



Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz

A Snapshot of Our Community

Our Village's high prosperity and ample open space stand out among the data points revealed by the 2023 Mettawa Community Data Snapshot.

Each year, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), publishes this snapshot. It provides a quantified view of Mettawa over time by tracking data and changes, and comparing current results to overall regional results and goals. For example, the data reveals that our Village contains lots of open space (36.5% of 33.81.4 acres) and park access, and a highly educated population (69.1% aged 25+ have an associate's degree or higher vs. the region's 48.4%).

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Denis Bohm Memorial and Bench

On May 25th, the Village honored late Trustee Denis Bohm with a memorial at Whippoorwill Park, one of his favorite spots. Denis had such fondness for this park and its beauty. He was an avid birdwatcher, loved observing the colorful butterflies landing on the flowers in the pollinator garden. The Village installed a bench at Whippoorwill Park (see photo below) to commemorate Denis's many contributions here and his dedication to keeping the grounds vibrant with native plantings. 🌸



Mayor's Note

Summertime in Our Rural Village

Hope some leisure time with friends and family has been on your agenda this summer.

The Village Picnic is happening soon and I hope to see you all there! Plan to bring the whole family to Whippoorwill Park on August 19th. You'll find onsite parking (weather permitting), delicious food, and a chance to socialize with Village Officials and residents. It's also a good opportunity to enjoy the new bench installed in honor of late Trustee Denis Bohm. I'm really looking forward to this annual event.

Welcome to our two new Trustees, Debra Pelech and Sweb Smolic. We're thankful to have you onboard and appreciate your contributions to Mettawa. I'd also like to extend a special thanks to The Parks and Recreation Committee and their ongoing efforts to beautify our Village.

I'd like to remind all residents to take a moment to review the tax rebate eligibility requirements on Page 2 and contact the Village with any questions.

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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IMPORTANT

Tax Rebate Eligibility Requirements

Residents will be eligible to receive a 2023 tax rebate unless they have:

1. Outstanding debt owed to the Village that is not paid by November 1st, 2023
2. An outstanding permit for a period of two or more years
3. Received any Village zoning variance subject to conditions, which conditions have not been satisfied

Currently ineligible residents who meet the above conditions will be contacted by the Village and given the opportunity to remedy their issue prior to the deadline for tax rebate application.

If you find that any of the above conditions apply to you, please email the Village Treasurer, Amy Weiland, as soon as possible: aweiland@mettawa.org. ❁



VILLAGE PICNIC

Saturday

AUGUST 19th

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Whippoorwill Park

On-site parking available (weather permitting): the Village Clerk will notify residents on Friday, August 18th, if on-site parking will be available.

Administrator's Report

By Mandi Florip, Village Administrator



The Village Board once again approved the popular Tax Rebate program in the higher amount of \$750,000 for 2023 and set new eligibility requirements. I'd like to remind all residents to carefully review our current tax rebate requirements to determine your eligibility prior to submitting your application. If your property does not list homestead status, please reach out. We will work with you in an effort to clear any issues with the goal of helping you gain eligibility prior to the deadlines. Qualified residents should submit the application for the 2023 Tax Rebate program as soon as possible in order to ensure it is received for proper processing by the deadline. I suggest sending your application well in advance of October 1st to help avoid any potential mail delays. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. ❁

Buckthorn Clearing and Plantings Transform a Village Landscape

The Village-owned Oak Hill Lane property recently received a significant makeover thanks to the attention and efforts of the Park and Recreation Committee (PRC).

This site was "in terrible condition" and included large, mature buckthorn, a large fallen cottonwood tree, and a lot of dumped garbage. The Village worked with two helpful contractors: Eubanks Environment responsibly hand-removed the buckthorn, burning as they cut, and using herbicide on the trunks, and Davey Tree Experts planted 6 Eastern red Cedar and 2 massive red crabapples. More buckthorn will be cleared this fall. The PRC Committee Chair, Wendie Clark, says, "I believe all residents should do this clearing...The amount of new plants and small trees returning to this site already is remarkable!" ❁

Community Data Snapshot

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The Community Data Snapshots is a series of annual data profiles that focuses on 7 northeastern Illinois counties (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake McHenry and Will). It compiles data from multiple sources, including the American Community Survey.

