

Village of Mettawa



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April 2014 Q1 FY 2014-2015

FROM THE OFFICE OF CASEY URLACHER, MAYOR

the buzz



Introducing:

Tony Donato, Deputy Treasurer

A warm welcome and appreciation to Mettawa resident Tony Donato, our new Deputy Treasurer. His financial skills and talents will be an asset to our community as he works with Village Treasurer Lisa

Dieter and Village Administrator Bob Irvin to manage our municipal finances.

Since 2001, Tony has been a Managing Partner of Netrix, LLC, a computer technology consulting firm with 225 employees and \$100 million in revenue. Between 1988-2001, he was a Partner at FGMK, LLK, a public accounting firm, and the 9th largest accounting firm in Illinois. He holds a degree from Loyola University of Chicago, and is a certified CPA. Tony and his wife Patty have been married for 24 years, and have lived in Hamilton Estates since November of 2000. All of their four children (now ranging in age from 15-22) attended Rondout Elementary School. In his spare time, Tony enjoys golf and hockey and spending time with Trevi, the family's Chocolate Labrador.

Adlai Stevenson II Farm in Mettawa named as new national historic landmark

On April 23, 2014, Mettawa's Adlai Stevenson II Farm was designated as a national historic landmark, along with three other notable sites: The *Detroit Industry Murals* by Mexican artist Diego Rivera at the Detroit Institute of Arts in Michigan, the George Nakashima Woodworker Complex in Pennsylvania, and the 1956 Grand Canyon TWA-United Airlines Aviation Accident Site at Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

"These four new national historic landmarks are as diverse as our American heritage, telling stories of triumph and tragedy, of dedicated service and artistic beauty," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. ... *continued on page 2*

MAYOR'S NOTE

BY CASEY URLACHER

A positive start

2014's first quarter has had good momentum. We've approved a phenomenal budget, which is available for viewing on the Village website, and continue to make progress on our open space projects and Bradley road construction planning. On behalf of all Village residents, I'd like to extend a special thanks to resident Tony Donato, for taking on the important role of Deputy Treasurer. I am also pleased to announce the formation of a new Open Space Advisory Committee which will report directly to the Board of Trustees. Resident involvement plays a key role in Mettawa's future. Please don't forget to complete your resident survey, which will be open for responses through April 27th (contact the Village Clerk if you did not receive your survey). I am here to serve you all, and invite your questions, comments or ideas.

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VILLAGE COFFEE!



9-11 a.m., Saturday April 26th, 2014
Ron and Pam Lapin's house, Deerpath Farm

All residents are invited to our second Village Coffee. Please come to talk about any thoughts or ideas you may have regarding your Village, or just to say hello. Mayor Casey Urlacher and Trustee Jeff Clark will be in attendance. RSVP to clerk@mettawa.org or Cathy at 847-573-1460.

