Saturday, May 13th**  
 (rain date...Sunday, May 14th)  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Community Park (Old McHenry Road)**

- Bicycle inspections
- Skills course
- Bicycle registration
- Raffles & prizes
- Each HW child receives a bike helmet and t-shirt
- DJ
- Free Culver's ice cream, hot dogs & soda
- Fun for the whole family



**Congratulations...**

The following scholarships were awarded at the April 17th Village Board Meeting:

- ◆ Charice Wilczynski - Hawthorn Woods Scholarship
- ◆ Matthew Knight - Hawthorn Woods Womens Club Service Scholarship
- ◆ Ryan Fortman - Hawthorn Woods Womens Club Service Scholarship
- ◆ Dina Gasero - Wade Andrew Sawyer Merit Scholarship
- ◆ Jeffrey Rohalla - Wade Andrew Sawyer Scholarship

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**Stormwater Pollution Solutions - Lawn Care**

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in recommended amounts.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.



**Farewell...Marilyn McGuan**

After thirty-three years as the Village Treasurer, Marilyn McGuan has decided to retire from public service. She began her career at the Village in 1973 as a volunteer Village Treasurer, and at that time, the Village's annual budget was \$166,091.00. Today, Marilyn was responsible for overseeing a budget of \$9,602,400.00. Over the years she was instrumental in the implementation of social security contributions, deferred compensation, employee pensions and the addition of health insurance for the employees. Because of her tenure at the Village, Marilyn has agreed to serve as the Village Historian. Her sunny personality and friendly smile will be missed by all at the Village Hall. Best wishes to Marilyn and Pat as they enjoy their retirement together!



**Save The Date!**

**Monday**  
**September**  
**18th**

**HWWC**  
**Charity**  
**Golf Outing**  
**At the NEW**



**1pm Shotgun Start**  
**Lunch/Dinner Included**  
**Hole-in-One**  
**Challenge**  
**Raffle / Prizes**  
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