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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL
2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
  - A. A notice of proposed property tax levy increase for the Hoffman Estates Park District was published in the Daily Herald on Friday, November 11, 2022.
3. 2022 PROPOSED TAX LEVY / M22-109
4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
5. ADJOURNMENT

## HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT MEMORANDUM #22-109

**TO:** A&F Committee  
**FROM:** Craig Talsma, Executive Director  
Nicole Hopkins, Director of Finance & IT  
**DATE:** November 22, 2022  
**RE:** 2022 Tax Levy Proposal

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### **Background**

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law applies to non-home rule taxing districts like the Park District. This law limits the total amount levied to the lesser of the inflation from the prior year or 5%. Inflation is calculated as the change between the consumer price index (CPI) for all goods and services from December to December. With the unprecedented inflation over the past two years, the CPI increase for the prior year was 7.0%.

The Truth in Taxation Law requires any taxing district proposing a levy of more than 5% to publish a notice in the local newspaper and hold a public hearing.

### **Implications**

To capture/recapture property new to the jurisdiction, the District routinely levies for an amount greater than the CPI. This philosophy has allowed the District to maintain and improve assets without requesting additional funding from the taxpayers via referendum. It has also helped to offset areas where the CPI is not reflective of the increases in goods or services for the District. Along with routine new additions to the tax roll, the Barrington/Higgins Road Tax Increment Finance district ended, allowing the District to add that property back to the levy.

With the limitation at 5% for the 2022 levy year, in order to capture the TIF property and any other new growth, the District will be requesting a capped funds levy of \$7,719,000. This excludes the Debt Service and Special Recreation Fund's levies. This portion of the levy which is subject to the truth in taxation hearing is increasing by 8.553% over the prior year's extended capped fund's levy. The total requested levy for 2022 is \$11,285,150, an overall increase of 5.716%. Once the Assessor has completed the property valuations, the county will automatically reduce the levy, so the addition to existing properties is not greater than the limitation.

### **Recommendation**

The purpose of this notice and meeting is to allow the public an opportunity to provide input. Adoption of the final levy will occur at the December 20, 2022 board meeting.

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# Blue Whiskey film festival hosts its 'A Toast to 2023' fundraiser

Submitted by Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival

Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival (BWiFF) will host "A Toast to 2023," a fundraiser for its 2023 season from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Emmett's Brewing Company, 110 N. Brockway St., in Palatine.

Guests are invited to enjoy appetizers, a photo booth, cash bar, raffles and a silent auction.

Silent auction and raffle items will include passes to Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament in Schaumburg, Star Cinema Grill in South Barrington, a private whiskey tour at Koval Distillery in Chicago, Green Bay Packers game at Lambeau Field, and several other prizes ranging in value from \$100 to over \$500.

"Our fall fundraiser is our largest public appeal for funding and is pivotal to the success of our annual festival each summer," said Development Director Therese Mlynarczyk. "Funds raised will go toward cultivating an enhanced festival experience and expand upon our supplemental programming."

In addition to the weeklong independent film festival held each July, BWiFF presents an annual Cinema Centennial program that showcases a collection of films released 100 years ago.

The 1922 silent film program was recently presented at Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave., in Chicago, with live music and sound effect accompaniment. Through the festival's Imbibe Cinema program, the organization also produces a biweekly podcast, web articles and an all-new membership-based streaming subscription.

"Our organization's roots are in Palatine," said Executive Director Michael Noens.

The festival started in 2010 at Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center in Palatine before moving to Mount Prospect in 2016, and then Chicago in 2017.

"We're looking forward to sharing some exciting news about our new Imbibe Cinema membership program that will give residents and the surrounding community the opportunity to experience

the festival once again here in Palatine."

Tickets are available online at bwiff.com for \$25. Capacity is limited; attire is dressy casual.

All attendees will receive a 30-day Imbibe Cinema free trial membership and 20% off tickets to the 2023 Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival at Chicago Filmmakers, 1326 W. Hollywood Ave., running from July 14-22 in Chicago.

