

HAWTHORN WOODS HAPPENINGS



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Did You Know...

A total of six volunteer restoration days, thus far, have taken place at Indian Creek Preserve to clear the site of invasive buckthorn. The Friends of Indian Creek Wetlands and the Stevenson High School Green Team volunteer groups have generously assisted in this environmental effort.

Indian Creek Preserve is located within the Conservatory of Indian Creek subdivision at the end of Seneca Avenue West in Hawthorn Woods. This revitalized park site is composed of woodland and wetland ecosystems and is now open to the public.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

As the holiday season is upon us, it is the perfect time to reflect back on this year in the community and express gratitude to all of our residents who call Hawthorn Woods their hometown. We are also grateful to our business owners for investing in our community, and to the people who choose to work, visit, or spend time here with us throughout the year or at special events. And for all who came out to our last special event, our first annual Party in the Park, what a great showing of community pride! Fun is contagious, and we had a lot of it that evening.

I am pleased to inform you that we are not the only ones who noticed our beautiful hometown. We are proud recipients of a new award, presented in St. Louis, Missouri, to the Village of Hawthorn Woods for winning the America in Bloom National Award for most beautiful landscapes! The judges toured every neighborhood in town over a two-day period in July. Of all of the cities in the participating states throughout our country, Hawthorn Woods scored more points in this area than any other city or town, winning the national award. And each one of you should share in this award, from the care you take in beautifying your own property, to the environmental efforts we jointly share to care for our natural resources. Our unified lifestyle to live in harmony with nature has earned us this national recognition. These awards also allow us to obtain grant money to help further beautify our community. Congratulations, Hawthorn Woods!

It is my pleasure to report an update on our Road Program: HW Paving the Way. Beginning in the spring/summer of 2023, the Village will begin receiving road funds from the County collector, and we have plans to begin immediate improvements in our road network. Although the entire amount of dollars we anticipate will not be fully realized until after the construction season concludes next year, the Village will be kicking off the road program with a modified construction season next summer. We will be addressing the roads that have not yet had an investment in street rehabilitation or concrete ribbon feature. We will be utilizing our Rebuild Illinois Funds that we have been saving from the State of Illinois and will begin with paving projects scheduled in the areas of Hickory and Hawthorn Drives. We are also expecting to receive grant funding for the repaving of Community Park parking lot.

I am also happy to announce that in year 2026, we have received an announcement of additional grant funding to partially pay for the Indian Creek Road and Acorn Acre Drive projects as part of the Surface Transportation Funds. We continue to stretch our dollars farther with matching grant applications, and other funding opportunities to accomplish our goals with non-taxpayer funding sources. We anticipate a complete road program update from Christopher Burke Engineers by February of 2023, and once received, we will share that document on our website for public inspection.

So, while we are busy wrapping up fiscal year projects at Village Hall, we take a moment to pause and give thanks to all who serve, volunteer, live, work, and worship in Hawthorn Woods. We thank you for choosing this community to raise your family or retire in one of the most beautiful cities in America. I hope to see you at the holiday tree lighting at Community Park on Saturday, December 3, from 3:00 until 6:00 as we welcome the start of festivities for the holidays.

The Board of Trustees join me in wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

With Kind Regards,

Mayor Dominick DiMaggio

Upcoming Special Events Calendar

Please visit us online at www.vhw.org/SpecialEvents for complete details.



Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 26
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn
Admission is FREE



Hometown Holiday

Saturday, December 3
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Community Park
Admission is FREE



Movie in the Barn The Polar Express

Friday, December 9
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Feature presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.
Village Hall - Barn
This movie is rated G for viewing audiences
Admission is FREE

Thank You, Blackshaw Messel Group!

The Village of Hawthorn Woods would like to thank the Blackshaw Messel Group of Compass Real Estate for their sponsorship of our upcoming community special events, including our Movie in the Barn series, the Holiday Craft Fair, and the Hometown Holiday event.

Visit The Blackshaw Messel Group online at theblackshawmesselgroup.com for your real estate needs.

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Would you like to see your logo here? Contact Amy at amazon@vhw.org or (847) 847-3533 to discuss future sponsorship opportunities in Hawthorn Woods.



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Indian Creek Groundbreaking Ceremony

On June 16, 2022, Mayor Dominick DiMaggio and the Village Board of Trustees conducted the much-anticipated groundbreaking ceremony of our Indian Creek Preserve. America in Bloom Executive Director Laura Kunkle and America in Bloom Treasurer Dr. Marvin Miller were in attendance, along with CN Public Affairs Manager Stacey Lyons (all pictured to the right).



Indian Creek Preserve is located within the Conservatory of Indian Creek subdivision at the end of Seneca Avenue West in Hawthorn Woods. The preserve is a Village-owned 9.5-acre parcel of land comprised of woodland and wetland ecosystems that have remained untouched for over a century. This parcel of land has never been accessible to the public, as it has been overgrown with invasive woody species, primarily buckthorn...but that has changed! Phase 1 of this restoration project is now complete and Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in 2023. Visit us online at www.vhw.org/parks for more project details.

