

Village Launches Weekly E-Blast Newsletter

To increase communication with residents and other stakeholders, the Village launched a weekly e-mail news blast this May. Styled after the Village's website and print newsletter, the goal of the e-blast is to keep residents up to date with Village news and events while also providing "news you can use."

Information in the e-blasts includes Farmers Market and Concert in the Park series information, planned road construction, press releases, Village events and recreation programming, upcoming Village meetings complete with links to the calendar entry on the Village's website, updates from the Police Chief and more.

"We have found this to be an easy, un-

obtrusive and inexpensive way to keep residents in the loop about what is going on in the Village," said Management Analyst David Fitzgerald, who coordinates the e-blasts.

Throughout the summer months, staff has worked to refine the e-blasts and increase the number of subscribers through its opt-in Constant Contact e-mail list.

Since May, the number of subscribers has increased by more than 30 percent, with more than 1,900 registered e-mail recipients in October.

The e-blast is sent out every Thursday. To register, click the "Join Our E-Mail" link on the website, www.vhw.org, or text HAWTHORNWOODS to 22828 and follow the reply text prompts.

New Superintendent Hired in Public Works

The Village welcomed Matthew Bartlett as the new Superintendent of Public Works in July of this year.

Bartlett, a life-long Lake County resident brings to the Village more than 26 years of hands-on experience in the public works field. This

experience has already contributed greatly to the successful day-to-day operation and development of the Hawthorn Woods Public Works Department.

Bartlett has also served as Special Events Coordinator for a multitude of festivals, including one of the largest annual summertime events in Lake County, the Vernon Hills Summer Celebration.

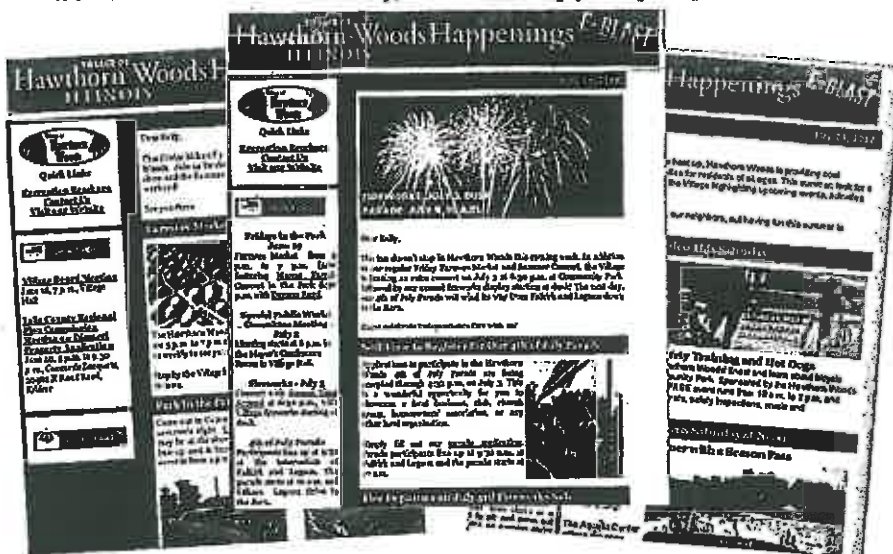
Bartlett's passion for public service is noticed in everything that he does.

When not at work, Bartlett enjoys spending time with Tricia, his wife of 16 years. Whenever possible he loves to vacation in Door County with his family and Black Labrador, Foster. An avid Chicago Blackhawks fan, Bartlett still occasionally hits the ice himself.

He can be reached at (847) 540-5228 or at mbartlett@vhw.org.



Matthew Bartlett
Superintendent of
Public Works



Fall Yard Waste, Leaf Removal Options Explained

We have enjoyed a beautiful autumn in Hawthorn Woods. The tree colors are brilliant, the mum colors burst with radiant rust, purple and yellow hues. The cool nights are perfect for relaxing with friends and family and getting outdoors before winter sets in.

But autumn is also the time of year when leaves fall from the trees, branches need to be trimmed, garden plantings give up their fruit and wither. In other words, it is time to clean up the yard and prepare for winter.

As many of you already know, this will be the last autumn that outdoor leaf burning will be allowed as Hawthorn Woods complies with the Clean Air Act recommendations in 2013. These regulations will still allow for outdoor cooking, wood or gas fireplaces, and allows for campfire structures and fire pits.

The burning schedule for this fall will be

on Wednesdays and Saturdays between October 17 and November 28 and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information on this ordinance see the Village Code 4-7-4, which can be found at www.vhw.org.

Beginning January 1, 2013, leaves and small twigs disposal can take place a number of alternative ways: composting, mulching, having them removed by a landscaper, bagging the leaves and twigs and purchasing a bag sticker and having them removed by Waste Management, or purchasing an unlimited landscape waste removal subscription from Waste Management.

The Village's current contract with Waste Management allows residents to purchase special "Leaf Only" yard waste stickers from the Village at the price of \$2 per sticker during October and November.

As the name implies, these stickers are to be used only for leaf disposal. "Leaf Only" stickers can only be used during the months of October and November. Other yard waste requires the traditional yard waste stickers, which can be purchased at Village Hall for \$3 for one or ten for \$25. Stickers may also be purchased directly from Waste Management by calling 800-796-9696.

Additionally, unlimited yard waste pick up is available through Waste Management for \$110 for one year.

Enjoy this magical season and, as always, should you have any questions about this final opportunity to burn your leaves and twigs, please call the Village Hall at (847)-438-5500.

Please be sure to clear your yards of any brush piles that may exceed the allowable height and size.