

FLOSSMOOR

WATER BOND REFERENDUM

Important Information You Should Know About the Water Main Improvement Program and the November 6, 2012 Water Bond Referendum

THE PROJECT

- The Water Main Improvement Program was developed to help fix a 90 year old water system. Over the last eight years, the Village has made several improvements to its water system including replacement of customers' water meters, a large meter testing and replacement program, automating the pumping of the water system, and adding water main on the west end of town to improve pressure and fire flow. The next step is to replace old, deteriorated mains.
- The mains installed post World War II are not high quality mains, and have aged to the point of being prone to breaks and leaks. This project has been developed to replace the worst water mains in the Village system based upon frequency of water main breaks, fire flow improvements, condition of water main, age of main, and backyard easement locations.
- The goals of this program include reducing water loss due to leaks, increasing water flow to fight fires and improving our ability to access and service water mains.
- The project will replace about 6 miles of our 61 miles of main throughout the Village over 8 years. Visit our website for a map of the project locations.

THE COST

- The project will cost \$7.28 million and will take 8 years to complete.
- The least expensive way to pay for the project is through general obligation bonds which must be approved by referendum. The referendum will ask voters to pay for these improvements through bonds which will be repaid with property taxes. The Village does not have enough savings to pay for this project without having to use debt.

TOTAL TAX BILL	ESTIMATED TAX BILL INCREASE	
\$7,500	\$98	<i>Debt repaid by property taxes is income tax deductible.</i>
\$12,500	\$162	
\$20,000	\$260	

If the referendum does not pass, the Village must pursue other more expensive ways to pay for this project.

OTHER FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- The average gallons lost on a water main break can range from 200,000 to 750,000. The Village experiences about 25 breaks a year costing \$100,000 annually.
- The Village will not run out of water. The Village only pumps what is needed to meet customer demand. Due in large part to leaks and breaks, the Village is losing more than 1 in every 3 gallons purchased. One goal of this project is to improve the water loss ratio to 1 gallon in every 5 gallons purchased. Based upon last year's consumption, achieving this goal would result in the purchase of about 97 million gallons less water, which represents approximately \$322,000 in water supply cost savings.
- The Village water is safe and is meeting, and in many cases exceeding, IEPA regulatory standards.
- The Village has very little debt, and there is no existing debt for the water system infrastructure.
- After this 8 year project, additional, but less critical, water main replacement will need to be done. We will continue to pursue grants and other funding sources to address these needs.

THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Shall the Village of Flossmoor, Cook County, Illinois, undertake the following capital improvements in and for the Village: water system improvements to the existing water system of the Village, including, primarily, water main replacements at various locations throughout the Village, and issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,280,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof, said bonds bearing interest at not to exceed the rate of 9.00% per annum?	YES	
	NO	

For more information visit www.flossmoor.org and attend one of the Special Town Hall Village Board Meetings on October 16 & October 30.