



SPIRIT OF PRIDE AND PROGRESS

City referendum on recreational facilities is May 17

Information for voters details plans and costs

The Rosemount City Council is asking voters to decide whether to allow the City to borrow money to build new and to expand existing recreational facilities. The referendum on Tuesday, May 17, would authorize the City to issue bonds for an amount not to exceed \$15 million, to be paid off over 20 years through an increase in Rosemount's share of the property tax.

The proposal would cover four areas:

- a new indoor sheet of ice
- additional baseball and softball fields at UMore Park
- additional athletic fields for soccer, lacrosse, and football at Flint Hills Athletic Complex
- an ice skating/event plaza and play area at Central Park

Over the past year, the City Council has met with leaders of the volunteer groups that provide recreational programs in the community. Those groups have provided information to the City about participation in their programs and their projections for growth. In addition, the Rosemount Area Hockey Association has notified the City that the group intends to contribute \$750,000 over 20 years toward construction of the new ice sheet, which would reduce the cost to residents. The City and the Association are in the process of negotiating an agreement for the group's use of and its contribution toward the proposed sheet.

It's been a priority of the City Council to support activities that keep all residents, and especially young people, active in a positive and healthy way. Rosemount continues to have a population with a higher proportion of youth than most of the metro area.

The question on the May 17 ballot will read:

“Shall the City of Rosemount, Minnesota, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to finance the acquisition, betterment, construction and related costs of recreational facilities, including a new indoor ice arena; additional baseball and softball fields at UMore Park; additional athletic fields for soccer, lacrosse and football at Flint Hills athletic complex; and an Ice Skating/Event Plaza and play area at Central Park?”

**NOTICE: BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,
YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

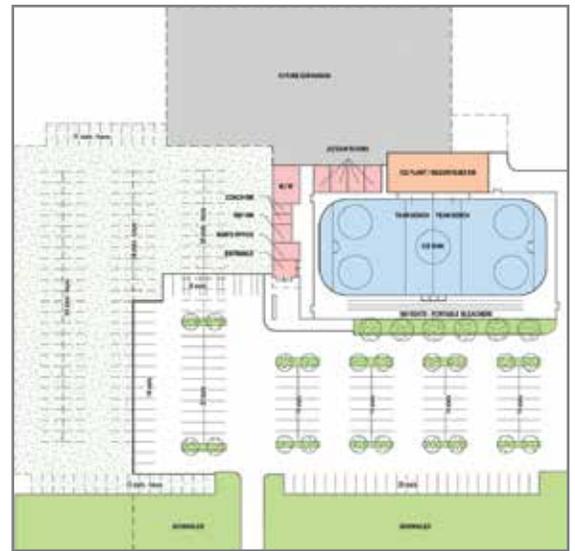
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What the referendum would provide



Fields at UMore Park

Build two fields for baseball and softball with associated parking and driveway at the site on Akron Avenue south of County Road 42, where two fields already exist. Lighting will be added to all four fields. Estimated cost from referendum funds: \$1.8 million.

