

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



Fall

2018

Issue 3



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Rambling Hills Park

(pictured above)

Rambling Hills Park is 9.5 acres of land located at 19 Lakeview Road in Hawthorn Woods. Along with its beautiful landscape, which includes acres of open space, large trees, and a pond, this park boasts many amenities. Rambling Hills Park features a softball field, a soccer field, walking trails, a picnic area, and a playground. Get out and enjoy the many colors of the fall season at this local treasure.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming Public Meetings

September 2018

Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, Sept. 10, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Business Continuity Work Group Meeting	Thursday, Sept. 20, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Sept. 24, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

October 2018

Environmental Committee Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Joint Finance/Committee of the Whole-Budget Review	Monday, Oct. 22, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

November 2018

Finance Committee Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Planning Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Police Commissioners Board Meeting	Wednesday, Nov. 14, 3:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Police Department
Business Continuity Work Group Meeting	Thursday, Nov. 15, 10:00 a.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Police Pension Board Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 20, 6:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Committee Room
Village Board of Trustees Meeting	Monday, Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Planning, Building & Zoning Commission Meeting	Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

Upcoming Special Events

Fall Family Fun Fest	Saturday, September 22 10:00 a.m. - Noon	Aquatic Center
Movie in the Barn	Friday, October 19 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Holiday Craft Fair	Saturday, November 24 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn
Hometown Holiday	Saturday, December 1 <i>More details to come!</i>	Community Park
Movie in the Barn	Friday, December 7 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall - Barn

Please visit www.vhw.org for calendar updates.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

This summer, our beautiful village was selected by the America in Bloom organization as a finalist in the national competition honoring municipalities who enhance their hometowns with natural beauty and community pride. Hawthorn Woods welcomed two judges from Maryland and the Ohio area who spent two days touring our residential, business/commercial, and governmental subdivisions and buildings.

The judges were appreciative of the warm welcome they received from all who met with them and showcased their home gardens, properties, and businesses. They also had a chance to meet with some of our business owners, service groups, and volunteers and spend time learning about what makes Hawthorn Woods so special. The judges met with the Village elected officials at an evening reception, and also had an opportunity to seek information from our village staff.



Highlights of their visit included a van tour into each residential neighborhood, lunch in a backyard gazebo on Hawthorn Drive, a historical cemetery walk at St. Matthew Church, a tour of our Hawthorn Commons business park and Cherry Hill plaza, a golf court tour of the Hawthorn Hills Country Club, and a pontoon boat tour of Lake Leo. The judges planted a tree at Heritage Oak Park with the day campers from the Woodchucks program, and thought that was a highlight of their visit.

But the most meaningful part of their visit was the chance to meet so many residents and employers. They left our town feeling the community pride that we commonly share and the service to others we practice. The winners will be announced in Kentucky in September, but I am certain Hawthorn Woods is already in the winner's circle by being selected as a finalist in the United States. After their departure, the judges nominated us for three additional awards: Community Vitality, Environmental Efforts, and Urban Forestry.

Thank you to the entire community as we showcased our hometown for the national stage. We will share the results of their scoring this fall.

In other award news, Hawthorn Woods was recently ranked as the second safest city in Illinois this year by Home Snacks metrics where we received a 10 out of 10 rating. We actually ranked first in lowest property crimes in Illinois. We appreciate our dedicated Police Department and the collaboration with all of our residents to keep Hawthorn Woods a safe and desirable place to live.

Enjoy the fall season in our wonderful Hawthorn Woods, and know that our town is being recognized by others as an enviable place to live, work, and play.

Warmest personal regards,

Joe

\$10,000 Openlands Grant

The Village continues to actively apply for grant funding opportunities. All of our hard work and persistence is paying off for our residents. In June, we received a \$10,000 grant funded by Openlands and the ComEd Green Region Program for Phase Two of the Brierwoods Preserve Migratory Monarch project.

Over 40 years ago, the Village received a developer donation of overgrown surplus property including an 11.5 acre woodland and marshland. The land was located at the dead end of a road and had no public access. The site was discovered in 2017 to possess a unique upland oak forest with 100 year old oak stands and a diverse forest with hardwood trees untouched from the time of our ancestors. Called Brierwoods Preserve, the Village sought funding in 2017 to design this parcel into a passive public preserve, complete with accessible trails and educational signage to attract the next generation of nature enthusiasts to rediscover the woods. We sought funding from the 2017 Com Ed Green Regions Grant, but were unsuccessful with our first attempt. But we didn't quit. We attracted the attention of several Monarch butterfly groups, and received \$20,000 from CN railroad with oversight by America in Bloom to begin our project. The project focused on clearing the invasive thicket, adding trails and pollinator plants, and opening the forest floor to regeneration and sunlight.

And that's when we spotted the Monarch butterfly. A single butterfly enriched our entire plan. We immediately modified our landscape plan to support a Monarch butterfly and other pollinator oasis, with a program we called "Wish You Were Here", a Monarch butterfly habitat. We attracted local, state, and national attention with over 125 attendees from the United States to see our project. That was just 9 months ago.



\$10,000 Openlands Grant

Continued

We now have additional grant funding to move on to Phase Two and address the seven acre wetland area that has not received management or attention, and is in its natural untouched condition. Aquatic scientists and storm water experts have advised us that we now need to turn our focus to the expansive wetland, to modify the monoculture cattails and introduce additional aquatic plantings.

With this \$10,000 open lands grant, we can now continue our plan to create the habitat for the pollinator birds, bees and butterflies that will use this wetland as a respite on their migratory journeys. This multi-

phase endeavor creates a sustainable project for the region, and serves a greater world-wide effort to save the declining populations of pollinator species, like the Monarch butterfly. Being part of a greater mission adds value to the credibility and sustainability of our work plan.

