



Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz



Mettawa Trail Soon to Break New Ground

The long-awaited new portion of the Mettawa Trail at Oasis Park will soon be under construction. All permitting and site preparation is complete, and no additional impediments remain. The contractor, R. A. Mancini, will soon provide construction dates to the Village. Once work begins, we can expect to see some additional construction traffic, but we anticipate a smooth path to success and completion from this point forward. ❁

Bill Armstrong Honored with Bench at Whippoorwill Park

A new bench and plaque at Whippoorwill Park has been dedicated to the memory of late Village Board Trustee Bill Armstrong. In September, the Parks and Recreation Committee supervised the installation of a new stone patio and walkway at Whippoorwill, as well as the renovation of the historic "wishing well." This memorial bench provides a welcoming spot for

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MAYOR'S NOTE



By Casey Urlacher

Our Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) has been hard at work during the last number of months holding work-

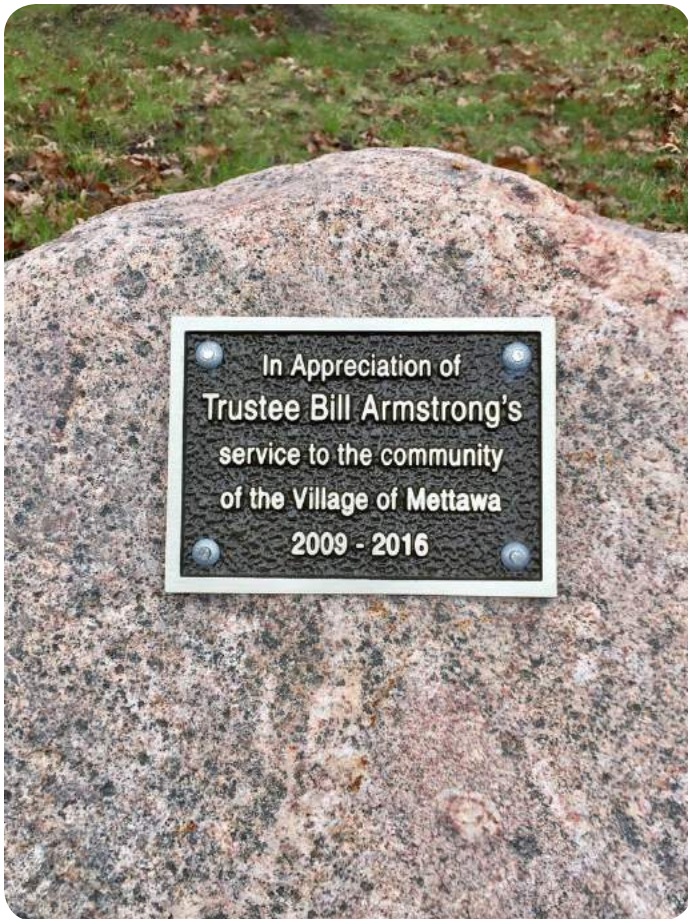
shops and public hearings. They are currently developing recommendations for changes to the zoning code (see page 2 for more information).

I'd like to express my appreciation both ZPA members who volunteer their time to the Village, and to the many residents who have attended these meetings and provided their valuable input.

It was great to see so many familiar—and new—faces at the Village picnic in August!

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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residents to enjoy this increasingly beautiful outdoor location. Other recent improvements include thirty-three young oak trees along with other attractive landscape plantings. ❁

Zoning Workshops Complete

The recent series of public workshops and public hearings which were held by the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) was completed in early November. These meetings were held as part of the process of reviewing the current zoning code and discussing ways in which the code might be improved. Many residents attended these meetings and provided valuable testimony.

The Commission's recommendations, which will incorporate this resident input, will soon go to the Village Board for review. A special Village Board meeting dedicated primarily to these zoning recommendations will be soon be scheduled for January 2018. The recommended changes to the zoning code will be emailed to residents and will also be available on the Village website. ❁

Impact Marketing Named Top Chicago-area Workplace

Congratulations to Impact Marketing! This Mettawa firm, which is located on the east side of I-94, was recently honored as the #1 midsize company in the Chicago area, beating out many other local firms including the Chicago Cubs organization, which came in at #37. The rankings were compiled for the Chicago Tribune by Energage, a firm which ranks workplaces by surveying employees about topics ranging from work-life balance to trust in company leadership.

