



# Village of Mettawa



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October 2021

**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

## The Buzz

### Welcome, Mandi Florip!

Mettawa extends a warm welcome to our new Village Administrator, Mandi Florip. We're so pleased to have her on board and actively contributing to our Village's success.

Since 2015, Mandi has been the Lake County Municipal League's Executive Director. She's an attorney licensed to practice in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, and is an active member of the Illinois and Lake County Bar Associations as well as the Association of Women Attorneys of Lake County. In addition, she serves as legal counsel for the Waukegan Park District. Mandi's experience with budget planning, public bidding, grant writing, and drafting / reviewing contracts will be a great addition to our team

Outside the office, Mandi enjoys spending time with her family (below). An avid runner, she's participated in the Boston, Chicago, and Detroit marathons multiple times. ❁

Mandi Florip (second from left) with her family



### Mayor's Note

#### Have a great fall

I hope you all have been enjoying the fall colors in our beautiful Village.



It was great to see so many residents in August at the Village Picnic. I'd like to give a special thanks to Trustee Denis Bohm for giving Whippoorwill Park some extra care before its first big event; the new improvements included pavers and flowers. Kudos to our dedicated Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo, for coordinating this year's highly successful picnic. With over 100 people in attendance, it may have set a new record. Lots of happy kids were running about and lining up for face painting, and music added to the festive atmosphere. Some adults had a hard time deciding between the sandwich and taco truck, but my personal favorite was the ice cream truck.

Have you met our new Village Administrator, Mandi Florip? She brings so many talents to Mettawa, and we are so happy to have her on our team.

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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## Public Works Committee Update

### Safer roads: stormwater projects

The Village recently completed four key stormwater projects and is planning to start two more projects when construction conditions improve after winter. The Public Works Committee (PWC) Chairperson, Trustee Jan Pink, explains, "Everything we are working on is from a safety standpoint."

The PWC's keen focus on stormwater-related issues has already resulted in safer roads for drivers. The initial four areas were addressed first because they posed significant safety hazards (water runoff overtopping roads) and impacted the highest number of people.

The newly repaired locations include an open ditch flow along Meadowoods Drive and three areas with drainage concerns on Bradley / Old School Road, Bradley Road (across from MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park) and Little St. Marys Road.

For background information, see the [Final Stormwater Study Report](#) by Hey & Associates, Inc. on the Village website.

### You can help! Clean your culverts and ditches

Water flows easily in culverts and ditches that lack obstructions (see photo at upper right). When these basic passageways are clogged, water tends to back up, causing soggy lawns, sodden pathways, and even worse issues.

Trustee Pink notes that Mettawa residents can make an important contribution to the overall community by supporting better stormwater drainage on their own properties.

"We encourage residents to clean out their ditches and culverts," says Trustee Pink.

"By removing debris, like fallen branches and leaves, we help water flow freely. This simple effort has a big impact: it helps avoid backups on your property and in the community, too. Make it part of your fall tasks!"

Cleaning a culvert can be quick and relatively uncomplicated. Simply pull out larger pieces by hand (i.e., sticks and branches) and/or use a rake or hoe to assist with smaller debris (i.e., fallen leaves). ❁



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**Clean out culverts and ditches to help Mettawa avoid stormwater issues**

## Public Safety Commission Update

### Safer roads: traffic calming signals

In response to speeding issues, Mettawa safety will get another boost when traffic calming signs are placed on Bradley Road and Old School Road in November. The new bi-directional signs will gather the data of any vehicles driving over the speed limit of 25 mph. This collected information will support future discussions with the Lake County Sheriff's Office and requests to help reduce the speeding that is occurring.

A reduction in speeding will help protect horse-back riders, walkers, bicyclist and other residents that share the road in our Village.

Our Public Safety Commissioner, Trustee Carol Armstrong, explains, "These new traffic calming signs will feature a flashing indicator to indicate the driver's current speed in order to help them realize they should slow down and proceed with caution." ❁

### Welcome to All New Residents!

During the last twelve months, 54 homes and lots have been sold in the Village. We welcome all new residents to our community. ❁

### 2021 Tax Rebate Program

The 2021 tax rebate should be approved at the November 16th Village Board meeting; checks should be mailed out by November 20th to 144 approved resident applicants. The 2021 total tax rebate amount of \$750,000 reflects an increase of \$150,000 over 2020. ❁



# Administrator's Report

By Mandi Florip, Village Administrator



I'm so honored to serve as Mettawa's new Village Administrator and am looking forward to getting to know you.

The Village recently received its audit for the fiscal year 2020-2021; this was completed by Sikich LLP, a certified public

accounting firm. I'm pleased to report that this audit was unmodified and clean; i.e., it accurately represents the Village's financials and reported no issues or inaccuracies. The full audit is available on the Village website.

We have received certification from the Secretary of State that the Village's resident count totals 533 as a result of the 2020 Census. We are grateful for such great resident participation because the Village collects its share of state revenues (for example, income tax and motor fuel tax) based on population.

All collected census data is confidential and used only in aggregate for statistical purposes. You can drill down into the raw data by visiting the Quick-Facts area of the US Census website: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045219>

Don't hesitate to reach out 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](http://mettawa.org).

1. Approved Misfits Construction Company to address four locations that were identified as experiencing drainage issues in the stormwater study by Hey & Associates Inc.,
2. Approved Perfect Cut Tree Services to remove a dead tree at 15210 Little St. Marys Road
3. Approved the planting of an Eastern Red Bud tree at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park as part of the Chicago Tree Region Initiative Program
4. Approved a watering proposal from Pouls' Nursery Inc., at the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park
5. Approved the purchase of traffic calming speed signs
6. Approved the appointment of a part-time Village Administrator and approved an Village Administrator agreement services with Mandi Florip
7. Approved the Grainger subdivision plat of dedication for Riverwoods Road right-of-way
8. Approved the revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation
9. Approved the FY2020-2021 Annual Financial Report
10. Approved Hey & Associates Inc., for the stormwater project
11. Approved additional tree plantings at the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park by Pizzo & Associates Ltd.
12. Approved a new map marking the Mettawa Trail and Lake County Forest Preserve Trail
13. Approved the removal of a dead tree at 701 Riverwoods Road by Dunlap Tree Experts
14. Approved an Ordinance for a plat of subdivision for the consolidation of Lots 18, 26 and 27 in the Alfred MacArthur's Subdivision into two lots
15. Approved an Ordinance granting a variation to Section 15.1204(D) of the Village of Mettawa Zoning Ordinance for the property commonly known as 101 Indian Ridge Road Park

# Village of Mettawa

26225 North Riverwoods Boulevard  
Mettawa IL 60045

**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 Village meetings will be held virtually until further notice.**

For Zoom attendance, meeting I.D. and passcodes,  
please refer to specific agendas on the Village website.

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 10**

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

### **Tuesday, November 16**

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:00 p.m. Village Board

### **Tuesday, December 7**

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

### **Wednesday, December 8**

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

### **Tuesday, December 21**

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:00 p.m. Village Board

**NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:**  
**November 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

## CONTACTS

**Casey Urlacher, Mayor**

**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**

**Lake's Disposal Services, Inc.**  
(847) 366-8582 or (815) 675-0400

**VILLAGE WEBSITE:**

[mettawa.org](http://mettawa.org)