Brierwoods Preserve is located at 28 Bruce Circle North adjacent to Acorn Acres Park. We invite you to experience this 11.5 acre preserve featuring beautiful walking trails, an observation deck overlooking a wetland area, and various natural elements including trees, butterflies, plants and wildlife.



Infrastructure Improvement

The Village anticipated the updated pavement management report and drainage report (identifying regional drainage issues) in August. These reports will guide the Village to adequately fund our highest priority infrastructure needs and protect property values village-wide. The updated Pavement Management Report (road maintenance plan) will include an updated assessment of each Village street. To see

additional information, please go to www.vhw.org/InfrastructureImprovementPlan.



Fall Family Fun Fest

Saturday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center

Let's get ready for an enjoyable fall season at the Hawthorn Woods Fall Family Fun Fest. This free community event includes crafts, mini train rides, giveaways, and a variety of activities for children and families. Come touch a truck with vehicles available from the Hawthorn Woods Police Department and Public Works, Countryside Fire Department, and many others. Come say hello and meet staff from all of the Village departments.



Movies in the Barn

Join us as we gather our community together at the Village Barn for a cozy night with friends and family.



Hotel Transylvania

Friday, October 19

6:30 p.m. - Doors Open/Activities

7:00 p.m. - Showtime

Village Hall - Barn



A Christmas Carol

Friday, December 7

6:30 p.m. - Doors Open/Activities

7:00 p.m. - Showtime

Village Hall - Barn

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 24, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Village Hall - Barn

Decorate your home or search for the perfect unique holiday gift at the Hawthorn Woods Annual Holiday Craft Fair. A wide variety of vendors and businesses bring their unique and handcrafted items to make your holiday season extra special. Find the perfect treasure for yourself or anyone on your holiday gift list. **ADMISSION IS FREE!**



Hometown Holiday

Saturday, December 1

Community Park

Usher in the holiday season with our Hawthorn Woods community at our first annual Hometown Holiday event. Enjoy a visit with Santa and horse drawn wagon rides while snacking on cookies and listening to the sounds of the Stevenson High School Choir. We will kick-off the holiday season by lighting our community tree at Community Park. Be sure to join us for this traditional holiday event! Check www.vhw.org/SpecialEvents for details. This event at Community Park will replace the tree lighting and Santa visit at the Village Barn.



Fall Youth Soccer League

Registration Deadline: August 24

The Parks and Recreation department and Elite Soccer team up to offer youth soccer for children in grades Pre-K through 6th. Our league provides instruction to build upon each player's skills in a recreation-based environment where players learn by playing together on the field.

Players will practice for 1-hour on Wednesday evenings and games will be played for 1-hour on Saturday mornings. All practices and games are held at Heritage Oaks Park. The fall 2018 registration deadline is August 24. All fees will increase \$10.00 on August 25. All players must have a uniform which includes jersey, shorts and socks. Previous players may wear their old uniform. Visit www.vhw.org/YouthSoccer for details.

Pre-K - K (2 days/week)

Wednesday & Saturday, Sept. 5 - Oct. 27

Program + Uniform \$125/res; \$145/non-res
Code: 2314

Program Only \$110/res; \$130/non-res
Code: 2313

Pre-K - K (1 day/week)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - Oct. 27

Program + Uniform \$100/res; \$115/non-res
Code: 2316

Program Only \$85/res; \$100/non-res
Code: 2315

Grades 1-3

Wednesday & Saturday, Sept. 5 - Oct. 27

Program + Uniform \$125/res; \$145/non-res
Code: 2310

Program Only \$110/res; \$130/non-res
Code: 2309

Grades 4-6

Wednesday & Saturday, Sept. 5 - Oct. 27

Program + Uniform \$125/res; \$145/non-res
Code: 2312

Program Only \$110/res; \$130/non-res
Code: 2311



Taekwondo

First Session of Fall 2018 Begins on September 5



The Village of Hawthorn Woods partners with Ong Taekwondo Academy (OTA) to bring martial arts to the Hawthorn Woods community. Each level meets two days a week. Taekwondo improves physical and mental ability by teaching children to build a strong healthy body and provides elements for improved motor skills, better ability to pay attention and follow directions, practice courtesy and discipline, and gain self-confidence. The first fall session begins on September 5. All participants must wear a uniform which includes a top, bottom, and belt (uniform fee is \$60 and is separate from program fees). Visit www.vhw.org/Taekwondo for details, and registration information on our second fall session.

Little Jins (Ages 4-6)

Sept. 5 - Oct. 20
Wed, 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Fees: \$188/res; \$217/non-res
Code: 2305

Kids Taekwondo (Ages 7-10)

Sept. 5 - Oct. 20
Wed, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Fees: \$188/res; \$217/non-res
Code: 2306

Mixed/Family Taekwondo (Ages 7 & up)

Sept. 5 - Oct. 20
Wed, 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Sat, 11:15 a.m. - 12 Noon
Village Hall - Barn
Fees: \$188/res; \$217/non-res
Code: 2307

Visit www.vhw.org/RecreationPrograms for more offerings.

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Battery Recycling

Hawthorn Woods has started a household battery recycling program for alkaline, nickel, silver, and mercury batteries such as 9V, AAA, AA C and D batteries.

Prior to dropping off your batteries, please tape both terminals of each battery or place each battery in a separate plastic bag to avoid the possibility of a short circuit and fire.

The batteries that are prohibited in this program are lithium, lithium ion, lead acid, any wet cell batteries or leaking batteries. Battery repository containers are



located at the Village Hall, and the Aquatic Center. Questions regarding acceptable batteries or battery recycling should be directed to Waste Management at 800-664-1434.