"What I enjoy most about this fundraiser is that it's not just about raising funds for future years, it's a celebration of what we've accomplished in past years and sharing that experience with our supporters," Mlynarczyk said.

For information about the Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival, visit bwiff.com.

Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival (BWiFF) is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization that assembles character-driven, independent film programming constructed by bold and innovative storytellers for the purposes of education, entertainment and thought-provoking discussion.



COURTESY OF VALERIE ZEMKO

St. Thomas of Villanova School Principal Matthew Martino greets students in a chicken costume as they enter the Palatine school.

## Palatine principal dresses as a chicken to reward students

Submitted by Matthew Martino

Popsicles, pies and chickens, oh my!

Last week the principal at St. Thomas of Villanova School, Palatine, had quite the week. Principal Matthew Martino set several pledge goals for his students to reach in the school's annual Track-a-thon fundraising event.

The students met and exceeded all of his goals, so

Principal Martino had to keep his end of the bargain. Students earned a Popsicle party at recess and no homework for a day.

However, the big reward was that the school raised enough to get Principal Martino to wear a chicken costume for the day.

He traded his tie for feathers, and the students loved it. The chicken costume was clearly a

favorite of the students as Martino clucked to greet students as they entered the building.

The highest earners in the school also were given the chance to pie Principal Martino in the face.

This pledge challenge has been a lot of fun for the students at St. Thomas of Villanova and something to bring the school together around its new principal.

## Veterans Day observance

Daily Herald report

Friday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. It's an opportunity to thank veterans for their service, and to learn more about and honor those who have served our country.

Here's a look at some ceremonies and events happening in the Northwest suburbs and Lake County.

### Nov. 11

**Mount Prospect Veterans Day observance:** 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Lions Park Recreation Center, 411 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect. Join VFW Post 1337 and the American Legion Post 525 as they commemorate all veterans, past and present. vfw1337.com.

**Evanston Veterans Day ceremony:** 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Fountain Square, Davis Street at Sherman and Orrington avenues. Evanston American Legion Post 42 will host an assembly at 10 a.m., followed by the ceremony at 10:30 a.m. www.cityofevanston.org.

**Hoffman Estates Veterans Day ceremony:** 10:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Hoffman Estates Veterans Memorial, Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates. www.hoffmanestates.org.

**Schaumburg Veterans Day ceremony:** 10:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Gateway Park, at the intersection of Roselle and Schaumburg roads, Schaumburg. The Schaumburg VFW Post 2202 will be hosting its Veterans Day ceremony to honor military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The Schaumburg Police and Fire departments will perform the honor guard, while being flanked by the Schaumburg VFW Post 2202 Rifle Squad. Schaumburg Christian Academy will sing the national anthem, "God Bless America," and all of the branches of service hymns. www.villagesofschaumburg.com.

**VFW Post 9284 Veterans Memorial Park Dedication, ceremony and luncheon:** 10:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Memorial Park, Biesterfeld and Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village. Ceremony and Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Garden Terrace at the Pavilion, 1000 Wellington Ave., Elk

Grove Village. Reservations required for lunch; contact Ljensen@ElkGrove.org or call (847) 357-4028. vfw9284.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp.

**Barrington Veterans Day ceremony:** 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Cook Street and Park Avenue, Barrington. www.barrington-il.gov.

**Des Plaines Veterans Day ceremony:** 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Prairie Lakes Park Community Center, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 311 and the Des Plaines American Legion Post 36 will co-host a ceremony honoring all of the men and women who have served in the U.S. military. Veterans of the past 25 years are invited to attend. Veterans of all American conflicts are urged to attend and become involved in one or both of the organizations. americanlegion36.org or vva.org/chapter/vva-chapter-311.

**Highland Park Veterans Day ceremony:** 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Ave., Highland Park. Representatives from the American Legion Post 145, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4737, and Jewish War Veterans 29 will be present. Mayor Nancy Rotering, State Sen. Julie Morrison, and State Rep. Bob Morgan will speak alongside Captain Jason J. Williamson, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Great Lakes. U.S. Army veteran Gilbert Levy will be honored as a Hero Among Us. The Highland Park High School Brass Quintet will perform. www.cityhpil.com.

