

12,000 Mailers, 300 Calls Ahead Of Expected December Vote By Commissioners

Surveys On Proposed Glenview Park Referendum Coming

Surveys will be mailed to 21,000 Glenview Park District households ahead of a possible December park board vote deciding whether to move forward on a \$24 million referendum to fund \$40.1 million in district projects.

The funds would go toward building a new \$35 million Glenview Ice Center; \$2.6 million in projects at The Grove; \$1.5 million for projects at Sleepy Hollow Park; and set-

ting aside \$1 million to purchase more land. The financing plan includes a probable \$24 million bond referendum, which would increase property tax bills via a special debt service levy to pay for the projects.

The park district consultant-prepared surveys should hit mailboxes Friday (Oct. 27). Residents will have until Saturday, Nov. 10 to complete the surveys and either mail them back or drop them off at the

park district offices at 1930 Prairie St.

Consultants from George K. Baum are also expected to conduct a related telephone survey between Monday, Nov. 4 and Thursday, Nov. 7.

Consultants are expected to review survey results at a meeting of a citizen's park district task force working on four projects at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Glenview Ice Center.

Using data collected in the

survey, the task force is expected to make a recommendation to Glenview Park District commissioners on whether to move forward with the referendum and projects at their Tuesday, Nov. 28 meeting.

The referendum proposes repaying \$24 million in principal and an estimated \$13 million in interest costs through the life of the bond through special debt service levy on tax bills over 20 years beginning in 2019.

The cost for that \$24 million in bond repayments would add nearly \$50 to a property tax bill on a home valued at \$500,000 from 2019 through 2024. In 2024, the debt service levy for

the \$24 million bond would rise to \$83 on a \$500,000 home as another park district bond issue from 2012 retires, reducing special debt service levy on a \$500,000 home by \$53.

In 2022 and 2023, two tax increment financing districts, for The Glen and one on Waukegan Road, retire, which is expected to reduce the overall tax burden on a \$500,000 home in Glenview by \$24.

By law, park district officials may spend money to inform voters about the issues raised in a referendum, but may not spend park district funds in any attempt to influence voters' decision.

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Patterson's 'State Of Village' Address Next Week

Village President To Look Back At 2017, Forward To 2018, Capital Projects, Glen TIF Planning, Community Metrics

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Village President Jim Patterson is scheduled to deliver his annual State of the Village address at the Glenview Public Library at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, looking back at what was accomplished in 2017 and what the village faces in 2018.

Patterson said Oct. 23 he was still working on his presentation, but gave reporters a general overview of items he would likely discuss.

Key among those subjects are capital improvement projects, both those completed and still in progress from 2017, and those expected to start in 2018 and beyond.

A project on Harlem Avenue, from Golf Road to Glenview Road, is in final stages. The project saw more than 8,000 feet of new watermain installed

consolidating three outdated mains, upgrading traffic signals at three intersections and repairing and upgrading sidewalks. Final stages of oiling and resurfacing the roadway begin this week.

Patterson said more work may be completed on Harlem in 2018 as the village ties in a new water provider, Aqua Illinois, to serve the North Maine Water System it owns. Aqua will use water purchased from Wilmette via Glenview.

Glenview is ending a water purchase contract with the village of Niles for Chicago water for the North Maine System.

Another significant project completed in 2017 built large water detention tanks under the front lawn of Lyon School. The detention project has already provided relief to the Bonnie Glen neighborhood just east of Waukegan Road near Lake Avenue.

The old village hall parking lot had provided some stormwater detention for the neighborhood. The Drake Group is building a housing development on the former village hall site. The old village hall began coming down earlier this month.

Patterson said the village is also working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide flood relief to the Tall Trees neighborhood in the coming years.

Also coming to the village in 2018 will be a new planned Culver's restaurant with a drive-through at Waukegan and Chestnut Street that Patterson said he would likely briefly discuss.

Patterson said he would look forward to the retirement of the Glen Tax Increment Financing District in 2022. The Glen TIF is one of the largest in Cook County. Patterson said it is important to have good fiscal planning as the TIF ends, wanting to make the shift in dollars seamless.



Demolition has started on the old Glenview Village Hall, soon to be the site of new housing and among projects expected to be discussed by Village President Jim Patterson at next week's "State of the Village" address. (Journal photo)

A TIF district sets a benchmark for property tax revenues going to taxing bodies the year it is established, diverting the increment above that benchmark to a development fund as property taxes grow over time.

Unique to Glenview is a series of "make whole payments" from the TIF fund to taxing bodies to help offset losses from the TIF.

Patterson said he would also

mention the transition at the start of 2017 from the leadership of former Village Manager Todd Hileman, who left the village at the end of 2016 to take a job as city manager of Denton, TX, to the village's new manager Matt Formica.

Another part of every year's speech is a measurement of community metrics, or how big the community is, in terms of population and finances.

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