OPEN SPACE IN METTAWA

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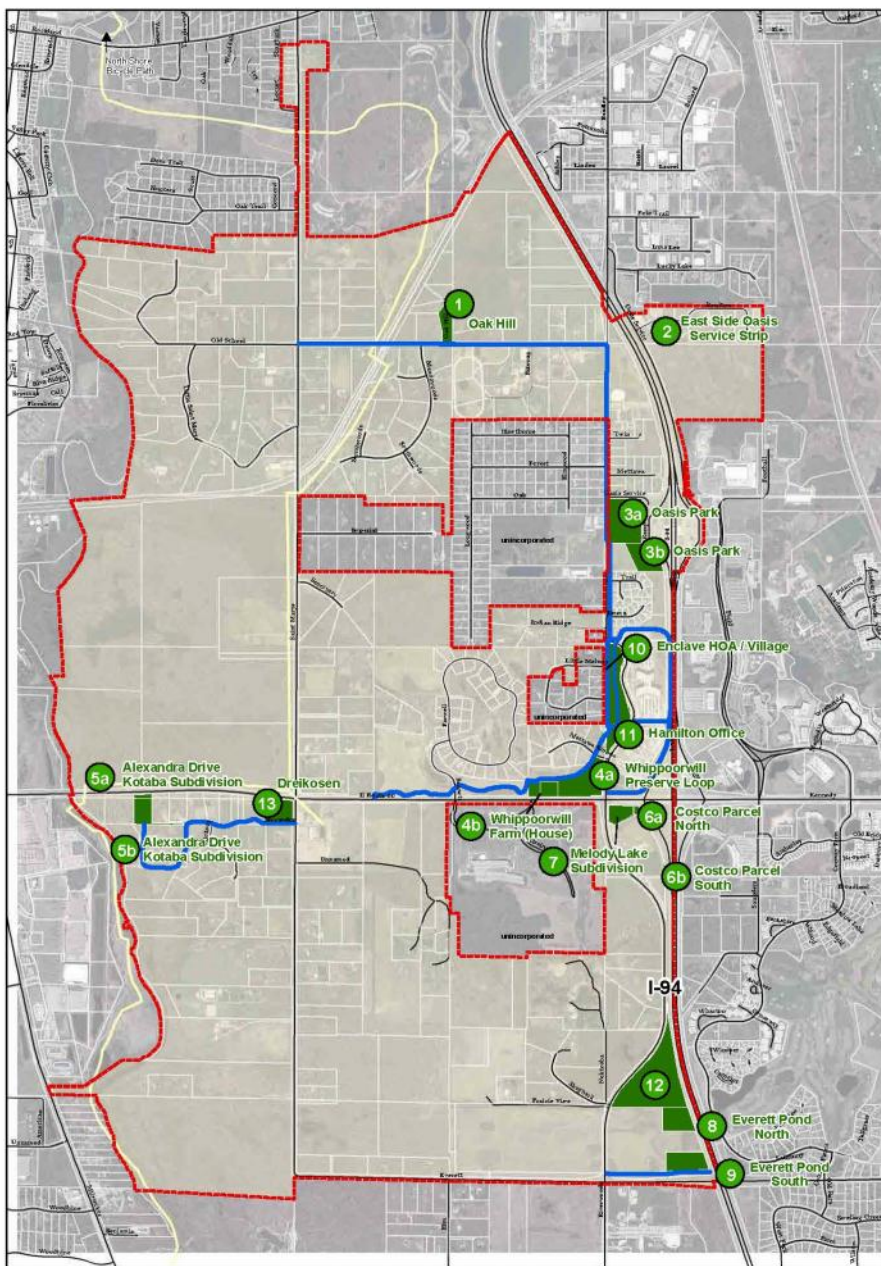
Adlai Stevenson was nominated twice as a candidate for the presidency and served as a United Nations Ambassador, playing a key role in mid-20th century Cold War politics. His Mettawa farm was his home for most of his adult life, and is closely associated with many of his important activities.

New: Open Space Advisory Committee

The Board of Trustees has approved the formation of a new Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC). Its mission is to assist in the selection of an open lands planner, and to help form open lands plans for the Village. OSAC will report directly to the Board on matters regarding Mettawa's open space and its management, offering ideas, input and oversight. Thank you to these dedicated volunteers for their personal commitment to open space.

Committee Members include:

- Denis Bohm (Chairman),
- Andy Cohn,
- Drew Johnson,
- Franziska Lys,
- Pam Sheldon Lapins,
- Julie Stephenson,
- Amy Weiland.



Parks, Trails and Open Space

Village of Mettawa, Illinois

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

Parcels reserved for park use

Mettawa Village Boundary

Trails

Mettawa Trail Existing

North Shore Path

Des Plaines River Trail

Data Source: Lake County GIS

Issue Date: 2013.08.27

Parcel ownership information:

No.	Park Name	Location	PIN#	Acre	Ownership
1.	Oak Hill	Old School Rd & Oak Hill Ln	1126101004	2.91	Mettawa
2.	East Side Oasis Service Strip	Boulton Blvd. & E Oasis Service Rd	1125300010	1.23	Mettawa
3a.	Oasis Park	N Bradley Rd & Oasis Service Rd	1136100003	11.5	Mettawa
3b.	Oasis Park	N Bradley Rd & Oasis Plaza	1136100005	4.5	Mettawa
3c.	Oasis Park	N Bradley Rd	1136100004	4.92	Mettawa
4a.	Whippoorwill Preserve Loop	14140 W Hwy 80 / Riverwoods Blvd	1135401051	9.3	Mettawa
4b.	Whippoorwill Farm (House)	14184 Whiey 80 / E Townline Rd W of N Bradley Rd	1135401021	1.85	Mettawa
5a.	Alexandra Drive / Kotaba Subdivision	16 Alexandra Dr	1134401004	0.44	Mettawa
5b.	Alexandra Drive / Kotaba Subdivision	16 Alexandra Dr	1503202008	3.47	Mettawa
6a.	Costco North	Riverwoods Rd	1501101009	0.28	Mettawa
6b.	Costco South	Riverwoods Rd	1501101014	0.17	Mettawa
7.	Melody Lake Sub: Lots 3		1501101017	2.52	Mettawa
8.	Everett Pond - North	I-94 & Everett Pond (north of pond)	1512100027	5.0	Mettawa
9.	Everett Pond - South	I-94 & W Everett Rd (south of pond)	1512100028	5.23	Mettawa
10.	Enclave HOA / Village	Riverwoods Blvd (west of HSBC)		10.0	Jointly HOA&Mettawa
11.	Hamilton Office	26230 N Riverwoods Blvd	1136304001	2.41	Mettawa
12.	Pending	701 Riverwoods Rd	1501300010	19.01	Mettawa
13.	Dreikosen	25960 St.Marys Rd	1508202029	3.95	Mettawa

Open space planning

The Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission has been working with Village Administrator Bob Irvin to create a new open space zoning district which will provide stronger protection to current and future open lands within the Village in an effort to protect Mettawa's rural character.



