



### REFERENDUM FACT SHEET

## **Bolingbrook Residents Identify Playgrounds, the Lily Cache Greenway Pathways and the Bolingbrook Recreation and Aquatic Complex (BRAC) as Priorities for Repair and Improvement.**

The Park District developed a strategic plan in 2013. The plan included several points of community input and discussion in 2014, 2016 and 2017. As part of this plan, several projects were identified as highest priority for repair and maintenance based on the top needs of our community.

During the final research phase conducted last summer by the Bolingbrook Park District, residents identified the following projects as their top priorities for repair and improvement:

- **A Capital Asset Replacement Program (CARP)**, which would replace 21 playgrounds village-wide and update various facility equipment, exteriors, furniture and fixtures, technology and areas that require paving.
  - **Completion of the Lily Cache Greenway pathway connection**, which would connect existing trails at Veterans Parkway, as well as existing trails on the east and west sides of Weber Road. This would further connect the regional pathway plan developed in 1989.
  - **Partial renovation of the Bolingbrook Recreation and Aquatic Complex (BRAC)**, which would include remodeling the entrance and hallway; creating two program room spaces; renovating the fitness and aquatics locker rooms at BRAC; adding four family changing rooms; and a bridge, pavilion and shade structures to the Lazy River at Pelican Harbor Outdoor Aquatic Park.
- To accomplish these upgrades, the Park District board has passed a resolution to ask Park District voters to decide on a referendum for \$14 million in bonds over a 20-year period. The referendum will be on the ballot for the November 6 election.
  - The funds are sought to cover these necessary repairs and improvements to existing facilities, the costs of which exceed the Park District's resources over the next five years.
  - With either a "yes" vote or a "no" vote, the Bolingbrook Park District portion of residents' tax bill will decrease. This is possible due to the elimination of previous bond and interest that rolls off at the same time this bond would begin.
  - The Park District identified these needs through a comprehensive plan that has unfolded since 2013, culminating with two community discussion groups held in 2017.
  - The referendum focuses on meeting the current needs of the community, while also anticipating the future needs of our diverse community.

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