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Hawthorn Woods

Happenings

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The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



The Village of Hawthorn Woods Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held in early December. The Stevenson High School Caroling Choir provided entertainment and the Barn was overflowing with children awaiting their turn to visit Santa. Thank you to all who attended and donated to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GO PAPERLESS!

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, VISIT THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS WEBSITE (www.vhw.org) AND SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL NOTIFICATION THAT THE LATEST NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN POSTED ONLINE.

The email that you receive will just be a link to the online newsletter, not an email containing the entire newsletter. By registering at www.vhw.org you can also choose to receive email notification about special events in the village, emergency notices, agendas and meeting minutes.

If you do not wish to receive electronic notification and **have not already requested** to receive future copies in the mail, please call (847) 540-5228. **Please note that if you have already requested to remain on the mailing list, you do not need to call again.**

Save the Date!
Bike Rodeo

May 29
(rain date May 30)
Community Park
10 am- 2 pm

Would you like to play golf at the Hawthorn Woods Country Club?

Have you always wanted to play the exclusive and private Hawthorn Woods Country Club golf course designed by Arnold Palmer? Mark your calendar and join your neighbors and friends for a day at this private club to play golf on one of Lake County's premier golf courses. All funds raised at this event will be used to support the community development fund that provides for such events in the Village of Hawthorn Woods as the annual 4th of July fireworks, the Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park Series, the Fall Fun Fest and the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Sponsorship opportunities are available including the Mayor's Circle that includes a

foursome for the outing, Trustee's Circle and hole sponsors.

"On behalf of all the Village Officials, I invite you to join us on this great Hawthorn Woods golf course," said Mayor Joe Mancino.

Registration and sponsorship information is available on the village website at www.vhw.org. For further information, please email dkauffman@vhw.org.



Vehicle Stickers & Dog Tags for 2010



2010 vehicle stickers must be displayed in lower passenger corner of front windshield by May 1.

Village of Hawthorn Woods 2010 vehicle stickers and dog tags are on sale now and must be purchased by April 30, 2010 to avoid any penalties. Each car registered to your residence in Hawthorn Woods must have a sticker — for example, even if a car is away at college with your child it still requires a Hawthorn Woods vehicle sticker.

Vehicle stickers and dog tags can be conveniently purchased by returning with payment the reminder postcards that will be mailed shortly. The stickers and dog tags can also be purchased in-person at Village Hall from 8 am—4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

If you do not receive a reminder postcard, payment is still due by April 30. Vehicle and dog registration applications can be downloaded at www.vhw.org.

Passenger Cars — \$30
Senior Rate (65 or older) Car — \$5*
Dog Tags — \$10

RATES DOUBLE MAY 1st.

The 2010 vehicle stickers will expire at the end of this calendar year. The 2011 vehicle stickers must be affixed to your car by January 31, 2011.

*Proof of age required

Aquatic Center Season Passes

As the days become longer and the snow flies less frequently that can only mean one thing...the Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center Season Passes are available for purchase.

The pool opens Saturday, May 29, Memorial Day Weekend.

Resident Individual Passes are available for \$160 and Resident Family Passes cost \$265.

Non-resident Individual Passes are available for \$210 and Non-resident Family Passes cost \$395.

We are pleased to offer an Early Bird Discount of \$25 off any season pass purchased before April 30.

For more information and registration forms, please visit www.vhw.org, or contact Kristin Kazenas at 847-847-3590 or kkazenas@vhw.org

2010 Season Passes for the Aquatic Center available now!



FROM THE DESK OF Mayor Joseph Mancino



Dear Neighbors,

As the new-year begins, the Village's reorganization plan has been put into action and gaining momentum every day.

Newly hired personnel have added real synergy to our vision and goals. As a whole, our mission this year is to *Build Team* and *Pursue Excellence*. This is the message we carry daily as we serve the residents of Hawthorn Woods. With so many challenges ahead of us these are directives that will serve us well in our pursuit.

There are exciting plans for each department and I am

eager to see those plans in action. In short, our transformation has begun and is on solid ground. You can read more details about village activity in the "2009 Summary Memo" on the village website at www.vhw.org.

Scheduling for our annual Summer Concert series, our 4th of July Celebration, and Aquatic Center opening are well underway, including

exciting new programs from our Parks and Recreation Department. Information on these and other events will be available soon. It is a great time to live and work in the Village of Hawthorn Woods. I thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve.

Sincerely,

Joseph Mancino

"Java With Joe" Saturday, March 13th

Come for coffee and donuts with Mayor Mancino on Saturday, March 13th from 9 am until 11 am at the Village Hall Barn.

This is the first of two open house style meetings the Mayor will host this year. A

meeting in the Fall will be scheduled in the evening during the week.

Residents are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to ask questions about issues in the Village.



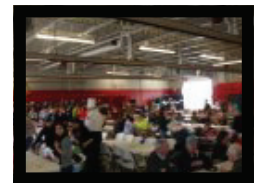
Other Important Community Notices:

2010 Census

Starting in March, the 2010 Census questionnaires will be mailed to all Hawthorn Woods households. The census is mandatory and it determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. It consists of only 10 questions and takes about

10 minutes to complete. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share any individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. If you do not return the questionnaire, a census taker will come to your home. For more information visit www.census.gov.

