



# Village of Mettawa



October 2024, Q2 FY 2024-2025  
Quarterly Newsletter

## The Buzz

### An Impactful Rezoning Protects Village-owned Open Space

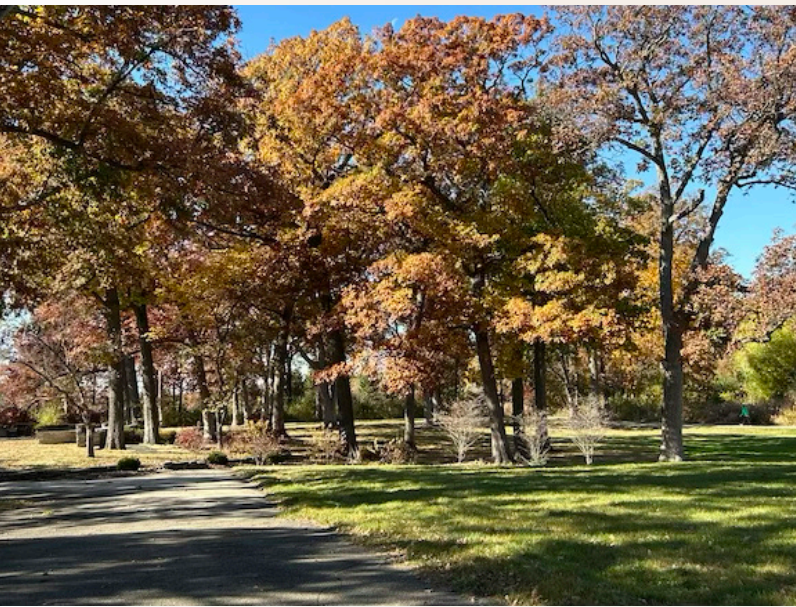
The various Village-owned properties have long been a jewel of undeveloped open space. Now, more of these natural treasures have been rezoned as OS Open Space District.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Zoning, Planning and Appeals Commission (ZPA) held a public hearing about the potential rezoning of these properties, which include 5 parcels totalling over 122 acres. Subsequently, the ZPA made the recommendation to change the zoning from R1 Single Family District to OS Open Space District.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Village Board approved this rezoning. By officially designating this land as protected open space, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have greatly strengthened our Village's stewardship of open space.

Mayor Urlacher noted, "The Village Board continues to prioritize open space. We understand that residents call Mettawa home because they value our unique rural environment and lifestyle."  
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### Mayor's Note

### Getting Ready for Winter

As temperatures start to drop, we see the the squirrels get busy gathering food for the winter. Meanwhile, some residents start stacking firewood and unpacking cozy blankets. This year, the Village has prepared for the impacts of many winters to come by resurfacing the roads and sealing cracks.

Planning for the future is one of our Village's strengths. Our Trustees continue to make decisions focused on fiscal responsibility, safety and the protection of our rural environment. I'm very proud that we have rezoned many acres of Village-owned properties to preserve Mettawa's beautiful open spaces and long view.

Looking forward to seeing many of you when I'm out trick-or-treating with my family. As a reminder, trick-or-treating will be between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup> and remember to only go to houses with outdoor lights on.

As always, I am here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time with your questions, comments or ideas.

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The Village’s Comprehensive Plan, The Open Lands Report of 2015, lays out the priority and framework for conservation of properties. Rezoning these parcels ensures the land will only be used in accordance with the Zoning Code’s requirements for the Open Space District.

Mettawa has long been known for proximity to forest preserves and access to beautiful wide views. This rezoning is a significant step forward to reinforce our Village’s roots and protect our future as a low density, rural community. ❁

## Other News

### New Mettawa Public Safety Officer

Have you noticed a new face around town? The Mettawa Public Safety patrol has a new team member, Joseph Mesnard. Joe has a military background and joined Howe Security in 2021. Safety is a top priority for the Village and Joe’s dedication and experience will help keep our residents safe. ❁

## Traffic Update

*By Safety Commissioner, Trustee Tim Towne*

We are very pleased with the traffic control support from Lincolnshire police department. With our safety patrol of Howe security, along with great police coverage from Lake County Sheriff, Mettawa remains safe and secure. We ask our residents to stay vigilant, keep cars and doors locked, and report anything you see as suspicious. Have a great holiday season! ❁

## Recent Road Resurfacing

*By Public Works Chairman, Trustee Sweb Smolic*



One of the biggest assets the Village owns is the road infrastructure.

Every 15 years or so, we resurface every road. To do that in the most cost effective way, we have to make sure we preserve the roadbed underneath the asphalt.

It is significantly cheaper to just be able to shave off the first few inches of asphalt and replace it with a fresh layer. We then gain another 15 years of usability.

The crack sealing we implemented this year will help stop the existing cracks from spreading and deteriorating that causes potholes.

