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FIRE SAFETY

Check your street number signs



We all hope that an emergency will never happen, but we must all be prepared, just in case.

The Village would like to remind all residents of one very simple but crucial safety measure: check your street address sign for visibility and legibility. Easy-to-read numbers make it possible for emergency responders to locate your address quickly. Clearly marked numbers are especially important for houses on long driveways and those that share a main driveway with multiple houses.

Two different fire departments serve Mettawa. Properties

north of Route 60 (in Libertyville Township) are within the Libertyville Fire Protection District (LFPD) which is served by the Libertyville Fire Department (LFD). These properties should have a red LFPD address number sign at the main driveway entrance (see examples above).

Libertyville township residents should check to make sure that this red sign is present. Whether you have an older square sign (upper photo), or a newer vertical sign (lower photo), it should be visible and legible. The Village

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MAYOR'S NOTE

BY CASEY URLACHER

Summertime

I hope that you all are enjoying your summer. Please remember that Mettawa residents now have the opportunity to enjoy the Lake Forest Beach by purchasing a beach parking pass at the resident rate. Some passes are still available.

On behalf of the Village, I would like to extend a welcome to our new Trustees, Jan Pink and Pam Sheldon and to Tim Towne, who was also re-elected. Thank you to all of our current Trustees for their valuable service. The Village Board and I salute Roger Lane and Jeff Clark for their many contributions during their years as Trustees.

Please mark your calendars for the **Village Picnic on Saturday, August 29, 11 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Serbian Church.** Last year was a great gathering and I am looking forward to it.

As always, I am here for you. Don't hesitate to contact me at any time with your questions, comments or ideas.

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has noticed that some signs are missing or illegible. Trustee Jan Pink recently spoke to the LFD Fire Chief about this issue, and he assured her that his department will replace any signs upon request (see below for how to request your new sign).

Please note that properties south of Route 60 (in Vernon Township) are served by Lincolnshire Riverwoods Fire Protection (LRFP), and will not have a red sign. The LRFD Fire Chief requests that these residents provide adequate street numbering at their mailbox, and sub-driveway entrance (if applicable).

Should I replace my LFPD sign? If you have an older LFPD street number sign (square style), the Village recommends replacing it. Many of these signs are rusted and in poor condition. The numbers can be hard to read, as they appear on only one side and are split into two lines. The signs may be also difficult for emergency responders to see and read, as they are installed inconsistently facing different directions along the road. Any newer style signs which have been damaged or are illegible should also be replaced.

How do I request a new LFPD sign? To request a new sign, please send an email to the Village Clerk with your name, address, and phone number. The Village will send the compiled list of sign requests to the LFPD. 🌸

Old School Road railroad crossing

The repair of the railroad crossing at Old School Road by Canadian National Railroad has been scheduled for July 13-16. It is confirmed to begin at 9:00 a.m. on July 13, and will conclude on or before July 16 at 6:00 p.m. During that time the crossing will be unavailable, so please plan your transportation routes accordingly. The crossing will be completely rebuilt (including the road and trail), so we can expect an updated and smooth crossing. 🌸

Thank you to former Trustees

At the June Village Board Meeting, the Board passed resolutions saluting Roger Lane and Jeff Clark for their contributions as Trustees. Roger Lane served on the Village Board from 2011 to 2014. Jeff Clark served from 2011-2015. Thank you to both for your dedicated service to the Village. 🌸

**Open Space Plan**

The Open Space plan process has reached a milestone: the final stages of review and recommendation for approval by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Village Board will likely vote on the plan at the Board meeting on July 21, 2015. Any final comments can be made at the Parks and Recreation meeting on July 8th at 5:30 p.m., or can be submitted to the Committee in advance.



Please note that a draft of the Open Space Plan by WRD Environmental can be downloaded from the Village website.

Once the Open Space Plan has been approved, WRD will formalize it and create informative booklets. This comprehensive document will present guidelines and recommended goals for Village-owned properties, and will be a valuable resource for future decision-making about their management and use.

BMW Golf Tournament: September 14-20

The BMW Golf Tournament will take place again at Conway Farms on September 14-20, 2015 (if a rain date occurs, it will continue through September 21). Residents should plan for increased traffic, but due to an improved plan, we expect the impact to be much less than it was in 2013.

The new traffic flow plan relocates general parking at the former Lakehurst Mall in Waukegan. Shuttles will transport spectators to Conway Farms. Grainger will provide limited parking for BMW car owners and hospitality ticket holders on the field at the northwest corner of Everett and Riverwoods roads (the same location as prior), but we can expect about two-thirds less traffic on our area roads compared to 2013's event. One very big difference is that there should be no road closings (in 2013, parts of Everett and Riverwoods Roads were closed).