Impact Marketing specializes in creating better workflow of information and documents within the workplace, and prides itself on "fostering a positive employee culture." ❁

For more information, see:

- [Chicago Tribune's Top Workplaces article](#)
- [Impact Marketing website](#)

Stop the Bleed Workshop

On November 4th, the Village presented a Stop the Bleed workshop at the Residence Inn Hotel. The American College of Surgeons started this program to educate the public on how to stop a person from bleeding to death. Thank you to Mettawa residents Dr. Richard Fantus and Pam Fantus, RN, MSN, for instructing and leading this important course.

We Appreciate Our Volunteers

The Village would like to recognize the trustees and residents who volunteer their time to serve as elected and appointed officials on committees and commissions. Thank you for your service!

Finance Committee:

John Maier (Chair), Pam Fantus (Village Treasurer), Mary Brennan, Tim Towne

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Pam Sheldon (Chair), Denis Bohm, Tim Towne

Public Safety Commission:

Jan Pink (Commissioner)

Public Works Committee:

Tim Towne (Chair), Jan Pink, Pam Sheldon

Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission:

Joe Krusinski (Chair), Wendie Clark, Holly Hirsch, Liz Leonard, Mark Meluso, Catherine Murphy, and Orren Pickell ❁



Residents Enjoy MOLA Fall Social Event at the Distillery & Workdays

On October 1, MOLA hosted a lively “Booze and Butterflies” event at the North Shore Distillery in Green Oaks (pictured above). This welcome locale was named “Best Local Distillery” by Chicago Magazine. Attendees enjoyed custom butterfly-themed drinks and distillery tours, as well as an interesting presentation on Monarch butterflies by expert Vince Mosca of Hey and Associates (pictured above, top). Mosca discussed the catastrophic worldwide decline of the Monarch population, but noted that Mettawa residents can help support Monarch butterflies by planting milkweed, the native plant which is the caterpillar’s only food.

MOLA continues to help beautify the Mettawa area with volunteer workdays to remove buckthorn and other invasives. On October 21, MOLA volunteers (including an Abbvie employee and his son) made their third attack on the buckthorn thicket south of Equestrian Connection to widen the open space views to the west of Bradley Road. ❁

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 a maintenance agreement with Tallgrass Restoration for Oasis Park
2. Authorized the engineering and design of a culvert replacement on Mettawa Lane
3. Approved the installation of a new storm sewer near the intersection of Bradley and Riverwoods Roads
4. Approved the planting of 33 trees at Whippoorwill Park
5. Accepted the annual financial report for the fiscal year 2016-2017

Administrator’s Report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



I’m always glad to be able to share good news about increases to the Village revenue. During the first fiscal third of 2017-2018 (which includes May, June, July and August), we saw greater income from several sources. Sales tax provides our largest source of

revenue, and this income increased 6.3% over the same period last year. The Lake Forest Oasis also provides income to the Village via taxes, and this revenue was 7.3% higher.

Telecommunication tax income also increased 15.6%. Most of this revenue arrives from the offices located within the Village. Brunswick and Vyaire recently moved into the units previously occupied by CDW, so this number reflects greater telecommunication activity by these new tenants.

The Village recently approved 137 resident tax rebate applications, and those checks will be mailed out at the end of November. The rebate for fiscal year 2015-2016 totalled \$500,000, which translates to an average rebate amount of \$3650 per qualified resident. Please feel free to contact me at any time for more information about the Village’s popular tax rebate program, or with any other questions.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season! ❁

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Pam Fantus, Treasurer

Bob Irvin, 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

Tuesday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 p.m. ZPA Commission

Tuesday, February 6

7:00 p.m. ZPA Commission

Wednesday, February 14

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

Tuesday, February 20

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

Tuesday, March 6

7:00 p.m. ZPA Commission

Wednesday, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 20

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.

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(847) 377-4000

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Lake's Disposal Services, Inc.
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VILLAGE WEBSITE:

<http://www.mettawa.org>

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
December 19, 2017, 7:30 p.m.**