



PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK

Park District of Oak Park Referendum

What the Referendum Means to You

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, you will have the opportunity to vote on the Park District of Oak Park bond referendum. If approved, the issuance of 20-year general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$40 million would raise revenue to build and equip an indoor aquatics facility addition at the Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (RCRC).

In the 2019 and 2023 quantitative community surveys, residents consistently indicated strong interest in expanding to year-round aquatic options for swim lessons, fitness programs, therapeutic water use, and indoor recreation space during colder months. Residents echoed this desire during the Park District's 2025-2029 Comprehensive & Strategic Master Plan development.



Need more information about the referendum, project details and information sessions, visit pdop.org/indoor-pool, email referendum@pdop.org or scan this QR code.

FAQs

What is proposed for the indoor aquatics facility?

According to the 2025 concept study, the proposed facility would include:

- A 25-yard lap pool (6–8 lanes) for lap swimming and swim instruction
- A warm-water pool for therapy, fitness and swim instruction, and recreational swimming
- An indoor splash pad with small and large slide features
- New locker room areas
- Updated lobby and user access
- Birthday room and/or program space addition

Where will the new facility be located?

The proposed indoor aquatics facility would be added to the Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (RCRC) site at 415 Lake Street in Oak Park. The outdoor pool will be closed, and the land will be used for the addition.

What is the cost and will my taxes increase if the referendum is approved?

The estimated cost of the project is \$40 million. The funding would come from the issuance of 20-year general obligation bonds, which requires voter approval through a ballot measure.

If voters approve the bond request, the tax increase will be approximately \$13.36/month (\$160.30/year) on a house valued at \$430,000. Visit pdop.org/indoor-pool to see the impact on your property bill.

What happens if the referendum is not approved?

Without funding from the referendum, the proposed project will not move forward and the Park District will continue maintaining both outdoor pools.

What will the actual ballot question say?

You will see the following question on the March 17, 2026, general primary ballot: "Shall the Park District of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip an indoor aquatics facility and issue its bonds to the amount of \$40,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"

**Community Vision.
Community Decision.
Your Vote.**

Who will benefit from this facility?

The proposed facility is designed to serve:

Children and families

- Swim lessons
- Play features

Teens and adult swimmers

- Lap lanes

Seniors

- Social and recreational activities

People with mobility or rehabilitation needs

- Therapy pool
- Accessible features



It is important to note the plan prioritizes accessibility for all ages and abilities, and the reuse of existing infrastructure where feasible. Residents will be included in the process as final designs are determined.

*Architectural Concept



Attend a Community Info Session

Thursday, January 22
Wednesday, February 4
Wednesday, February 25



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