



# Village of Mettawa



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE OFFICE OF CASEY URLACHER, MAYOR

## the buzz



### FIRE SAFETY

#### Red street address signs

Be prepared. That old scout motto still rings true as our best defense against an unexpected emergency. A highly visible and legible street address sign can make all the difference if an emergency responder needs to locate your house quickly. Street address signs are especially important for houses on long or shared driveways.

The Village is pleased to announce that now **all** residents may enjoy the benefits of a red street address sign. Until recently, this safety amenity was only available to residents living north of Route 60 within the Libertyville Fire Protection District (LFPD).

Thanks primarily to the persistent efforts of Trustee Jan Pink, these same red markers are being installed for Mettawa residents living south of Route 60 within the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (LRFP).



Street address signs being installed by the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District.

This project marks the first time ever that the LRFP has installed such signs in their district.

If you would like to request a new street address sign, please send an email to the Village Clerk with your name address and phone number. The Village will send a compiled list of sign requests to the appropriate fire departments. 🌻

### MAYOR'S NOTE

BY CASEY URLACHER



#### Village Picnic Fun

Get ready to grill! Summer fun's on the agenda for the Village Picnic on Saturday, August 26, 2017, 11 a.m.—2 p.m., rain or shine, at the Serbian Church at the corner of Bradley and Old School roads. This year we will be featuring a fresh new menu of grilled brats, hamburgers, potato salad and other traditional summer picnic foods. Please join me, our Village Trustees and your Mettawa neighbors for food, beer and conversation. Bring the kids!

Remember that tax rebate applications (for eligible residents) are due on October 2nd (see Page 2).

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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SAVE THE DATE

**VILLAGE PICNIC**  
**AUGUST 26, 2017**  
**11 a.m. — 2 p.m.**

## INCREASE IN 2017 PROPERTY TAX REBATE

Mettawa's popular property tax rebate program will continue for the current year. The Village Board recently voted to approve a surplus of \$500,000 (an increase of \$150,000 from the previous year's surplus of \$350,000) which will be made available for rebate to qualified residents who submit an application by the deadline.

Applications are due back by October 2, 2017. Application forms have been mailed to all Village residents, and may also be downloaded from the Village website. Any applications received with postmarks later than October 2 will be returned unopened to the return address on the envelope.

Please note that eligibility for the tax rebate will not be reset by a change of residence within the Village. If a resident has lived continuously in the Village since January 1, 2015, but has lived in more than one owned house, that resident will still qualify for the rebate. For more information, please contact the Village Treasurer. ❁

## Trail updates

**Mettawa Trail Route 60 Extension:** This trail is now open for use. The project was recently completed with the exception of some details which will be wrapped up in the next month.

**Mettawa Trail at Oasis Park:** Construction on this trail will begin later than expected due to delays in obtaining the proper permit from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE). Now that the permit has been received, our contractor, R. A. Mancini, will soon add the project to the schedule.

**Lake County Forest Preserve Trail along Everett Road:** This trail is nearing completion, and will connect Riverwoods Road to the Daniel Wright Forest Preserve. ❁

## Zoning workshops

The Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) has continued to make progress on its in-depth review of the zoning code through meetings held in April and May.

These workshops were planned after the Mayor requested a review of the current code to address various discrepancies, questions, and potential improvements.

For the upcoming July 26th workshop, the recommended changes will be compiled into a single concise document for review and final tweaks. In early August this document will be available for review on the Village website. The recommendations will be formally considered at a public hearing on September 5th at 7:00 p.m. before being submitted to the Village Board. All interested residents are invited to attend. ❁

## Street lighting

The Village Board recently approved the installation of street lights by ComEd at three intersections: St Marys/Sanctuary Lane, St. Marys/Alexandra Drive, and Riverwoods/Shagbark (schedule to be determined soon). ❁



**Meet "The BEAST!"**

The services of this impressive buckthorn removal machine were donated by Integrated Lakes Management during recent volunteer workdays sponsored by Mettawa Open Lands Association (MOLA). Mettawa continues to be a leader in the removal of invasive buckthorn.

**Administrator's report**

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



Eligible residents will be pleased to note that Village Board recently approved a significant increase in the tax rebate for 2017. This year's increase of \$150,000 is five times larger than the increase of \$30,000 in 2016. The tax rebate applications are due no later than October 2, 2017.

I'd like to remind you that Lakes Disposal Service offers an electronics disposal program for Mettawa residents at no extra charge. This program makes it quite easy to dispose of items which are not allowed in the standard weekly pickup. Lakes will pick up electronics on the first Friday of every month at no extra charge. To take advantage of this service, please call Lakes at (847) 366-8582 or (815) 675-0400.

The Mettawa Trail Route 60 extension has opened for use, and the Oasis Park Trail relocation project is now ready to begin. The contractor, R. A. Mancini, has agreed to reschedule and honor the current contract.

Don't miss the Village Picnic on August 26th! Please free to contact me at anytime with your questions. ❁

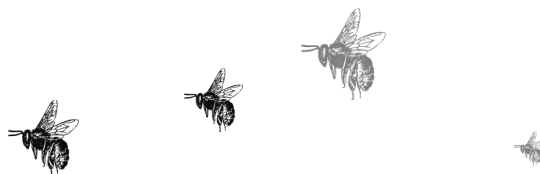
**VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS**

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.

The Board recently approved:

- 1) **A mosquito-control agreement** with Clarke Environmental
- 2) **A contract to replace a culvert on Old School Road** with Forest Builders of Libertyville
- 3) **Installation of street lights** at selected intersections by ComEd. \*
- 4) **Tax rebate for 2017** \*
- 5) **The purchase and installation of a park bench** in Whippoorwill Farm to honor Bill Armstrong
- 6) **A license agreement to use a monument sign panel** for Woodland Falls subdivision with Brunswick

\*See newsletter article



**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.

**Official Village Mailing Address**

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

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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, July 26

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

### Wednesday, August 9

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, August 15

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. Village Board

### Saturday, August 26

11:00 a.m. 4th Annual Village Picnic

### Tuesday, September 5

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

### Wednesday, September 13

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, September 19

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. Village Board

### Tuesday, October 3

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

### Wednesday, October 11

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

### Tuesday, October 17

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.**

## CONTACT US

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**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

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**NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017, 7:30 P.M.**