The Parks and Recreation Committee has solicited and received five proposals for the creation of an overall management and maintenance plan for Village-owned open space properties. The proposals will be presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting to be held later this summer (date TBD). *Presenters will include: Conserve Lake County; Integrated Lakes Management; Stephen Christy LLC, Tall Grass Restoration, and Teska Associates, Inc.*

Parks & Recreation update

Whippoorwill Park The Board approved a proposal by Teska to plant trees and bushes on the berm, and this work is currently going out for bid.

Oasis Park The construction of the Oasis Park berm continues, and we expect it to be completed by June.

Hay for residents The triangular 19.01-acre property recently acquired by the Village (bordered by I-94 and Riverwoods Blvd.) has been historically cut for hay. The Village plans to continue this tradition by cutting the hay and offering it for sale to residents.

Public Works updates

Riverwoods Road This year expect to see construction activity on Riverwoods Road between Costco and Everett Road (exact starting date to be determined). The Lake County Division of Transportation will widen the shoulders and add walking paths on each side. This project will cause some short-term inconveniences, especially to nearby residents, but we are hopeful that these improvements will increase safety.

Bradley Road The repaving of Bradley Road has gone out for bid, and the estimates will be presented at the May 2014 Board of Directors meeting.

Mettawa Trail The Board has approved extending the Mettawa Trail west to St Marys Road along Route 60 from its current endpoint at the western border of Deerpath Farm. James Anderson Company will design and engineer the trail, and the Village will be reviewing the project with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mettawa has applied for a \$10,000 ComEd grant to help cover the project's costs.

Village Hall Discussions about the possibility of a new Village Hall continue. Bob Irvin has been researching requirements and success stories of other small communities, and the Board approved the creation of a preliminary design study by Frederick Phillips and Associates.

Railroad Crossings The railroad crossing at Old School Road will soon be repaired and improved by its owner, Canadian National. Timbers with high spots will be milled down to make the crossing more even, and any irreparable timbers will be replaced. The company will also inspect the crossing at St. Mary's and make any necessary repairs.



Administrator's report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator

I am pleased to report that the Village of Mettawa continues to make good progress from both organizational and financial standpoints. Perhaps most significantly, our new budget has been completed and was approved by the Village Board at its April meeting. It was a pleasure to work on this budget with the Mayor and Village Board, and we expect that it will help keep the Village in excellent financial standing.

During the past three months, I've been working on developing stronger and more effective agreements with our vendors and with Lake County. We now have a newly revised six-month contract with the Village engineer, James Anderson Company. The terms of this new agreement should significantly reduce Village engineering costs, and will be reviewed and evaluated at the end of the six-month time period.

The Village Hall continues to be a topic of discussion, and I've heard many good ideas about how to proceed if the Village decides to build a hall. Many quite successful halls have been built for other small municipalities, and they are happy to share learnings from their experiences. I have been visiting small village halls that are now in use in other local communities, such as Deer Park and Bannockburn, in an effort to find the most functional solutions. If we build a Village Hall, it should be designed to fulfill our current and future needs.

I've also been working with the Village Attorney and Zoning and Appeals Commission to review options for the creation of a new open space district. As many residents have expressed, the language describing the Special Services Areas (SSAs) in Mettawa can be difficult to understand. I've reviewed all of the SSAs and have created new, simpler summaries that should be easier to understand. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



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Mary Brennan, Trustee
Jeff Clark, Trustee
Roger Lane, Trustee
John Maier, Trustee
Tim Towne, Trustee
Lisa Dieter, Treasurer
Cathy Nelson, Village Clerk
Bob Irvin, Village Administrator

<http://www.mettawa.org>



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

Mailing Address Line 1

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MEETING CALENDAR

Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Resident coffee get-together

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 14

5:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee
6:30 p.m. Public Works Committee

Tuesday, May 20

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

Tuesday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 11

5:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee
6:30 p.m. Public Works Committee meeting

Tuesday, June 17

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

Tuesday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 9

5:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee
6:30 p.m. Public Works Committee

Tuesday, July 15

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

Please note that this list may be incomplete.
Check the Calendar at mettawa.org or contact
the Village Clerk for updates.

CONTACT US

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Cathy Nelson, Village Clerk

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Office hours: M-F 9-11 a.m. & 3-5 p.m.

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

Village of Mettawa website

<http://www.mettawa.org>

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014