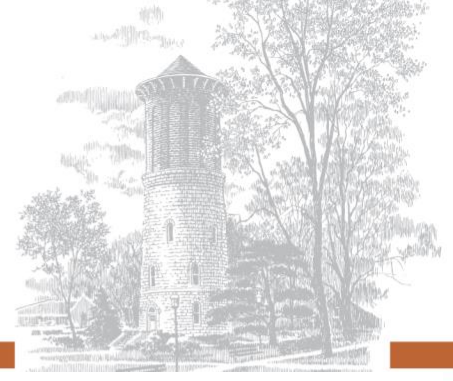


TUESDAY TOPICS



November 16, 2021

Proposed 2021 Tax Levy:

- Trustee Rudolph, chair of the Board's Finance Committee, presented a draft of the proposed 2021 Tax Levy to the Board at our last meeting on November 8. The 2021 levy, which is 5.96% higher than the 2020 levy, will generate an additional \$447,890. The allocation of these additional funds are as follows: \$220,734 for the newly issued referendum bond series 2021A (for roadway improvements and approved by voters in 2016 via a roadway referendum); \$130,000 for additional contributions to the Police pension fund; \$37,156 for other debt service; and \$60,000 for operations. Please note this is a draft levy and can be subject to change. A public hearing and vote is scheduled for [December 6 at 7 pm](#). I will provide an update if there are any proposed changes to the draft levy prior to that date.

Tree Removal in Spring Rock Park:

- The work to access the Spring Rock Park/Veeck Park [pedestrian bridge](#) construction site is complete and no additional trees along 47th Street will be removed as part of this project. The Tollway has committed to replacing the removed trees once the bridge is constructed.

Hillgrove Construction Updates:

- As part of the Illinois Tollway's reconstruction of the BNSF bridge, the Tollway is coordinating local watermain replacement and sewer work, as well as sidewalks and lighting on Hillgrove Avenue between the Public Works facility and Prospect Avenue. A portion of Hillgrove Avenue has been closed for this project, and a detour is posted via Walker Street and Hampton Avenue. Weekly updates on the project are shared on the [Village website](#).

LRS Holiday Schedule:

- Due to the [Thanksgiving holiday](#), regular Thursday and Friday LRS collection (11/25 and 26) will be delayed by one day. The last week of November will also be the final paper yard waste bag collection until April with collection of yard waste ending November 30. The Village's leaf collection program continues, but residents are also reminded to be mindful of leaves clogging storm sewers and to please adopt a sewer inlet on your block to help prevent street flooding when it rains.

Property Tax Savings for Veterans:

- The Cook County Assessor's Office administers [two programs](#) which can reduce the property tax bill of veterans. Veteran homeowners who believe they may have been eligible in prior years can apply for a Certificate of Error, to redeem missing exemptions from prior years. Visit the [Cook County Assessor's Office](#) for more information.

Until next week,

Alice Gallagher,
Village President

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