

## **Village puts price tags on projects**

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Glen Ellyn Park District officials have finalized plans for a fall referendum and put exact price tags on three major projects.

In November, officials will ask voters for \$11.9 million. About \$2 million will be put toward renovating Main Street Recreation Center, \$2.5 million toward land acquisition and \$7.4 million for the construction of a new multi-purpose facility at Ackerman Park.

If locals approve the referendum request, the tax rate would remain equivalent to what it's been since the 1999 bonds were purchased, but the payoff date would be rolled over to 2017. The owner of a \$300 house would pay about \$70 to the district next year.

Since the spring referendum failed, park district officials said they adjusted the game plan based on feedback they received.

Cory Atwell, executive director of the Glen Ellyn Park District, said he's more confident about the referendum this time around because local preservation groups aren't opposed to any projects and because no school districts will be on the November ballot.

"I feel better about it, and I hope we get the support from the community," he said.

Because the community expressed concern about tearing down Main Street Recreation Center, officials now plan to renovate the current structure and make it new, all while keeping the same footprint of the building. In other words, the facility would be fixed up just as Spring Avenue Recreation Center was.

A nearly 45,000 square-foot facility at Ackerman Park officials have in mind would include three full-sized basketball courts, a three-lane walking track, locker rooms, a small meeting area and a multi-purpose athletics area for other sports.

Officials also are eyeing some property they'd like to acquire, and all properties are contiguous to land currently owned by the district, Atwell said.