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Dear Neighbors,
Election Day on November 8th is quickly approaching and most of the focus has been on the volatile races for federal and state offices. However, there will be a couple of referenda questions on the ballot for Wauconda residents of which you should be aware. I have asked Village Administrator Maxeiner to provide some information on these questions which he has provided below. Please note that we are not able to support or oppose political candidates or advocate for or against referenda in the Mayor's Message. The information presented here is for your information as you research the questions at hand.



The first question is a statewide referenda on a proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution that, if approved, would restrict the General Assembly from using revenue raised for transportation maintenance and improvement projects from being used for non-transportation related purposes. This question is also referred to as the "Safe Roads Amendment" or the "Transportation Spending Lockbox Amendment". The Illinois Secretary of State's Office provides additional information on the question including arguments for and against the amendment at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/stgovpub.html#conamend. The League of Women Voters also addresses the pros and cons of the measure at www.lwvil.org.

A second question on the ballot is an "advisory" referendum asking voters if each taxing body located within the Village of Wauconda should be required to seek voter approval by referendum prior to

increasing its annual property tax levy. An advisory referendum is non-binding on taxing bodies meaning that elected boards may use the results as they see appropriate for their organization's specific circumstances.

In general, most (if not all) residents would like to see their property tax burden reduced. We know that it is challenging to write that property tax check each year. As such, on the face of it, the advisory question would seem attractive to voters. On the other hand, limiting growth in tax levies without addressing growing state and federal mandates presents some significant challenges as well and may result in reductions in critical services elsewhere in budgets.



The ballot questions are thought provoking and great discussion starters and are representative of what is so great about our political system. I encourage you to research the issues. If you want additional information about the impact of either of these questions on the Village, feel free to contact me at fbart@wauconda-il.gov.

Ask the Mayor

Question: I recently received a letter from the Village stating that a contractor was going to conduct "smoke testing" on the sewer system that may affect my residence. Is this legitimate and what is the purpose of conducting the test?

Answer:

The letter is legitimate and RJN Group, Inc. of Wheaton has been hired to conduct "smoke testing" on the sewer system in a portion of the community. The area to be tested is east of U.S. Route 12, north of Slocum Lake Road, and west of Main Street. The testing was scheduled to start October 19th and the project is expected to be complete by October 28th weather permitting.



The purpose of smoke testing is to identify areas where storm water (rainwater) is gaining entry into the sanitary sewer system. The process forces non-toxic smoke into the Village sewer system allowing the Village to identify areas where storm water is entering the sanitary system through infrastructure deficiencies such as faulty seals, cracks or sewer line breaks and improper connections.

Storm water does not need to be treated like sanitary waste. Consequently, when rain infiltrates the sanitary sewer system, the Village spends considerable resources

to treat water that doesn't need to be treated. Keeping storm water out of the sanitary sewer system helps the Village to keep sewer rates as low as possible.

If you did not receive a letter from the Village or a door hanger from the contractor performing the work, you likely do not reside in the area scheduled for testing this year. Other areas of the Village will be tested in future years as funds allow.

If you have any questions or concerns about smoke testing or the process used, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 526-9610.

Pre-Election Day Voter Registration

Avoid standing in the voter registration line on Election Day. **Register now!**

Despite fast approaching deadlines, Lake County residents still have several opportunities to register for the first time or update an existing record.

Voter registration is available:

- *Until October 21*
In-person at the Clerk's office. Weekdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm
- *Until October 23*
Online through Illinois State Board of Elections ([click here](#))
- *Oct. 24 through November 7*
Use any one of the 14 early voting sites regardless of where you live. Some locations are open for extended days, evenings, and on Sundays. [View a list](#) of all early voting sites.
- *November 8* (Election Day) from 6 am to 7 pm
Voter must use assigned Election Day voting site or the Clerk's office. To find your assigned voting site, use our [Polling Place Locator](#)



Applicants must be U.S. citizens, residents of their precinct for 30 days before Election Day, 18 years old on or before the general election, provide two forms of valid identification, and vote at the time of registration.

Voting Options

Vote by mail, early, or on Election Day. Choose the voting option that's the easiest for your schedule and busy lifestyle.

By Mail until November 3

For November's election, 26,000 Lake County voters have already chosen to vote by mail. It's simple to receive the short required application:

- Visit [LakeCountyClerk.info](#) and click on the [Vote by Mail](#) icon for an online or printable application,
- Email your name and address to VotingbyMail@lakecountyil.gov, or
- Call 847.377.2406.