The Village of Hawthorn Woods has begun to revitalize this precious natural area for public use, tree canopy expansion, as well as wildlife and pollinator habitat restoration with the assistance of \$25,000 in grant funding provided by the Canadian National (CN) Railway and America in Bloom (AIB). AIB is a nonprofit organization which promotes community enhancement programs that emphasize cultural heritage, community vitality, environmental leadership, beautification efforts, citizen engagement, and urban forestry. Six volunteer restoration days have already taken place, thus far, to clear the preserve of invasive buckthorn with the dedicated assistance of the Friends of Indian Creek Wetlands and the Stevenson High School Green Team.

Indian Creek Preserve is now open to the residents of Hawthorn Woods and the surrounding Lake County area for year-round nature emersion, between sunrise and sunset, accessible to all mobilities.

Vehicle Stickers and Dog Tags Eliminated

By now, you should be aware of the overwhelming support received by the Village regarding the June 28, 2022 road referendum question seeking a sustainable funding mechanism for road repairs and maintenance, which will generate approximately \$900,000 per year for Village roads. With the successful passage of the referendum, and as promised by Mayor Dominick DiMaggio and the Village Board of Trustees, we are happy to announce that the vehicle sticker and dog tag program will be eliminated, effective January 1, 2023. If you should have any questions, please contact Donna Lobaito at dlobaito@vhw.org or (847) 540-5222.

Solicitor Information

"No Solicitors" Signs Available at Village Hall

Although the Village cannot ban solicitors, Village Code provides rules that solicitors must follow:

- All solicitors must obtain a permit/picture ID from the Village containing the name of the solicitor, the company they represent, and the dates solicitation will take place, which shall be prominently displayed by the solicitor.
- Residents can display a "No Solicitors" sign upon or near the main entrance door to the residence, which constitutes notice to any solicitor that soliciting is not allowed.
- If such sign is displayed, every solicitor must obey the "No Solicitor" sign and immediately depart the premises.
- Solicitors must cease solicitation upon resident request.
- Commercial or charitable solicitors may only ring door bells or knock on doors between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding state or national holidays. Religious solicitors are permitted all days of the week, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

"No Solicitor" window clings are available at Village Hall, free of charge, to all residents; one per household.

Snow Plow Know How

During the winter season, the Village performs snow and ice removal operations on Village owned streets. The Village's Public Works Department offers the following information to help ensure snowplow operations are accomplished in a safe and effective manner:

- Obstructions in the Village right-of-way are not allowed. Placement of obstacles, such as rocks, boulders, trees, shrubs, monument columns, and monument mailboxes that inhibit snowplowing and vehicular traffic movement or that prohibit maintenance of the right-of-way or obstruct vision are prohibited in the Village right-of-way.
- Depositing snow in streets creates a hazard and is dangerous after it freezes. When removing snow from driveways and private property, please avoid shoveling snow onto or across Village streets or sidewalks.
- Parking is prohibited on any street during snowfall events. On-street vehicles impede the ability to clear the street of snow.

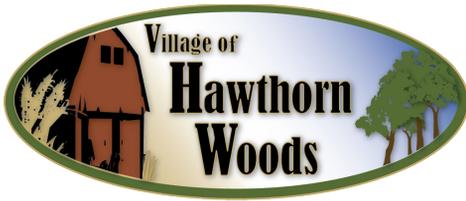
Please adhere to the following guidelines to report hazardous road conditions, such as ice, over two inches of snow accumulation, or drift, over roads:

- Any hour of the day, visit our website (www.vhw.org) and take advantage of the Report a Concern function to send a message directly to our Public Works department regarding road conditions.
- Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., please call (847) 540-5227 to report any concerns regarding road conditions, or if afterwards, please leave a voicemail message.

The Village acts with great care during snow and ice events. However, snow removal efforts may result in damage to right-of-ways, parkways, and mailboxes. When a properly installed mailbox is damaged during Village snow plow operations, the mailbox will be repaired or replaced with a standard issue mailbox, as soon as possible. Please be sure your mailbox is located according to U.S. Postal regulations, as box placement too close to the roadway may result in damage.

Thank you, be safe, and we'll see you out and about this Winter!





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Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots will be collected by the U.S. Marine Corps and Hawthorn Woods Police Department. Through December 12th, you may drop-off new and unwrapped toys to give to children in need this holiday season. Every year the Village of Hawthorn Woods participates in collecting Toys for Tots. The Toys for Tots mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to those children less fortunate.



Hawthorn Woods Drop-Off Locations:

- Hawthorn Woods Police Department
- Inland Bank
- Spencer Loomis Elementary School
- The Goddard School
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church
- Lake Zurich Middle School North
- Helen Oliveri Real Estate Office