CERT
Pancake Breakfast
April 10, 2010
8am—12 noon at
Long Grove Fire Dept.
\$5 (Under 3 Free)



The breakfast benefits the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).



INTRODUCING NEW Pre-School Drop-off Classes

BOOKIN' IT

Ages 3-6

Instructor: Kelly Carlson, DCFS Credentialed/Early Childhood Education Specialist.

Each week, we will discover a new book and create an art project based on the featured story. Reading will become an adventure and a hands-on experience!



Dates: 4/05 – 5/17 (6 weeks)
4/06 – 5/18 (6 weeks)

Time: 9:00 – 10:00
Time: 12:00 – 1:00

Fee: \$65/85
Fee: \$65/85

REGISTRATION FORMS

AVAILABLE AT
WWW.VHW.ORG

All classes will be located in the Community Room at the Aquatic Center located at :

94 North
Midlothian

REGISTER TODAY! Classes Start Soon

MUSICAL MADNESS

Ages 3-6

Instructor: Kelly Carlson, DCFS Credentialed/Early Childhood Education Specialist

In this class, your child will experience music through instruments, singing and movement. Music will be experienced from head to toe!

Dates: 4/05 – 5/17 (6 weeks)
4/06 – 5/18 (6 weeks)

Time: 10:15 – 11:15
Time: 1:15 – 2:15

Fee: \$65/85
Fee: \$65/85

MESSES ARE MARVELOUS!

Ages 3-6

Instructor: Kelly Carlson, DCFS Credentialed/Early Childhood Education Specialist

If your child enjoys painting, glitter and creating spectacular projects, this is definitely the place to be! Please dress your child appropriately because we promise this is going to get messy!

Dates: 4/07 – 5/19 (6 weeks)
4/08 – 5/20 (6 weeks)

Time: 9:00 – 10:00
Time: 12:00 – 1:00

Fee: \$65/85
Fee: \$65/85

WEE WORKOUT

Ages 3-6

Instructor: Kelly Carlson, DCFS Credentialed/Early Childhood Education Specialist

Exercise it not only for grown-ups! Developing healthy habits can begin at a young age. This class is perfect for the active, growing body and mind!

Dates: 4/07 – 5/19 (6 weeks)
4/08 – 5/20 (6 weeks)

Time: 10:15 – 11:00
Time: 1:15 – 2:00

Fee: \$65/85
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...MORE PRE-SCHOOL DROP-OFF CLASSES



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Ages 3-6

Instructor: Kelly Carlson, DCFS Credentialed/Early Childhood Education Specialist

Kids love to cook! This class will provide your child with the opportunity to prep, cook and eat their amazing culinary creations!

Dates: 4/06 – 5/18 (6 weeks)

Time: 9:00 – 10:00

Fee: \$65/85



READY...SET...KINDERGARTEN!

Ages 4-5

Instructor: Kelly Carlson, DCFS Credentialed/Early Childhood Education Specialist

Children love to practice what they know! We will replicate the structure of a typical kindergarten day, while having fun reinforcing the skills they will need for school. This class is perfect for the soon-to-be-kindergartner.

Dates: 4/09 – 5/21 (6 weeks)

Time: 12:00 – 1:00

Fee: \$65/85

MOM'S/DAD'S MORNING OUT!

Ages 3-6

Instructor: Kelly Carlson, DCFS Credentialed/Early Childhood Education Specialist

While you are out and about, your child will be burning energy with us. A snack is included in this action-packed class where the children can play, create and exercise

Dates: 4/09 – 5/21 (6 weeks)

Time: 9:30 – 11:00

Fee: \$95/115

For all drop-off classes, your child must be potty-trained .

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES?

Registration forms are available by visiting the village website at www.vhw.org. For more information about the pre-school classes, call Kelly Carlson at (847) 847-3533 or via email at kcarlson@vhw.org. The Parks and Recreation Department of Hawthorn Woods makes every effort to avoid canceling classes. However, in order to operate efficiently, programs must have a minimum number of registered participants to run. Each class must meet the minimum requirements at least 5 days before the class start date to avoid cancellation. If a program is cancelled, participants will be notified prior to the start of the program and a full refund will be issued.

COMING SOON.....summer camps, golf range

Woodchucks Preschool Camp returns in June, July and August (Ages 3-5)

Your 3-5 year old will have fun-in-the-sun in our parks during this action-packed 2 ½ hour program. There will be plenty of laughter as they play large group games, create fantastic art projects and make new friends! Each two-week session will offer different themes, which will provide a unique experience for your young camper.

Advanced Woodchucks Camp (Ages 6-10)

This extraordinary summer camp adventure offers a variety of experiences for your child. Interesting themes will be introduced each two-week session, with the focus being on fun. Sports, games, nature exploration and exciting outdoor activities are essential elements of their day. What a perfect way to spend summer mornings!

Registration forms are available online @ www.vhw.org or at Village Hall. Camp will be held at the Heritage Oaks baseball pavilion. Camp will run Monday – Thursday. Friday make-up day.

