



Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz

Emerging native plants will bring growing beauty

The flat portion of MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park was seeded with native plants by Pizzo & Associates last December (see some examples below). This work was done in the winter because some native plant seeds need to be exposed to cold damp weather in order to germinate in the spring. These plants have begun growing, but the results should be more visible and beautiful in coming years. This fall, the berm will also be seeded. Thank you to Trustee Denis Bohm and the Parks and Recreation Committee for their dedicated efforts on this project.



Common Ironweed
Vernonia fasciata



New England Aster
Eryngium yuccifolium



Common Boneset
Eupatorium perfoliatum



Butterfly Weed
Asclepias tuberosa



Yellow Coneflower
Ratibida pinnata



Mayor's Note

Summertime

I hope you all are having an great summer. Mark your calendars for the Village Picnic that's coming up

soon on Saturday, August 28th. This year we will hold the picnic at Whippoorwill Park with two food trucks, an ice cream truck, a live DJ and entertainment for kids. It should be lots of fun. I'm so happy that we will be able to gather in person this year and am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

I'd like to remind all eligible Village residents to apply for this year's property tax rebate (see page 2 for more details). The application deadline is October 1, 2021.

Please join me in welcoming our new Village officials: Amy Weiland (Village Treasurer), Wendie Clark (Trustee), and Matt Witten (Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commissioner). We are also planning to hire a new Village Administrator soon and have been interviewing candidates.

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

Stormwater drainage study: The [Final Stormwater Study Report](#) by Hey & Associates, Inc. was approved by the Public Works Committee (PWC) in April and is now available on the Village website.

The PWC will focus its initial response and efforts on four locations with immediate needs: an open ditch flow along Meadowoods Drive and 3 areas with drainage concerns including Bradley and Old School Road, on Bradley Road across from MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park and Little St. Marys Road.

The report also includes an interesting stormwater management concept for the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park that proposes restoring the natural meanders of a small stream, supporting a unique native plant community and using deep root systems to stabilize soils. The PWC will be reviewing costs for this and other larger projects, and preparing grant applications with the assistance of Hey & Associates.

Solar power opportunity

The Village Board approved a new resolution endorsing and approving the Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution Program (CS2 Program).

This regional initiative gives Mettawa residents a fair and transparent option to subscribe to solar power without installing their own rooftop panels. Participants also receive a net credit on the supply portion of their electric bill. Village residents are not required to participate in the CS2 Program.

This initiative comes at no cost to the Village or residents, and no solar farm to be located in Mettawa. The Village Clerk will be sharing more information about this new program soon. ❁

St. Marys Road resurfacing project

Construction has begun on St. Marys Road and the road closures will last for 3 weeks. During this time, Milwaukee Avenue will be the official detour. This project will repave St. Marys Road between Route 60 and Route 176, widen the roadway for cyclists, and regrade/rebuild the railroad crossing. ❁



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2021 tax rebate program

This year's 2021 tax rebate amount has increased to \$750,000 from \$600,000. The tax year for this year's resident tax rebate is 2019. Eligible residents must have continuously lived in Mettawa from January 1, 2019 until the date of application. All tax rebate applications must be notarized and postmarked by October 1, 2021 and need to include a copy of the 2019 property tax bill.

The tax rebate application form and instructions are available on the Village website. This year we are pleased to offer residents the convenience of completing the form online. You can type the required information directly into the online form, before printing it out. ❁

Chicago Region Trees Initiative

Mettawa is a proud participant in the Chicago Region Trees Initiative, a seven-county regional effort to increase tree planting in local communities. Each participating community will plant at least one tree in 2021 and commit to taking care of it by watering it during the growing season for the first three years. The long term goal of this initiative is "to make a significant, measurable improvement to the regional forest and the lives of its inhabitants by the year 2050." You can learn more and discover ways to get involved at the Chicago Region Trees Initiative website: <http://chicagorti.org/> ❁



Village Administrator Update

Congratulations to Bob Irvin on his recent retirement, and we appreciate his years of service and dedication to Mettawa. The Village is currently interviewing candidates for the open Village Administrator role. ❁

You're invited!

Village Picnic

Saturday, August 28th

11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

2 food trucks
1 ice cream truck
Live DJ
Children's entertainment

New Venue!

Whippoorwill Park
Corner of Route 60 and Riverwoods Blvd.

Parking
Brunswick and Hilton Garden Inn

Village Office

Location & Hours

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.

1. Approved the Recommendations from Hey & Associates, Inc., for the stormwater drainage study
2. Approved the 2021 Clarke Environmental Mosquito Abatement Program
3. Approved the Berm Construction on the Village property located on Route 60 and St. Marys Road with DiTomasso Excavating Ltd. and Altounian Construction
4. Approved the Bob Haraden mowing of the hay at S. 701 Riverwoods Road
5. Approved the BlackBoard Connect emergency service contract renewed
6. Approved the Annual Trail Maintenance for material and weed treatment
7. Approved a tree to be planted for the Chicago Region Trees Initiative Program
8. Approved Poul's Nursery Landscaping to water the shrubs and trees at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park
9. Approved the Ordinance Declaring Surplus Funds and Directing Local Tax Reimbursement Pursuant to the Illinois Fiscal Responsibility Law in the amount of \$750,000
10. Approved the Recommendation to Pursue Stormwater Improvement near 15390 W. Little St. Marys Road
11. Approved the Ordinance Granting a Variation from Section 15.1204(F) of the Mettawa Zoning Ordinance for Property Commonly Known as 14175 W Old School Road, Mettawa
12. Approved a Resolution Approving and Endorsing Community Solar Clearinghouse
13. Approved the Annual Shoulder Maintenance in the Village and Added the Lake Forest Meadows Subdivision as a Location to be Completed by Forest Builders
14. Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation

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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
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 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 11

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

Tuesday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 28

11:00 a.m. Village Picnic

Wednesday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 21

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

Tuesday, October 5

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

Wednesday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 19

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

CONTACTS

Casey Urlacher, Mayor
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

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
August 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.