



Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz

Village parks: enjoy nature and friends

A bit of stormy weather in August opened the door for a truly enjoyable day in September: on September 10th about 150 residents gathered in Whippoorwill Park for Mettawa’s annual picnic. Neighbors took in the good weather, socialized with new and old friends, relaxed on Armstrong bench and sampled delicious food truck delights. The ice cream truck seemed especially popular with kids (and adults too). Because of the dry conditions, residents also enjoyed convenient on-site parking guided by Mettawa Public Safety (Howe Security). Thank you to everyone who joined us at this fun picnic — we’re already looking forward to next year’s event.

Our Village parks continue to evolve into ever more beautiful natural assets, thanks in no small part to efforts of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and many other dedicated volunteers, For example, Whippoorwill Park will soon be
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Annual Village Picnic at Whippoorwill Farm Park, Saturday, September 10, 2022



Mayor’s Note

Village safety

The foliage color changes lately have been beautiful. I hope you’ve enjoyed this fall season.

It was great to see so many neighbors at the Village picnic in September. We live in a unique community, and I’m dedicated to keeping Mettawa a great place to live and work.

Village safety is my top priority, as I continue to explore options to increase law enforcement presence throughout the Village. I have been working closely with the Public Safety Commissioner, Carol Armstrong, to evaluate all possible options. Mettawa will maintain full time coverage with Howe Security and you will continue to see our officers, Rick and Antonio, patrolling the streets.

In addition to Mettawa Safety Patrol, I have requested special details from the Lake County Sheriff’s Office through this winter. The hours and days will vary each week, so remember to keep your speed lawful, as they will be issuing tickets to speeders. The special details will continue until we are able to secure a full time deputy from the Sheriff’s Office in 2023.

Because crime does not respect municipal boundaries, Mettawa is also a member of the North Shore Burglery Taskforce, a specialized unit that collaboratively compiles information across all North Shore communities.

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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enhanced by 250 native plugs and we will soon see more flowers planted around Armstrong Bench. ❁

Clear your culverts to avoid soggy landscapes and flooding

The colorful autumn leaves shine brightly except when they collect in culverts. Fallen leaves and branches tend to block drainage outlets, cause curbside puddles, soggy lawns, sodden pathways and can even contribute widespread flooding.

You can make a difference. Winterize your culverts this fall by clearing waterlogged blockages. This simple task supports better stormwater drainage. By taking action to remove debris, you'll help Mettawa's water flow freely and will probably avoid problematic backups in your own backyard.

The fall task of cleaning a culvert is relatively uncomplicated and quick. Simply pull out larger pieces by hand (i.e., sticks and branches) then remove smaller debris (i.e. leaves) with a rake or hoe. ❁

Public Safety Commission Update

Snow plowing

After extensively reviewing bids from multiple contractors for snow plowing services, the Village Board approved a contract from Forest Builders to cover the coming winter season. This contractor has plowed Village streets for a decade and well knows Mettawa's needs and terrain, so we anticipate no change in service. ❁

Free safety checks

If you're traveling this holiday season, remember that Mettawa Public Service can keep an eye on your property while you're gone. Simply contact Rick or Antonio at (847) 404-6272 and provide them with your dates.

Fall back

Remember to set your clocks back at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 for daylight savings.

Municipal elections: April 4, 2023

Open positions: The Village of Mettawa will be accepting candidate nominations to fill the open positions of three (3) full-term Trustees and one (1) 2-year term.

Petition filing period: Monday, December 12th to Monday, December 19th, 2022

How to file a petition: All candidates seeking office at the consolidated elections on April 4, 2023 must file petitions with the Village of Mettawa during the petition filing period, December 12-19, 2022. 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. — 12:00 p.m.) with additional office hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19th.

If you have any questions about petitions, filing or objections, please contact the Village Clerk at (847) 573-1460 or the Lake County Clerk's office at (847) 377-2400. ❁

Thank you, volunteers!