Opening this Spring!
**Steeplechase
Driving Range of
Hawthorn Woods**

Located on Route 176 this new golf learning center will be offering lessons and a driving range. Look for registration information in April!

Meet Trustee Steve Riess



Get to know your Trustees. Each publication will feature a Trustee.

Steve Riess was elected as Trustee in 1999 and has served as liaison to the Environmental Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Technology Committee. He is also an active member of the Community Emergency Response (CERT) organization, has served on the Lake Zurich High School Career Advisory Council (CAC), as Treasurer of Seed95 for District 95 and served as a speaker and fund campaigner to build

the YMCA. Steve has lived in Hawthorn Woods since 1987, has been married for 30 years to Mary Ann, and they have two children, Sarah 28 and Rachel 24.

Steve owns Nu-Way Search, Inc., an Information Technology recruiting firm, and has been in the Information Technology recruiting industry for over 25 years. Steve's email is sriess@vhw.org.

ARBOR DAY

The Environmental Committee will sponsor an Arbor Day celebration at Spencer Loomis School April 30. There will be 200 Tulip Tree seedlings, 100 Blue Spruce seedlings and 100 Redbud seedlings distributed to the students. Additionally, the Committee is sponsoring a "Discover a Tree" contest that will kick off on Arbor Day and conclude on Memorial Day.

A reminder from the Hawthorn Woods Police Department...it is now illegal to talk or text on a cell phone while in a school zone. Hands free devices are allowed.

NEWS FROM VILLAGE HALL

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan and is looking for citizen input to help shape our Village's future.

- Should Hawthorn Woods acquire land for the development of a comprehensive bike and pedestrian path?
- What types of business would you like the Village to attract to our Midlothian Corridor and Northern Planning Area?
- How would you describe the character of our community?

Visit the Village's Web site www.vwh.org to fill out our on-line survey and help us guide future development!

UNDERAGE DRINKING: Social Hosting Ordinance

Reducing underage drinking requires a community-based effort to monitor the activities of our youth and decrease their access to alcohol.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods Board of Trustees recently adopted an ordinance making it unlawful for any person to host, permit, allow or

fail to take reasonable steps to prevent an event where minors consume or possess illicit drugs or alcohol.

It is important to note that a person who hosts an event does not have to be present at the gathering to be in violation — if your minor children have a party when you are not at

home, you can still be charged in violation of this ordinance. Violators may be fined up to \$750.

The penalty for underage drinking is a fine of \$200 and the minor will have their driving privileges suspended.



Building Department Update: Do I need a Permit?

Yes! Residents need a permit for such projects as patios, decks, installing a new water heater or a furnace. The Village of Hawthorn Woods Building Department can process those permits.

The first step in obtaining a permit is to visit the Village website at www.vhw.org under the Building Department where guidelines are available for most home building and improvement projects. The information includes building code regulations, the building permit

How can I obtain a building permit?

applications, information on what to submit with the building permit application, and fees associated with the project. You can also contact Sandy Hansen at 847-847-3537 or Dan Thake at 847-847-3527.

The Building Department is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and is located at the Village Hall, 2 Lagoon Drive.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods strictly enforces truck weight limit regulations on all village roads including trucks doing construction at private residences.



Important Reminder:
The Village of Hawthorn Woods does not allow sheds.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Balancing the Budget

On January 1, the Village welcomed Kristin Kazenas as the Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Director. Kristin works closely with the Finance Committee to present a balanced budget for the Village to the Board of Trustees each year.

The Village's total 2010 budget is balanced. The Village is determined to allocate available resources in a

responsible manner by incorporating the best financial management practices into every Village department. One of the primary goals of the Village is to improve the quality of the Village services provided to the Village's residents and businesses and keeping expenditures and other levies conservative and minimal. The 2010 budget provides the means to maintain essential

Village programs and services, while re-building the Village's fund balance reserves and initiating planning for capital equipment replacement. The financial forecast for fiscal year 2010, even during these difficult economic times, is strong. The approved budget is available for review on the Village website www.vhw.org.



Public Works Update: What is the Right of Way?

Individual property lines do not extend to the road's edge but usually end 8 to 10 feet before you get to the paved roadway — this area is the Village right-of-way (ROW). In most cases, property owners maintain the grass in the ROW area to enhance the appearance of their homes. However, only mailboxes are permitted in the right-of-way and must comply with the require-

ments established by the United States Postal Service. If a mailbox is damaged during snowplowing, as a courtesy, the Public Works Department will attempt to **repair** those legally placed mailboxes as time allows with priority given to snow removal efforts. Additionally, planting of new grass by Public Works for ruts caused by snow plows in the right-of-way is done in the

Spring only. If an immediate repair is desired, that can be completed by the homeowner at their expense.

Major re-grading or installation of drain tiles in the ROW is only allowed by permit.



Keep your garbage cans out of the street during a snowfall.

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Fall Family Fun Fest Held in Hawthorn Woods



The first annual event gave residents the opportunity to discuss the Village's comprehensive plan, explore police and public works vehicles and enjoy the nice fall weather.

