

April 22, 2024

Dear District Residents:

Glencoe Park District seeks your thoughts and recommendations on a possible bond referendum that may appear on the November 2024 ballot.

The District seeks to protect and improve some of Glencoe's most important and iconic public assets, without increasing its current debt service tax rate.

A summary of the proposed improvements is provided below, each of which will be further vetted through a community input process this spring and summer:

- **Glencoe Beach Sun Shelters and Boardwalk.** Updating aging sun shelters, replacing the boardwalk, and adding a permanent cover to the trellis.
- **Glencoe Beach Playground.** Adding shade, and updating the aging spray features and playground equipment.
- **Safran Beach House.** Making interior improvements, which have not been addressed in almost 30 years. Adding restrooms and showers that provide easier exterior access.
- **Glencoe Beach Access.** Rebuilding and reinforcing retaining ramps and walls, as well as parts of the staircase leading to the beach, that have not yet been updated. Materials would reflect the historic appearance of the walls and staircase.
- **Perlman Boating Beach.** Updating the boat house building's siding, restrooms, and deck, which were last renovated in 2005. Improving and expanding storage spaces for kayaks and paddleboards.
- **Takiff Center's North Field.** Replacing the aging backstop and updating the athletic field's 45-year-old electric infrastructure. Potentially adding indoor batting cages as part of the proposed improvements to the parks facility
- **Greenhouse.** Constructing a new greenhouse, for community groups and individuals to use, potentially at Shelton Park to replace the old greenhouse behind the Takiff Center.
- **Parks Maintenance Facility.** Building a new parks facility that would include electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and solar panels; space to properly store materials, equipment, and vehicles, including future EV vehicles and equipment; and provide work and office space for maintenance staff. The existing parks facility and storage spaces, which are 39 to 94 years old, are in poor condition and lack efficiency.

The Glencoe Park District works hard to maintain our parks and facilities using existing funds, including grants and donations. However, certain large-scale capital improvements tied to aging and failing infrastructure fall outside of what our budget can address.



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ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF PROPOSED PARK & RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS



Protecting and improving some of our most important public assets



Creating healthier, safer, and more enjoyable experiences for residents



Allowing for expanded and improved programming



Enhancing ADA accessibility



Improving building efficiency, saving taxpayer dollars



Extending the number of months that certain amenities can be enjoyed



Maintaining current debt service tax rate



Protecting property values

Nothing is set in stone until we hear from you, our district residents. Following are the dates, times, and locations of upcoming public information meetings where we will be discussing the proposed funding request and possible improvements, and gathering additional public input:

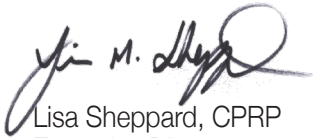
- Monday, May 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting, Go to: <https://bit.ly/GPDPreserve>
- Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Takiff Center (Lobby)
- Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Takiff Center (Lobby)
- Friday, June 28, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Kalk Park (Table at Concert)

Future public information meetings and information about the possible bond referendum can be found on our website at glencoeparkdistrict.com.

If you would like to discuss the potential funding proposal, I can be reached at (847) 835-7530 or lsheppard@glencoeparkdistrict.com. I would also be happy to make a presentation about the proposed improvements to any interested local organizations.

You have the final word when it comes to how we protect and improve our local beaches, parks, and recreation facilities.

Respectfully,



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Executive Director