



Village of Mettawa



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE OFFICE OF CASEY URLACHER, MAYOR

the buzz



Introducing new appointees Denis Bohm & Wendie Clark

In December, the Village Board approved the Mayor's appointments of Denis Bohm as Village Trustee (to fill Bill Armstrong's term) and Wendie Clark as a member of the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Committee (to fill Denis Bohm's prior position).

Denis retired from Newark Electronics in Chicago as the Vice President and Chief Information Officer. For nineteen years he was the volunteer steward at Middlefork Savanna Lake County Forest Preserve (which spans Lake Forest and Mettawa), and is a former President and Board member of the Chicago Ornithological Society (as well as a former Board member of the Illinois Ornithological Society). In Mettawa he has served on the Safety and Security Commission and the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission, chaired the Mettawa Open Lands Planning Ad Hoc Panel, and is also on the Board of Mettawa Open Lands Association. A Mettawa resident since 1997, Denis lives on Riverwoods Road with his wife, Roberta, and their giant Schnoodle, Nitro.

Wendie helped found the Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce and was formerly the Assistant to the Dean of Development at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and the Accounting Manager at Clark Business Services. She actively fundraises for the local chapter of the National Down Syndrome Society. An avid equestrian, she is a rider with the Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association, and enjoys the company of her two horses, Stardust and Guinness. She has volunteered in local nursing homes for the past thirteen years with her two dogs, Briggs and Major, and is a member and Dog Evaluator for Therapy Dog International. Wendie enjoys living in Mettawa with her husband, Jeff. 🌸

MAYOR'S NOTE

BY CASEY URLACHER



Happy New Year to all!

I'm happy to report that the recent Village construction projects have been going well. The paving of Old School road is complete, with improved drainage and a fabulous road surface. The extension of the Mettawa Trail along Route 60 got a great start before the winter weather set in, and the drainage along this path will be fixed in the spring when construction resumes.

We can look forward to a Village get-together with wine and cheese in May. Hope to see you there!

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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Stormwater drainage projects

Forest Builders successfully completed the recent stormwater drainage project, with a culvert added on Mettawa Lane, and drainage upgraded on Bradley Road. The work also included repairs to a portion of the Mettawa Trail which had suffered from ongoing wash-out issues. The drainage now seems to be improved, but the Village will continue to monitor it, especially during the spring. 🌱

Zoning code review

In December, the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) held the initial workshop for the in-depth review of the zoning code. This workshop will continue in March, as no ZPA meeting was held in January, and the February agenda will include two special use applications.

These workshops were planned after the Mayor requested a review of the current code to address various discrepancies and questions, and to discuss ways in which the code might be improved. Any potential changes will be formally considered at a public hearing before being submitted to the Village Board.

This review will primarily address general housekeeping issues, i.e. uncovering various inconsistencies within the code and as compared to state statutes. The workshops will also consider a variety of other issues, such as the minimum house size requirement (which was eliminated two years ago) and the regulation of large horse stables (four major special use appeals/amendments have come before the ZPA in the past three years). Other topics will include community use and public assembly, hard surface coverage on residential lots, short term rental regulations and the definition of commercial use. All interested residents are invited to participate in these zoning code workshops. 🌱

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

APRIL 4, 2017

Mettawa's municipal elections will be held on April 4, 2017 for the position of Mayor and three Village Trustee seats.

CANDIDATES

Party: **Keeping Mettawa Green**

Mayor: Casey Urlacher (incumbent)

Trustees: Mary Brennan (incumbent)
Denis Bohm (incumbent)
John Maier (incumbent)

Party: **Conserving Mettawa's Traditions**

Mayor: Tom Lys

Trustees: Cathy Nelson
Bob Price
Terre Cohen Tripoli

POLITICAL SIGNS

Residents are reminded that political signs are considered temporary signs in the Village Code and therefore may only be placed on private property. Political signs may not be placed on Village property nor Village right-of-way (typically about 10-15 feet from the edge of the Village road). Thank you for your understanding.

Mettawa Trail update

Despite an unfinished appearance, significant progress has been made in the extension of the Mettawa trail westward along Route 60. This project began in the fall, but work was halted due to weather conditions (a hard freeze and snow arrived earlier than anticipated). However, this untimely delay may actually turn out to be an advantage, as the in-progress trail will continue to naturally compact during the winter, providing a good base for the final layers (6-8") which will be installed during completion in spring 2017. 🌱

Remembering Bill Armstrong



Mettawa resident and Trustee Bill Armstrong worked hard to support and improve our Village. “Bill became a Trustee because he wanted to do something positive for our community, and he had the time,” said his wife, Carol

Armstrong. “He was a hands-on person doing the work with his feet on the ground.” Serving as a Trustee for seven years until his death in October 2016, Bill was involved in people’s lives and was always available to talk. The Village sincerely appreciates Bill’s many contributions, and he will be missed. For more about Bill, please see the lovely article published by the Daily Herald, which, as Carol said, “says everything.”

<http://www.dailyherald.com/20161022/news/161029522>

Administrator’s report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



As a reminder, the Village recently amended the no solicitors ordinance, and is now offering “No Solicitors” signs at no charge to residents. This 2” x 8” sign (see right) has a brushed

aluminum finish with an easy self-adhesive backing. If you’d like to obtain a sign, please contact the Village Clerk, and Howe Security will deliver the sign to your home. I look forward to seeing residents at the various upcoming meetings. Please feel free to call me at any time with your questions. ☀

Dead tree removal

Removal of dead trees within the Village right-of-ways will begin in late January and conclude in early March (dependent on weather). After reviewing nine bids, the Village approved a tree-removal contract with Lincolnshire-based Lucas Landscaping, which provided the lowest responsible bid (and lowest bid overall) at \$38,000, and has good references with other municipalities. Dead trees will be removed from major streets including Bradley Road, Old School Road, Little Melody Lane, Mettawa Lane and Little St. Marys Road.☀

RECENT VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

This list presents highlights of recent actions by the Village Board during the last quarter. For a complete list of all Village Board actions, please refer to the meeting minutes which are always available online at mettawa.org.

1) Annual Financial Report

The Board accepted the 2015-2016 annual financial report

2) Property Tax Levy

For the 19th consecutive year, the Board approved the annual property tax levy at the same level

3) Tree Removal

The Board approved an agreement with Lucas Landscaping for tree removal*

4) Mayor’s Appointments

The Board approved the Mayor’s appointments of Denis Bohm as Village Trustee, and Wendie Clark to the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission*

5) SSA 15 Tax Levy

The Board approved an ordinance to set the tax levy for Special Service Area 15

*See newsletter article

NO SOLICITORS

This “No Solicitors” sign is available to residents at no charge by contacting the Village Clerk.

Village Office Location & Hours

700 East Park Avenue, Suite 113
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Office Hours: weekdays, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
For entry, call (847) 573-1460.

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Denis Bohm, Trustee
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

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee
6:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee
7:00 p.m. Zoning, Planning & Appeals Commission

Tuesday, February 21

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

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 21

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

Tuesday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 18

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 or contact the Village Clerk.

CONTACT US

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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

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<http://www.mettawa.org>

NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017, 7:30 P.M.