

Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz

Bench dedication at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park

Village residents can now enjoy nature from the comfort of a new park bench recently installed and dedicated in honor of former Mayor Barry MacLean. This beautiful bench overlooks the open space in the MacLean Preserve at Oasis park that includes a restored native landscape, new tree plantings and wildflower gardens.

On June 2nd, the Village held an on-site dedication ceremony (see photo below). Mayor Urlacher thanked former Mayor Barry MacLean for his dedication during a long time of service as a Trustee and then Mayor for our wonderful community of

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Mayor's Note

Summertime

I hope you all have been enjoying this summer.

One highlight for me was honoring former Mayor Barry MacLean for his service to the Village. I invite you all to take a break and visit Barry's bench. It's a great place to stop while walking or riding the Mettawa trail.

The 2022 Village Picnic is happening soon and I hope to see you all there! Save the date for Saturday, August 20th and plan to bring the whole family to Whippoorwill Park. This

year we can even park onsite (weather permitting). Last year's picnic was a joyful event and I'm looking forward to this year's get-together, too.

I invite all residents to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 13th to discuss public safety.

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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Back row: Trustees John Maier, Jan Pink and Tim Towne. Front row: Trustee Wendie Clark, Barry MacLean, Mayor Casey Urlacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New requirements for tax rebate eligibility

Residents will be ineligible to receive a 2022 tax rebate if they have:

1. Outstanding debt owed to the Village that is not paid by November 1, 2022
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 reach out to the Village Treasurer, Amy Weiland as soon as possible: (312) 316-0000 or aweiland@mettawa.org. ❁

August 13th: Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting

Mayor Urlacher has scheduled a Committee of the Whole Meeting to be held on August 13, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Savannah Room at the Hilton Garden Inn. The meeting's goal is to gather public input about public safety. The discussion topics will include the possibilities for increasing the presence of law enforcement in the Village.

This meeting has been scheduled in direct response to resident input about speeding and related public safety topics received by the Mayor and the Village Board via meetings, emails and phone calls. Representatives from Mettawa Public Safety will also attend.

The Village urges all interested residents to come to this COW meeting to voice concerns and gather information about potential scenarios and related financial impacts, such as the possibility of reducing current resident amenities. ❁

2022 Tax Rebate Program

Total amount: \$750,000 is the total amount for the 2022 resident tax rebate program (the same amount provided in 2021).

October 1st deadline: All tax rebate applications must be notarized and postmarked by October 1, 2022 and a copy of the 2020 property tax bill will need to be included.

Online form: The tax rebate application form and instructions are available on the Village website. We recommend that you complete the form fields online before printing. Simply type your information into the fields, then print the completed form and sign it by hand (i.e. wet signature) to prepare it for notarization. Completing the form online is more convenient and helps avoid the legibility issues that can sometimes happen with handwriting.

Eligibility requirements: The tax year for this year's resident tax rebate is 2020. This means that eligible residents must have continuously lived in Mettawa from January 1, 2020 until the date of application. *Please note the important new additional requirements for tax rebate eligibility in the informational box in the left column.* ❁



VILLAGE PICNIC

Saturday

AUGUST 20th

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Whippoorwill Park

On-site parking available (weather permitting)
The Village Clerk will notify residents on Friday, August 19th, if on-site parking will be available.

Administrator's Report

By Mandi Florip, Village Administrator



Congratulations to Mayor Urlacher's family on the birth of their new daughter!

The Village Board once again approved the popular Tax Rebate program in the higher amount of \$750,000 for 2022 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 2022 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. 🌸

Barry's Bench, *continued from page 2*

Mettawa. Mayor Urlacher also thanked former Mayor MacLean for his decisions that were crucial to preserving Mettawa's close relationship with nature as well as ensuring that we have a financially robust bottom line by partnering with key businesses. We look forward to seeing our Mettawa neighbors enjoying Barry's Bench for years to come. 🌸

Solar program up and running

Residents can now join the Community Solar program to save money and support clean energy. A community solar project is a single site solar installation shared by multiple subscribers that allows them to receive net metering credits on their ComEd bills. More details: <http://www.mettawa.org/news/community-solar.html>



Village Board Actions

Highlights of recent Village Board actions during the last quarter are listed below. A complete list of actions is always available in the meeting minutes at mettawa.org.

1. Approval of the Forest Builders Shoulder Maintenance in the Amount Not to Exceed \$12,000
2. Approval of the Clarke Environmental Mosquito Agreement for 2022
3. Approval of the Davey Tree Expert Company to Complete an Inventory on the Trees at Whippoorwill Park in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,250
4. Approval of the Robert Haraden Hay Lease for 701 Riverwoods Road
5. Approval to Officially Name the Village Lot on 14140 W IL Rte 60 to Whippoorwill Park
6. Approval to Purchase Park Signs for Whippoorwill Park and MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park
7. Approval of the Sheriff Special Traffic Detail Agreement Summer 2022
8. Approval of the BlackBoard Connect Agreement for 2022
9. Approval of the Cyber Coverage from Beazley
10. Approval of the Agreement for Consent Assignment of Refuse Disposal Contract
11. Approval of the Ordinance Declaring Surplus Funds and Directing Local Tax Reimbursements Pursuant to the Illinois Fiscal Responsibility Law and the Village's Home Rule Authority
12. Approval of the Amended 2022 Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance Agreement to Add Riverside Preserve, SSA#7 to the Program
13. Approval to Go Out to Bid for the FY2022-2023 Snow Plowing Agreement to Include Salt Storage
14. Approval for James Anderson to Purchase Parts from McIntire Management Group for the Oasis Service Main in the Amount Not to Exceed \$13,572
15. Approval for James Anderson Company to Plant Three Elderberries at Whippoorwill Park in the Amount Not to Exceed \$600
16. Approval of Pizzo & Associates, LTD to Plant Native Plugs at Whippoorwill Park in the Amount Not to Exceed \$960
17. Approval of the Ordinance Amending the Village of Mettawa's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
18. Approval to Waive the Bidding Requirements for the Air Valve Replacement Labor
19. 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
20. Approval of the Davey Tree Experts Proposal for Whippoorwill Park in the Amount of \$21,590
21. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Release of Certain Executive Session Minutes of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mettawa 🌸

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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



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, August 10

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

Saturday, August 13

10:00 a.m. Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 20

11:00 a.m. Village Picnic

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 20

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

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 12

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

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
August 16, 2022 7:00 p.m.

CONTACTS

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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

Lake's Disposal Services, Inc.

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

VILLAGE WEBSITE:

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