**Palatine Veterans Day observance:** 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Cutting Hall, 150 E. Wood St., Palatine. The American Legion Post 690 will conduct a ceremony in Cutting Hall. Several short presentations will be made by the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Following the ceremony, Post 690 will host an open house for all members and the community at the Post 690 Club Room, 122 W. Palatine Road, Palatine. www.alpost690.us.

**Streamwood Veterans Day ceremony:** 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Streamwood Veterans Memorial, just east of the village hall, 301 E. Irving

Park Road, Streamwood. www.streamwood.org.

**Northbrook Veterans Day ceremony:** Noon Friday, Nov. 11, at Northbrook Veterans Center, 1254 Shermer Road, Northbrook. www.americanlegion791.org/events.

**Veterans Day Winter Black & Gold Tip Off:** 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Streamwood High School, 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood. Featuring a boys basketball scrimmage, girls basketball scrimmage, varsity 3-point shootout, wrestling tug-of-war and community free throw contest. \$2 per entry will be donated to VFW Post 5151. www.u-46.org.

**Hanover Park Veterans Day observance:** 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the village hall, 2121 W. Lake St., Hanover Park. The village salutes all who have served and continue to serve. www.hpil.org.

## Streamwood Knights taking up collection for homeless veterans

Submitted by Gary Pappin

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, we recognize those men and women who have served our country in the military. Since its beginnings, the Knights of Columbus has supported active military personnel and our veterans.

This year, join with the Knights of Columbus to say "thank you for your service" by helping homeless veterans with donations to make a difference in their lives.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus began its social service to soldiers in 1916? During World War I, the Knights of Columbus built and operated KC Huts in training camps throughout the United States and behind

the lines in Western Europe, all bearing the motto "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free."

There, soldiers of every faith found a haven during their service to their country.

Sadly, there are many homeless veterans in our area. The Mary's Millennium Knights of Columbus Council #12801 has partnered with Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans to make a difference this holiday season.

The council is collecting new items from MSHV's current wish list. In short supply are toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, body wash, laundry detergent (pods), and cleaning supplies. The complete list and information can be found

on the council's donation website, [kofc12801.square.site/veterans](http://kofc12801.square.site/veterans).

New items can be dropped off at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 502 S. Park Blvd., Streamwood, Saturday, Nov. 12, or Sunday, Nov. 13. You can also contact the council at [knights@mystjohns.org](mailto:knights@mystjohns.org) to arrange for a pickup.

Unable to shop, but still want to participate? Make an online donation using a credit card, Google Pay or mail a check, payable to Mary's Millennium Knights of Columbus Council #12801, c/o St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

To learn more about the mission of the MSHV, visit [helpveteran.org](http://helpveteran.org).

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for School District U-46 for 2022 will be held on November 21, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., at the U-46 Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Trisha Olson, Secretary, School District U-46, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120, phone (847)888-5000, ext. 5450

I. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2021 were \$298,301,057.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$317,208,623. This represents a 6.34% increase over the previous year.

II. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$32,436,792.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$32,061,979. This represents a decrease of 1.16% over the previous year.

III. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$330,737,849.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$349,270,602. This represents a 5.60% increase over the previous year.

//Trisha A. Olson//  
Secretary, Board of Education  
School District U-46,  
Kane, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Hoffman Estates Park District for 2022 will be held on November 22, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Triphahn Center and Ice Arena, 1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Cindy Flynn, Executive Assistant at [cflynn@heparcs.org](mailto:cflynn@heparcs.org), 1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL (847)781-3633.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$7,110,798.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$7,719,000. This represents a 8.553% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 were \$3,564,180.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$3,566,150. This represents a 0.055% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$10,674,978.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$11,285,150. This represents a 5.716% increase over the previous year.

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