



Immediate Press Release



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***“BEE Local. BEE Hawthorne! Find the Hawthorne BEE.”***



The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and the Hawthorne Green Team would like to take this opportunity to thank the 32 participating businesses and community locations that welcomed the Hawthorne families to search for the Hawthorne Bee from July 1 to August 3, 2025. The Hawthorne Bee was created in 2016 to represent Hawthorne’s commitment to getting the buzz around town to promote shopping locally and the importance of protecting the Bee’s environment.

Our participating locations this year were: Alban Balkan Market, AQUA Riserva, B. Witching Bath Co., Bagel Express, Billy’s Midway Arcade, Bogie’s Hoagies, Carlos’ Bagel Shop, Colour & Whim Studio, CR Bakery & Café, Dee’s Luncheonette, El Gallo, Fat Moe’s, Hair Hub Salon, Hawthorne Farmers’ Market, Il Dolce Italian Pastry Shop, J-B Pet Supplies, Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Library & Community Center, Maria Party Planner, Melcon’s Pharmacy, Mr. Cupcakes, Olsson’s Pharmacy, Puzo’s Family Restaurant, Rispoli Pastry Shop, Salon TG, Stewart’s Delicatessen, Tastee Pizza, Thai Cookery, The Chocolate Box, The Crystal Marketplace, The Other Tales-Escape Rooms, Villa Rosa Restaurant and Yella’s.

The Grand Celebration and Prize Drawing was held at the Hawthorne Farmers’ Market on Sunday, August 3, 2025. We had over 55 players who found the Hawthorne Bee at a minimum of 25 out of 30 locations and turned in their completed passports. (Special thanks to several players who went to over 25 locations or all 32!) Due to the generosity of our participating locations, all of the players won prizes. There were three (3) Grand Prize Winners: Lear Emiri, age 6; Anthony Feehan, age 6; and Mason Preiskines, age 5.

Even if purchases weren’t made at every location while hunting for the Bee, we hope the families return soon to Shop Local, Dine Local and Buy Local. The Hawthorne Bee promotion builds community spirit. It reminds residents that these are the businesses that donate to every fundraiser in town, support the PTO’s, employ many of our residents and give our teenagers their first jobs, while providing needed services in our hometown.

We hope to see everyone at the Classic Car Show on August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Green Fair on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the Fishing Derby on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Meg Natale, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, Executive Secretary and Hawthorne Farmers’ Market Manager  
Rayna Laiosa, Chairperson, Hawthorne Green Team

***Thank you for playing and supporting our local Hawthorne businesses!***