It's hard to imagine the small Village of Mettawa without our admirable resident volunteers and their many contributions. Thank you, volunteers! Whether you're a Trustee, a Commissioner, or simply an honorable homeowner tackling culvert clogs, our community simply wouldn't be the same without you. We appreciate everything you do to make our Village thrive.

Want to pitch in, but don't know where to start? Reach out to the Village Clerk and ask about volunteer opportunities. ❁

Halloween hours

Each year on October 31st, most North Shore communities accommodate trick-or-treaters between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. If your lights are on during this time, you may expect some visitors. If you'd prefer not to participate, consider turning off your outdoor lights during this time.

Administrator's Report

By Mandi Florip, Village Administrator



I'm so honored to have completed my first year serving as Mettawa's Village Administrator. It's been such a pleasure to get to know so many of you and to contribute to this tight-knit community.

We are currently in the process of administering our Village's popular Tax Rebate program. The application period ended on October 1st, 2022, and the Village received 138 applications.

The checks for qualified applicants will be approved at the November 15th Village Board meeting, and should be mailed by November 18th. The 2022 Tax Rebate checks will total \$750,000.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. 🌸



Village Office

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

Office Hours:

Weekdays 9 a.m. — 12 noon
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

Village Board Actions

Highlights of recent Village Board actions during the last quarter are listed below. The complete list of actions may be found in the meeting minutes that are always available online at mettawa.org.

1. Approval of the Ordinance Amending the Village of Mettawa's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
2. Approval to Waive the Bidding Requirements for the Air Valve Replacement Labor
3. Approval of the Petersen Excavating Demolition and Roll-off Services Work Proposal in the Amount of \$33,280 Subject to the Requirement that they Provide a Letter Stating that the Work is Subject to and they will Comply with the Provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act
4. Approval of the Davey Tree Experts Proposal for Whippoorwill Park in the Amount of \$21,590
5. Motion to Suspend the Rules and Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with Altounian Construction, Inc. for the 2020 Mettawa Berm Construction Project
6. Approval of the Forest Builders Culverts Proposals for 15130 Little St. Marys Road and 15185 Old School Road
7. Approval of the Hey & Associates, Inc. Design Work for the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park in the Amount \$56,500
8. Approval of the Forest Builder as the Lowest Bidder for the Snow Plowing Contract FY 2022-2023
9. Approval of the Stormwater Management Commission Grant Application for the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park Drainage Project
10. Approval of the Lot Consolidation by Impact Networking LLC to Consolidate Lots 3 and 4 in Oasis Business Center Subdivision into one lot with One Proposed Building
11. Approval of the Minor Subdivision by Joseph Massarelli to Lot 14 (Vacant), 15 (Existing) Residence and 16 (Vacant) in Deerpath Subdivision into one Lot with Existing Residence and Other Future Accessory Structures
12. Approval of Filing an Application for a Minimum Access Permit with Lake County Department of Transportation for Lot 2 in the Grainger Subdivision
13. Approval of Advantage Consulting Engineers for Design Work for the Minimum Access Plans for Lot 2 in the Grainger Subdivision

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Casey Urlacher, Mayor

Carol Armstrong, Trustee

Denis Bohm, Trustee

Wendie Clark, Trustee

John Maier, Trustee

Jan Pink, Trustee

Tim Towne, Trustee

Amy Weiland, Village Treasurer

Mandi Florip, 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

All meetings are held at the Hilton Garden Inn. Please note that 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.

Wednesday, November 9

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Village Board

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, December 20

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Village Board

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
November 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

CONTACTS

Casey Urlacher, Mayor

Mandi Florip, Village Administrator

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Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk

(847) 573-1460

PUBLIC SAFETY:

DIAL 911 FIRST

NON-EMERGENCY:

Lake County Sheriff:

(847) 377-4000

Village Security Patrol Car:

(847) 404-6272

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC

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

VILLAGE WEBSITE:

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