Mettawa's full snapshot is available from CMAP for viewing and downloading: <https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/documents/10180/102881/Mettawa.pdf> ❁

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 Sikich Audit Team Engagement Letter
2. Approval of the Sikich Audit Team Statement of Work Agreement
3. Approval of the Forest Builders Inc Proposal for 27070 Northwoods Lane in the Amount of \$11,000
4. Approval of the 2023 Clarke Environmental Mosquito Abatement Agreement in the Amount of \$28,553
5. Approval of the Bob Haraden Hay Lease at 701 Riverwoods Road
6. Approval of the Davey Tree Experts Company in the Amount of \$1,100
7. Approval of the Lake County Sheriff's Hourly Increase for their Rate of Billing
8. Approval of the Finalsite Agreement for 2023 in the Amount of \$1,700
9. Approval of an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Funds and Directing Local Tax Reimbursement Pursuant to the Illinois Fiscal Responsibility Law and the Village's Home Rule Authority Be in Ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mettawa, Illinois, in the Exercise of the Village's Home Rule Authority
10. Approval of Ordinance Providing the Issuance of the \$2,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2023 of the Village of Mettawa, Lake County, Illinois, for the Purpose of Purchasing Land for the Village, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Note to the Purchase Thereof
11. Approval of the Commitment Letter Between the Village of Mettawa and Lake Forest Bank and Trust Company
12. Approval of the Davey Tree Experts Proposal for a Tree Removal Located in the Right-of-Way at 27070 Northwoods Lane in the Amount of \$600
13. Approval of the Second Amendment for the Berm Being Built on the Village Lot Located on Route 60 and St. Marys Road
14. Approval of the Davey Tree Experts Watering Program for the New Plantings on Oak Hill Lane in the Amount of \$1,350
15. Approval of the Resolution Approving the Release of Certain Executive Session Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mettawa, Illinois
16. Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Mettawa Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, "Offences and Miscellaneous Regulations", Article XII Public Contract Guidelines
17. Approval of the SSG Consulting, LLC Sub-Contractor Agreement for the Village Website
18. Approval to Go Out to Bid for the Little St. Marys Road Culvert and Paving Along with Paving the Portion of Little Melody Lane in Mettawa
19. Approval of the Forest Builders Inc., Proposal for the Culvert Repair Along 15409 W Old School Road in the Amount of \$18,000
20. Approval to Go Out to Bid for the 2023-2024 Snow Plowing Services
21. Approval of the Dunlap Tree Experts Proposal for the Four Dead Trees on Little St. Marys Road in the Amount of \$5,500
22. Approval of a Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Village of Lincolnshire for Police Traffic Enforcement
23. Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Lincolnshire Police Department to Enforce Certain Laws Within the Jurisdictional Limits of the Village of Mettawa
24. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, "Traffic Code," of the Village of Mettawa Code of Ordinances
25. Approval of a Resolution Approving a Declaration of Covenants for the Property Commonly Known as 27157 N. St. Marys Road, Mettawa, Illinois
26. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Declaration and Grant of Scenic Easement for the Property Commonly Known as 27157 N. St. Marys Road, Mettawa Illinois
27. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Release of Consent Decree and Permanent Injunction Entered in Case No. 2001 CH0068 Recorded as Document No 5198205 with Respect to the Property Commonly Known as 27157 N. St. Marys Road, Mettawa Illinois
28. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Village President and Village Attorney to Execute Documents with Respect to the W.W. Grainger, Inc. Real Estate Closing
29. Approval of a Resolution Approving Trail License Agreement with W.W. Grainger, Inc. ❁

Village of Mettawa

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Casey Urlacher, Mayor
Carol Armstrong, Trustee
Wendie Clark, Trustee
John Maier, Trustee
Debra Pelech, Trustee
Sweb Smolik, 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 being held in-person 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, August 9

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

Tuesday, August 15

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Village Board

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

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

Tuesday, September 19

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Village Board

Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 11

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

Tuesday, October 17

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

7:00 p.m. Village Board

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
August 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

CONTACTS

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Mandi Florip, Village Administrator

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Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk

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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

Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC

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

VILLAGE WEBSITE:

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