



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

At one of the last Village meetings, the Village Board presented Hawthorn Woods' residents Gregg Heineman, Neil Morgan and Helen Oliveri with the 2018 Excellence in Action Service Award. Gregg Heineman and Neil Morgan were recognized for their service as citizen leaders of CERT, our Community Emergency Response Team. Both Gregg and Neil volunteer their time to assist when called upon, day or night, when major incidents occur. Hawthorn Woods, and our neighboring municipalities, have experienced CERT's assistance during storm or flooding events, vehicular accidents, or when called out for special events. These residents represent an organization whose purpose is to serve others without compensation. Gregg Heineman and Neil Morgan are public servants who exemplify the true meaning behind this prestigious award.

Helen Oliveri received the award for her hands-on support, volunteerism, and contributions to the Hawthorn Woods community events. Helen sponsors several community events with financial contributions and volunteers to work the events. Her donations allow us to host our special events without charging the public to attend. Helen's generosity has allowed us to host the Fall Family Fun Fest and Friday night concert series. Helen also sponsors our senior lunch program. Helen's contributions allow us to host several events throughout the year at no cost to the residents. Her enthusiasm to serve, along with her support of the business community, is exemplary.

We are proud of all of our residents who continue to give back to our community with their time and talents. We also thank their families who joined Gregg, Neil, and Helen as they received their 2018 Excellence in Action Service Awards. We also recognize those family members who share in this recognition, for it is with their support and encouragement that volunteers are able to serve others.

Please join us in thanking these Hometown Heroes for their commitment to the Hawthorn Woods community as we celebrate the public service of Gregg Heineman, Neil Morgan, and Helen Oliveri.

Warmest personal regards,

*Joe*



## Hawthorn Woods Ranked #2 Safest City by HomeSnacks

Hawthorn Woods was ranked as the #2 safest city in Illinois for 2018 by HomeSnacks. Using the FBI's most recent Uniform Crime Report, HomeSnacks looked at cities in Illinois with a population of more than 5,000 people and created a safety index for each place by averaging violent crimes per capita and property crimes per capita.



Hawthorn Woods is proud to be one of the safest places to live in the entire state of Illinois. We thank our residents, along with our exceptional Police Department, as we work in unison to keep Hawthorn Woods one of the safest and most desirable places to live.