More importantly, we have protected the roadbed underneath from getting damaged from water and salt intrusion ❁



### Village of Lincolnshire Annual Summary TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT August 14, 2023 - September 30, 2024

OFFENSE	CITATION	WARNING	TOTAL	ARREST
Abandon Vehicle	2	0	2	0
Disobeyed a Traffic Control Device	24	48	72	0
Distracted Driving	22	17	39	0
Driving Under the Influence	2	0	2	1
No Valid Driver’s License	13	1	14	13
No Valid Registration	11	3	14	0
Speeding	315	604	919	0
Speeding Misdemeanor (26+/35+)	33	0	33	33
Suspended Registration for Non-Insurance	18	0	18	0
Uninsured Vehicle	46	0	46	0
Unlawful Possession Cannabis	2	0	2	2
Warrant Arrest	0	0	0	3

# Administrator's Report

By Village Administrator, Mandi Florip



## Tax Rebates

All applications have been received and processed and the checks will be mailed out on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

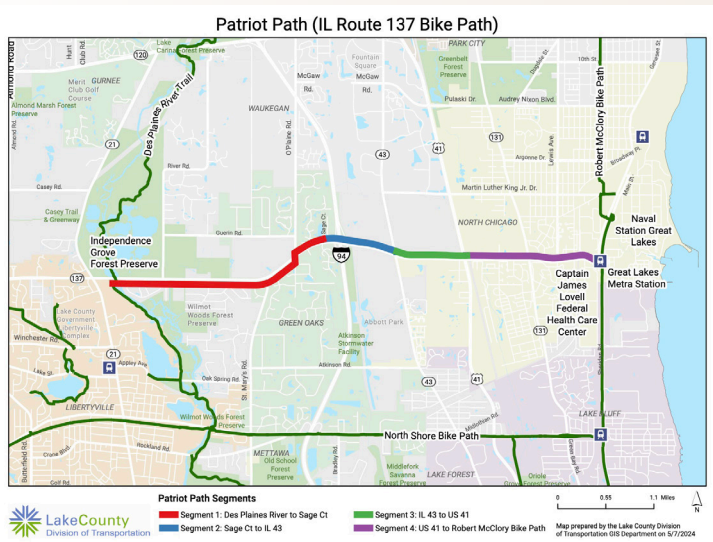
Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

## New 5.5 Mile Trail

The fall is a great time for Mettawa residents to enjoy our trail system and I'm excited that Lake County is creating a new 5.5 mile trail for residents to explore.

This off-road path will run along Route 137 from Independence Grove to the Great Lakes Naval station. Engineering and design work are being done now and construction is expected to begin in 2027.

The County has created an interactive map of this shared use path (see above). The planned paths are shown in purple. For more information, visit the Lake County website: <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/3460/Illinois-Route-137>. 🌸



## Upcoming Consolidated Elections

The consolidated election is on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and The last day to file nomination petitions is November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Village of Mettawa has four positions that will be open for voting, including The Village President and three Village trustee positions.

For more information, see [Village of Mettawa, April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election Information](#). 🌸

## 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. Approval for Forest Builders Inc, to Continue to Perform Maintenance on the Village Culverts and Ditches for an Additional Amount of \$20,000
2. Approval of the Illinois Department of Transportation Permit Request for Pavement Repairs
3. Approval of the FY2023-2024 Annual Financial Report
4. Approval of Clarke Environmental Mosquito Treatment in the Amount of \$9,000
5. Approval of Spruce Tree Direct Proposal for Additional Trees at Oak Hill Lane and 15085 Old School Road in the Amount of \$7,155
6. Approval of Pizzo & Associates Ltd. Prescribed Burn at Whippoorwill Preserve in the Amount of \$5,175
7. Approval of Davey Tree Experts Proposal for the Oak Hill Lane Tree Treatments in the Amount of \$7,180
8. Approval of B&F Construction Code Proposal to Update the Building Code in the Amount of \$7,500
9. Approval of Milieu Design as the Lowest Bidder for the Snow Plowing 2024-2025 Program
10. Approval of a Contract with Pizzo & Associates Ltd to Seed at 15085 Old School Road in the Amount Not to Exceed \$8,134.42
11. Approval of Davey Tree Experts Proposal for Watering the Trees in the Amount of \$1,000
12. Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Village of Mettawa Zoning Map to Rezone Certain Properties Currently Designated As R-1 Single Family Residential District to OS Open Space District (25960 N. St. Marys Road, 24880 N. Riverwoods Road, 24881 Riverwoods Road, N. 300 Riverwoods Road, 15085 W. Old School Road in Mettawa, Illinois) 🌸



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**Casey Urlacher, Mayor**  
**Carol Armstrong, Trustee**  
**Wendie Clark, Trustee**  
**John Maier, Trustee**  
**Debra Pelech, Trustee**  
**Sweb Smolic, 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

Check the calendar online at [Mettawa.org](http://Mettawa.org)  
or contact the Village Clerk for the complete schedule.

### Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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

### Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

### Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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

### Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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

### Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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

### Tuesday, January 7, 2024

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

### Wednesday, January 8, 2024

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

### Tuesday, January 21, 2024

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

NEXT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

**November 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

## CONTACTS

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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**

**Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC**  
(847) 366-8582 or (815) 675-0400

**VILLAGE WEBSITE:**

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