COUCH POTATO VOTING



VOTE BY MAIL

No waiting in line at your sofa.

Available until 11/3

REQUIRED APPLICATION AT:

- LakeCountyClerk.info
- Votingbymail@lakecountyil.gov
- 847.377.2406

Completed applications must be received at the Clerk's office by November 3rd. You only have to walk as far as your mailbox for your ballot and vote stress-free from your own couch.

Mail your voted ballot back to the Clerk's office with a postmark no later than end of the day on Election Day. You can track the Clerk's receipt of your ballot at LakeVoterPower.info using the "Track My Ballot" feature.

Early Voting

Until October 21

In person at the Clerk's office. Weekdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm

October 24 - November 7

Voter can use any one of the 14 conveniently located universal voting sites regardless of where they live. Some locations are open for extended days, evenings, and on Sundays. View a list of all early voting sites.

Voter Information Guide

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November's Voter Information Guide includes a complete list of all candidates and public questions appearing on the November 8th ballot. Election Day voting sites with addresses are listed by township and precinct. A comprehensive directory of all early voting sites, including dates, hours, and addresses is also included.

A printed version of the guide will be delivered in Lake County editions of Chicago Tribune, Daily Herald, Lake County Journal, Lake County News Sun, Pioneer Press, Reflejos, and Zion Benton News Weekly early as October 20.

Additional copies will also be available at many county libraries, park districts, and municipal or township offices. [View the guide online.](#)

9th Annual Run For Your Life



HALLOWEEN THEME RACE!
Raffle Tickets 6 for \$5, or \$1 each for a chance
to win **AWESOME RAFFLE ITEMS!**

9TH ANNUAL RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

5K RUN/WALK ♥ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016

**D118 PTO MATTHEWS MIDDLE SCHOOL
WAUCONDA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Sponsored by Matthews and Wauconda Middle Schools PTO. All fees support PTO sponsored activities, classroom equipment and field trip transportation. Encouraging a healthy lifestyle!

LOCATION:

Matthews Middle School
3500 Darrell Road, Island Lake, IL 60042
847.526.6210

AFTER RACE CELEBRATION:

Stay for breakfast and awards ceremony after the race.

AWARDS AND AGE GROUPS:

Trophies awarded to the top overall Male and Female and top District #118 Employee Male and Female. Engraved medals will be awarded to the top 2 place finishers in each age group: 10 & Younger; 11-12; 13-14; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50 & Over

QUESTIONS:

Contact Kim Miller at 847-639-8266 or mmspto2015@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER:

Email: d118pto.R4YLvolunteer@gmail.com

RACE DAY:

Check in between 7:15-8:15am
Race starts sharply at 8:30am!

REGISTRATION:

	RECEIVED BY 10/19:	DAY OF RACE:
Students:	\$15	\$20
Individual:	\$25	\$30

Includes a t-shirt, goodie bag and raffle ticket for the first 200 participants.

Registration form and payment can be returned to any District #118 school or mailed to:
Matthews Middle School
Attn: Run for Your Life
3500 Darrell Road, Island Lake, IL 60042

Checks payable to: Wauconda District #118 PTO

Register Online at: www.signmeup.com/116245

To register online, [visit www.signmeup.com/116245](http://www.signmeup.com/116245).

Trick or Treat Main Street

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Main Street

WAUCONDA



Sunday 🍬 October 30 🍬 2-6pm

Featured Events

All located on Main Street (which will be closed)

- Hayrides 🍬 Petting Zoo 🍬 Games 🍬 Bouncy House 🍬 Crafts 🍬 Food
- 🍬 Haunted House at Wauconda Park District Beach Park 🍬
- 🍬 2:00pm-5:00 Carved Pumpkin Judging
- 🍬 3:30pm Pet Costume Contest
- 🍬 5:15pm "Halloween Haunt Performance" by the Academy of Ballet
- 🍬 5:30pm Announcement of Winners on Stage



▲ **Free event** ▲ **Free Shuttle** ▲ **Free Fun** ▲

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Village of Wauconda, Wauconda Park District & Local Businesses

Stop in the shops & Restaurants for Treats, Games and Specials!



The next meeting is Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street.

Take care and God Bless,

Frank

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