Tee times will be at 11:30 am on Thursday and Friday, and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. This later starting time during the business week should help rush hour proceed more smoothly. Overall, this event will impact our area, but certainly much less than it did in 2013. Please consider your transportation needs during this time and plan ahead. 🌸



Welcome to our new Trustees

Welcome to Jan Pink and Pam Sheldon, our newly elected Trustees. They are both serving a four-year term on the Village Board along with re-elected Trustee Tim Towne.

Jan Pink has been a Mettawa resident since 1978 and so much appreciates the energy and professionalism of our current Village Board. She is grateful for the support and encouragement that the residents have shown.

Pam Sheldon moved to Mettawa five years ago, and appreciates what a special place it is. She is honored to serve the residents as Trustee to help maintain the beauty and uniqueness of our Village.

Mettawa appreciates the invaluable volunteer service of all of our present and past Trustees. ❁

Conserve Lake County event: Sept. 13

The Village welcomes Conserve Lake County into Mettawa on September 13. The organization's annual Prairie Harvest Celebration will take place at Deerpath Farm, with parking provided by Grainger.

The Prairie Harvest Celebration is a unique gathering and fundraiser that features local food, live music, nature and local heritage demonstrations. Conserve Lake County will mark its 20th anniversary year with this event, which typically takes place at a "hidden jewel" in Lake County.

Mettawa's rural atmosphere and Deerpath Farm's natural beauty and historic roots certainly fit the bill. Deerpath Farm began in 1922 as a Lake Forest family's country retreat and thriving dairy farm. In the 1930s, it was purchased by Edward H. Bennett (the co-author of the 1909 Plan of Chicago with Daniel Burnham), who left it in a natural state. His son, Ted, was a founding father of Mettawa. Ted's stepson, Mettawa resident Rick Phillips, grew up on Bradley Road, and developed Deerpath Farm. The family's civic planning heritage, and long-standing love of the countryside area inspired this rare conservation community in the center of Mettawa.

Please join Mayor Casey Urlacher at this gala event by a respected organization which has served many Mettawa residents. For more information, visit:
www.conservelakecounty.org ❁

Beach passes still available

Some parking passes for Lake Forest's Forest Park Beach are still available to Mettawa residents at the resident rate of \$85.00 (previous non-resident rate was \$910.00). If you are interested, download the application form from the Village of Mettawa website, then apply in person at the Lake Forest Public Services building on Field Drive.

Historic Forest Park beach benefits from a recent renovation, and features inlets for swimming, a playground, available boat rentals, and beautiful native landscaping, among other features. These beach passes allow residents to park in the south upper parking lot to access the beach via a boardwalk or staircase. The availability of these passes reflects a goodwill gesture on the part of our Lake Forest neighbors. See you at the beach! ❁

Administrator's report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



The Village budget has been my key focus over the past quarter. I'm pleased to say that the Village continues to be in good shape financially. One of our budget goals for this fall is to update the Village Comprehensive Plan, which remains

in good shape, but could benefit from some fine tuning. The Village recently selected a new auditor, Sikich, after requesting and reviewing several proposals. Our former auditor was Wolf and Co.

Most communities follow the best-practice of changing auditors every three years. The Village signed a three year contract with Sikich, a very well-regarded firm which has extensive experience working with municipalities.

I continue to represent Mettawa on the BMW Golf Championship event planning committee. We all hope that the impact on Mettawa residents will be much less this year, due to the better traffic planning solutions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas or questions. 📞



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The Village of Mettawa strives to preserve and nurture our authentic rural and horse-friendly environment and to ensure the highest quality of family life for our residents

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MEETING CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 8

5:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee
6:30 p.m. Public Works Committee

Tuesday, July 21

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:30 p.m. Village Board

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 p.m. Zoning, Planning & Appeals Commission

Wednesday, August 12

5:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee
6:30 p.m. Public Works Committee

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:30 p.m. Village Board

Sunday, August 29

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Village Picnic

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 p.m. Zoning, Planning & Appeals Commission

Wednesday, September 9

5:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee
6:30 p.m. Public Works Committee

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:30 p.m. Village Board

Please note that this list may be incomplete and some meetings may be cancelled. Check the Calendar at mettawa.org or contact the Village Clerk for updates.

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Public safety

DIAL 911 FIRST

Non-emergency numbers:

Lake County Sheriff: (847) 377-4000

Village Security Patrol Car: (847) 404-6272

Garbage & Recycling

Lake's Disposal Services, Inc.

(847) 366-8582 or (815) 675-0400

Village of Mettawa website

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NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015