



Village of Mettawa



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Buzz



Welcome, Grainger!

After many years as our corporate neighbor, Grainger has joined the Village of Mettawa. The company's 152 acre LEED-certified corporate headquarters is located on Route 60 just west of Riverwoods Boulevard, and includes 2,100 employees.

W. W. Grainger is a broad line business-to-business distributor of maintenance, repair and operating supplies, and other related products and services.

The Village Board unanimously approved this annexation on August 21, 2018 after two years of confidential discussions. Village officials began meeting with Grainger in late 2015 to talk about some of the company's land holdings: 100.3 acres of vacant land (with zoning for 26 residential lots) located within Mettawa on both sides of Riverwoods Road just north of Everett Road. Grainger was interested in selling these properties, and the Village was interested in buying this land.

During ongoing meetings and talks, the Village and Grainger found ample common ground. The two parties began to explore more ideas. They discussed adding another Grainger-owned property to the

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Following annexation, Grainger is located in Mettawa, Illinois.



MAYOR'S NOTE



By Casey Urlacher

I am very pleased to personally welcome Grainger to our Village, and believe that our mutual agreement is a true win-win for both parties. Now the Village

will own more open space. Over the long term, the future sales tax revenue should benefit the Village. We should all recognize and give credit to the significant efforts of the Village Board members. I'm so impressed by their dedication and hard work. They made this important agreement happen for Mettawa.

This year's Village Picnic was great fun, had a fantastic turnout, and came in under budget. We had beautiful weather, good food, and some very popular "tattoos." I always enjoy seeing everyone and hope you all come out to enjoy the fun next year too.

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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Temporary "tattoos" provided many smiles at the Village Picnic



Oasis Trail Open for Use

Take a break and enjoy the new experience of the Oasis Park Trail. September saw the completion of this highly anticipated trail relocation project. Our contractor also removed and mitigated the unsightly gravel drive that served as the temporary berm haul road. ❁

St. Marys Road Resurfacing

Lake County plans to resurface two main roads within Mettawa's southwest quadrant in Spring/Summer 2019, so please plan ahead for alternate routes. This project will repave St. Marys Road between Route 60 (to the north) and Everett Road (to the south). It will also repave the Mettawa portion of Everett Road between St. Marys Road (to the west) and the I-94 bridge (to the east). ❁

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agreement: a 13.7 acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Route 60 and Riverwoods Road. The two parties also expanded their talks to include the concept of annexing the Grainger Corporate Headquarters into the Village.

In early 2018, the Village and Grainger reached an agreement in principal. The official draft documents include three agreements which cover annexation, land purchase agreement and economic incentives.

In short, Mettawa will purchase the 114 acres of Grainger property for a total cost of \$5.8 million. Residents should be pleased that an innovative sales tax arrangement effectively reduces the Village's overall cost burden. The Village will finance the purchase by borrowing \$3.8 million, and will take 100% of sales tax proceeds until all costs associated with the loan have been paid (including principal and interest payments). At that point, Grainger will receive 100% of the sales tax up to a total of \$6.78 million. Finally, for a period of 20 years, both Grainger and the Village will share the sales tax 50%-50%.

Both the Village and Grainger are enthusiastic to be participating in this mutually beneficial arrangement. We are very proud and pleased to welcome Grainger to Mettawa. ❁

Zoning Project Update

The ongoing zoning review project continues its progress. Earlier this year the Village Board engaged Camiros, a zoning consulting firm, to evaluate Mettawa's current zoning ordinance and provide recommendations.

Camiros submitted its technical report to the Village Board and Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) at the end of September, and will present this report at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 12. The technical report is available on the Village website. ❁

Bradley Road Bridge

The Illinois Tollway Authority (ITA) anticipates that the Bradley Road bridge will reopen in Spring 2019. This event will arrive later than originally forecasted due to some difficulty in procuring materials. On the bright side, the new spring schedule should allow the landscaping plantings to take root more successfully. ❁

Administrator's Report

By Bob Irvin, Village Administrator



I would also like to extend a warm Village welcome to our corporate neighbor, Grainger. It was impressive to see the Village and Grainger work towards and reach a mutually agreement that will be rewarding for both parties.

All tax rebates will be mailed after November 20, 2018 to qualified residents who submitted their applications by October 1, 2018.

I have enjoyed seeing many of you at the annual Village Picnic. This year's event featured a live DJ and was great chance for residents, neighbors, and Village officials to enjoy spending some time together to socialize with neighbors and Village officials.

I hope that you all have a very enjoyable holiday season. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. ❁



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 temporary moratorium on the enforcement of the prohibition of the raising of poultry in the Village to allow time to review the Village zoning code
2. Approved an annexation agreement, annexation, economic incentive agreement and real estate contract with Grainger
3. Approved a change order with R.A. Mancini for removal of the former berm haul road during the Oasis Trail project
4. Approved the release of the trail easements in the Riverside Preserve and Rolling Meadows subdivisions
5. Approved a contract for the replacement of the Mettawa Lane culvert
6. Approved a contract for the crack sealing of Village roads
7. Approved a horse crossing crosswalk on Bradley Road
8. Received a clean financial report from the Village's auditor for FY 2017-2018 ❁



Summer sunshine, balloons, and fun for all!

Mayor Urlacher
at the Village Picnic

**TAX
REBATES**

will be mailed after

**NOV 20,
2018**

More info:
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Casey Urlacher, Mayor
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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, November 6
(NO ZPA MEETING)

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, November 14

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, November 20

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. Village Board

Tuesday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. Village Board

Tuesday, January 8

7:00 p.m. ZPA Commission

Wednesday, January 9

6:00 p.m. Public Works Committee

7:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, January 15

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.

CONTACTS

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PUBLIC SAFETY:

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(847) 377-4000

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GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Lake's Disposal Services, Inc.

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

VILLAGE WEBSITE:

<http://www.mettawa.org>

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:
November 20, 2018, 7:30 p.m.