



Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz



From left: MOLA's featured speaker, Lydia Scott (Director of the Chicago Trees Initiative and Manager of the Community Trees Program at Morton Arboretum), Sarah Simpson, former Board Member of Conserve Lake County, and Carol Calabresa (Board Member of Lake County and Lake County Forest Preserve).

MOLA Spring Social: Shiny Cars and Historic Trees

Beautiful automobiles set the stage for a lively MOLA event on April 8th. Mettawa residents, neighbors and friends enjoyed complimentary appetizers and drinks at Knauz Auto Museum. The event's featured speaker was Lydia Scott, Director of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) and Manager of Community Trees at Morton Arboretum. She gave a fascinating talk on Oak Tree Preservation and Planting, and noted that Mettawa has one of the highest quality tree canopy covers in the area. For an interesting summary of Mettawa's Urban Forest Canopy, visit CRTI's interactive map and click on "Mettawa." <http://chicagorti.org/interactivemap> ❁

MAYOR'S NOTE



By Casey Urlacher

It's summer and that means that our annual Village Picnic will soon happen! Bring the whole family for food, friends and fun.

This year we'll have burgers, hot dogs, chicken, plus a vegetarian option too. Kids of all ages can enjoy having their faces painted by a professional artist. This is one party you won't want to miss. Hope to see you on Saturday, August 25, 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

I'd like to give a big thanks to the Libertyville Fire Department for lending a hand in the evening on Father's Day. They helped clear a large tree that had fallen and was blocking Bradley Road.

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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Zoning Consulting Project

Late last year, the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) completed its recent series of zoning review workshops and submitted its recommendations. The Village Board decided that some of these recommendations warranted some outside help, and also recognized that the current ordinance structure could be enhanced for better usability (i.e. improving organization, and adding visual aids such as tables and graphics).

After the Village Board submitted a Request for Qualifications to several Chicago-area zoning consulting firms, it received four proposals, and interviewed three firms. In May it entered into an agreement with Camiros, a Chicago-based zoning consulting firm that brings "an understanding that every community is unique and therefore requires a unique approach."

Camiros' zoning expert Arista Strungys is leading this project to evaluate Mettawa's zoning ordinance. The initiative includes four Tasks which are slated to be completed by the end of September. Task 1 has been completed, and Task 2 has been partially completed.

Task 1: Internal Kick-off Meeting and Reconnaissance. Met with Village staff, obtained relevant materials, toured Mettawa and gained understanding of issues.

Task 2: Stakeholder Interviews. A ZPA meeting on June 5th was held in a workshop format to obtain comments from private and public stakeholders, including Mettawa residents, Village staff, and representatives of committees and commissions.

Task 3: Technical Review and Approaches Report. This comprehensive report will include any key issues, provide analysis, point out strengths and weakness of current zoning ordinances, offer best practice solutions, and provide an outline of a proposed structure.

Task 4: Public Meeting. Camiros will hold up to two public meetings to review findings of the Report (dates to be announced).

For more information about Camiros, please visit <http://www.camiros.com>. ❁



VILLAGE PICNIC!
Saturday, August 25
11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Festivities will happen rain or shine at
Saint Basil Serbian Orthodox Church
27450 N. Bradley Road

Food & fun for the
whole family!

Construction projects underway

The Bradley Road bridge replacement project continues to make progress. However, the Illinois Tollway Authority (ITA) just announced that the bridge will not re-open by October 1, 2018 (due to material delays). We will provide the new projected finish date when it is available.

In nearby Oasis Park, the trail relocation project began in mid-July and will be completed by mid-August (see photo on page 3). The Riverwoods Boulevard re-paving project also began in mid-July and should be completed soon. ❁

Administrator's Report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



I'm pleased to announce that Village revenue from taxes has strongly increased for the fiscal year ending on April 30th (as compared to the previous fiscal year). Sales taxes increased by nearly 15%. The Village contains a variety of businesses that contribute sales taxes, including the Lake Forest Oasis and Costco. Telecommunications taxes saw a healthy 48% increase.

The Federal Census happens once every ten years, and is scheduled to occur in 2020. In preparation for this I have been doing due diligence with Village files.

It's rewarding to see the progress on Oasis Park trail. The contract requires all project work to be completed within 30 days, so residents can look forward to enjoying the new trail by mid-August.

Please remember that tax rebate applications for qualified residents are due on October 1, 2018. If you have been a Mettawa resident at least since January 1, 2016, you qualify for this rebate and I urge you to apply before the deadline.

I have enjoyed working with Mayor Urlacher and Village Clerk Sandy Gallo to plan the annual Village Picnic. This event provides a great chance for residents to socialize with neighbors and Village officials. Look forward to seeing you there on August 25th, rain or shine. 🌻

VILLAGE BOARD ACTIONS

Highlights of recent Village Board actions during the last quarter are listed below. For a complete lists of actions, please refer to the meeting minutes which are always available online at mettawa.org.

1. Approved several proposals for the removal of buckthorn and dead trees along the Mettawa Trail near Whippoorwill Park
2. Approved 7 of the 12 recommendations from the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission for amendments to the Zoning Code
3. Approved the FY 2018-19 Annual Budget
4. Approved an agreement with Camiros for zoning assistance
5. Approved the agreement with Clarke Environmental for mosquito abatement
6. Approved the agreement with Blackboard Connect for emergency notification service
7. Approved the lowest responsible bid from Peter Baker and Son for the Riverwoods Boulevard improvement Project
8. Approved the Property Tax Rebate Ordinance
9. Approved the comprehensive replacement of Village street signs after a complete sign inventory review

Below: Mettawa Trail construction in Oasis Park.



TAX REBATE

**Your application
must be postmarked
by October 1, 2018**

Application and guide available online in the News section of the Village website:
<http://www.mettawa.org>

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Bob Irvin, Village Administrator
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our authentic rural and horse-friendly environment
and to ensure the highest quality of family life for our residents

MEETING CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 7

7:00 p.m. Zoning, Planning and Appeals
(ZPA) Commission

Wednesday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 21

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

Tuesday, September 4

7:00 p.m. ZPA Commission

Wednesday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 18

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

Tuesday, October 2

7:00 p.m. ZPA Commission

Wednesday, October 10

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

Tuesday, October 16

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.

CONTACTS

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PUBLIC SAFETY:

DIAL 911 FIRST

NON-EMERGENCY:

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 WEBSITE:

<http://www.mettawa.org>

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
August 21, 2018, 7:30 p.m.