



# Village of Mettawa



**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

**October 2016 Q2 FY 2016-2017**

FROM THE OFFICE OF CASEY URLACHER, MAYOR

## the buzz



### Introducing our new Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo

The Village extends a warm welcome to our new Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo. The Village Office now holds regular office hours onsite during weekday mornings 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (see page two for more details).

Sandy previously worked for Hospira and Hewitt, and is a graduate of Augustana College. Her deep experience in customer support, business continuity, and executive administrative support is an asset to the Village.

Sandy and her family (below) live locally in Libertyville. Her husband Dennis works for Abbott, and their two daughters attend school within the Libertyville School District, where she frequently volunteers. Sandy and her family enjoy biking and cross-country skiing, and actually moved to this area for its convenient trail access. They also enjoy overseas travel and lived in Ireland for three years. Welcome to Mettawa, Sandy! 🍁



### MAYOR'S NOTE

BY CASEY URLACHER



The third annual Village Picnic in August (above) was a success. I was happy to see many Mettawa neighbors at the event. Over 100 adults and children attended. We're looking forward to another get-together in the spring. If you are interested in hosting, please let me know or get in touch with the Village Clerk.

Please do introduce yourself to our Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo. You may see her taking minutes at Village Board meetings, and she will be supporting residents with regular morning office hours. I'd also like to thank Bob Irvin for taking on the duties of Village Clerk on an interim basis in addition to his role as Village Administrator.

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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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS PETITION FILING PERIOD DECEMBER 12-19, 2016

for the April 2017 Consolidated Elections

The Village of Mettawa will be accepting candidate nomination papers for the following positions: Mayor and three (3) full-term trustees. All candidates seeking office at the consolidated elections on April 4, 2017, must file petitions with the Village of Mettawa during the petition filing period, December 12-19, 2016. Filing will conclude at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 19th.

Petition packets are available at the Village office weekdays during office hours, and can be mailed to residents upon request. The Village office will be open on regular business days beginning on December 12th (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.), with additional office hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19th.

Individuals who have any questions regarding petitions, filing, or objections should contact the Village Clerk at (847) 573-1460, or the Lake County Clerk's office at (847) 377-2400.

### Village Office Location & Hours

**700 East Park Avenue, Suite 113**  
(Life Storage), Libertyville, IL 60048

**Office Hours: weekdays, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**  
**For entry, call (847) 573-1460.**

*The Village Office is located on the east side of the building. Look for the black awning above the entrance. The door is locked at all times, so please call (847) 573-1460 for entry.*

### Official Village Mailing Address

Please continue to mail all correspondence to:  
**The Village of Mettawa,**  
**26225 N. Riverwoods Blvd., Box M,**  
**Mettawa, IL 60045**

### Stormwater drainage project

Proper stormwater drainage helps protect our roads and trails. The Village Board recently approved a contract with Forest Builders to improve stormwater drainage near the intersection of Bradley and Old School Roads prior to the resurfacing of Old School Road. This project will also benefit a portion of the Mettawa Trail along Bradley Road which has notoriously suffered perennial washout damages. 🌱

### Mettawa Trail & Oasis Park

We are very pleased to announce that the Illinois Department of Transportation recently issued the permit for the extension of the Mettawa trail westward along Route 60. The contractor, Chicagoland Paving, is creating the project schedule and we are optimistic that this work should begin in the near future.

The relocation of the Mettawa Trail through Oasis Park will be complete by June 2017. The project contractor, R.A. Mancini, has agreed to finish the trail work within a two month time period. Exact work dates will be determined after final approval from the Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, the Village is completing a topographical study to fulfill grant requirements for stormwater and wetland improvements related to the Chicago River watershed (the Middle Fork of the North Branch) which passes through the northern side of Oasis Park. 🌱

### Political signs

With the upcoming elections, residents are reminded that political signs are considered temporary signs in the Village Code and therefore may only be placed on private property. The placement of political signs on Village property and Village right-of-way (typically about 10-15 feet from the edge of the Village road) are prohibited. 🌱

## Administrator's Report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



I am also very pleased to welcome Sandy Gallo to Mettawa. Sandy brings a strong set of skills to her role as Village Clerk. With regular office hours, she will be a key contact to residents and the public, and an important support to our Village.

Please note:

- 1) Residents with approved applications for the Property Tax Rebate will receive a check by the end of the year.
- 2) The revised Comprehensive Plan is now available on the Village website.
- 3) The Village maintains an emergency contact system. If you are not yet enrolled, or would like to change your information, please contact the Village Clerk.

I look forward to seeing residents at the various upcoming meetings. Please feel free to call me at anytime with your questions. ❁

## Zoning code to be reviewed

2016 has been a busy year for the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA), and it has met nearly every month to review a variety of issues such as large stables and impervious surfaces. Some ZPA members and Village Board members have suggested that there is a need to do an in-depth review of the zoning code. We expect that workshops will be scheduled to discuss the current code and the ways in which it might be changed. Any potential changes will be formally considered at a public hearing before being submitted to the Village Board. ❁

### RECENT VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

*“Recent Village Board Actions” presents highlights of recent actions by the Village board during the last quarter. Some of the topics below are explored in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Please note this section does not include a complete list of all Village Board actions; meeting minutes are always available on the Village website.*

#### 1) Stormwater Drainage

The Board approved a contract with Forest Builders to improve drainage near the intersection of Bradley and Old School roads.

#### 2) Road Resurfacing

The Board approved a contract with Peter Baker and Son to resurface Old School Road between Bradley Road and St. Marys Road.

#### 3) Village Code Amendment

The Board approved an amendment of the Village Code which simplifies and clarifies the policies regarding solicitors and canvassers.

#### 4) Special Use Permits

The Board approved two ordinances amending two special use permits (for existing stables) and passed one new special use permit (for a guest house).



Scenes from the Village Picnic (held at in Mettawa at St. Basil Serbian Orthodox Church)



## Village of Mettawa

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Mary Brennan, Trustee  
John Maier, Trustee  
Jan Pink, Trustee  
Pam Sheldon, Trustee  
Tim Towne, Trustee  
Pam Fantus, Treasurer  
Bob Irvin, Village Administrator  
Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk  
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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

## MEETING CALENDAR

### Wednesday, October 12

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee  
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, October 18

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

### Tuesday, November 1

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

### Wednesday, November 9

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee  
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, November 15

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

### Tuesday, December 6

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

### Wednesday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee  
7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, December 20

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

**Please note: This list may be incomplete and some meetings may be cancelled.**

**For updates, check the calendar online at [mettawa.org](http://mettawa.org) or contact the Village Clerk.**

**The 2016 meetings of the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Committees begin at 6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. respectively (thirty minutes later than the 2015 schedule).**

## CONTACT US

**Casey Urlacher, Mayor**  
**Bob Irvin, Village Administrator**  
**Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk**  
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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

<http://www.mettawa.org>

NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015, 7:30 P.M.