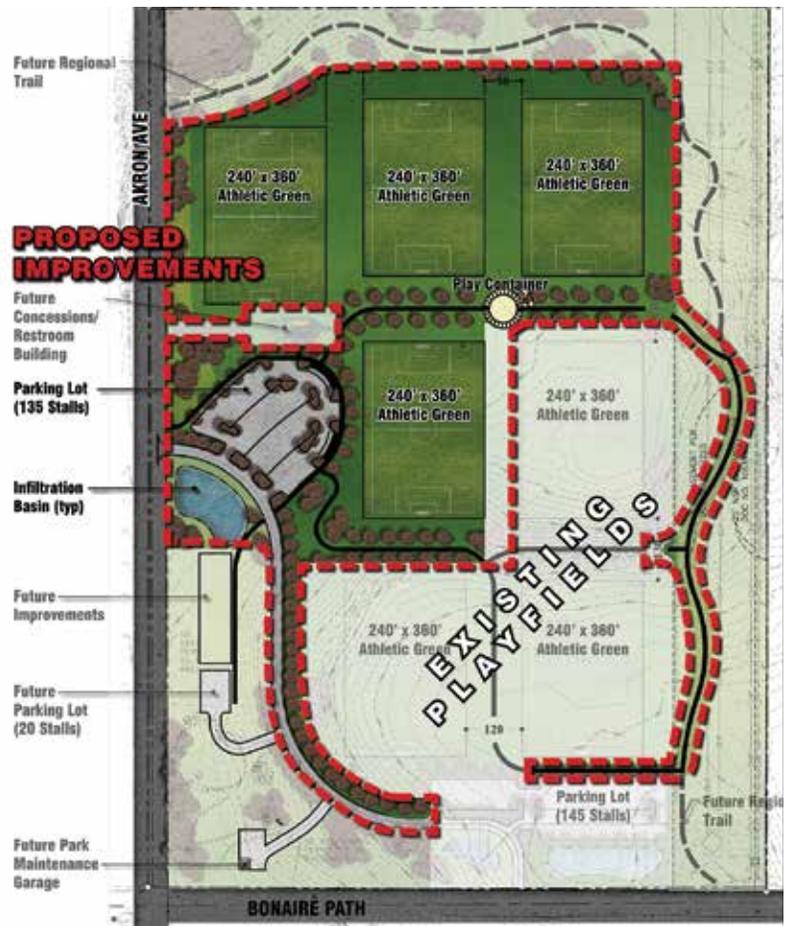


Additional ice sheet

Build an additional full-size sheet of ice for hockey and skating programs. This drawing shows a possible concept. The site has not been determined. Estimated cost from referendum funds: \$8.7 million.

Fields at Flint Hills Athletic Complex

Build four fields for soccer, lacrosse, and football with associated parking at the Complex at Bonaire Path and Akron Avenue, beside three existing fields. Estimated cost from referendum funds: \$2.7 million.



For questions about details of the proposal: Call 651-322-6000

For questions about voting procedures: Call 651-322-2003

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Plaza and play area at Central Park

Add a plaza for skating and other events at Central Park in Downtown Rosemount, near the existing splash pad. The project includes a play area. In the drawing at left, the addition is bordered in red; the splash pad is to the lower right. Estimated cost from referendum funds: \$1.1 million.

How the referendum might impact property taxes

Here are some sample estimates of the tax increase that would follow the sale of \$15 million in bonds for these projects. The estimates assume a single-family home that qualifies for homestead status. These are only estimates; the final figures would depend on whether the City chooses to sell less than the full amount of bonds that voters authorize and on what interest rate is set in the bond sale.

Estimated market value	Annual tax increase	Monthly tax increase
\$150,000	\$58	\$4.83
\$200,000	\$83	\$6.92
\$240,200 (the median valued home in Rosemount)	\$99	\$8.25
\$300,000	\$133	\$11.08
\$350,000	\$158	\$13.17
\$400,000	\$183	\$15.25
\$450,000	\$206	\$17.17

Commercial/industrial properties in Rosemount would see an annual increase in their property taxes of around 1.6%.

How to get more detailed information

- Attend an informational meeting**
 Two informational meetings on the proposed projects will be held:
- Thursday, April 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Rosemount Community Center’s Banquet Hall; and
 - Thursday, May 5, at the Rosemount Steeple Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

- Visit the City website or call with questions**
 For additional information on the referendum, including data provided to the City Council by athletic associations, please visit the City website: www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/referendum
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HOW TO VOTE

**Polls at all City precincts will be open on Tuesday, May 17, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.
Please note that the voting locations for precincts 3 and 4 have changed since 2014.**

- Precinct 1 - Rosemount Community Center,
13885 South Robert Trail
- Precinct 2 - St. John's Lutheran Church, 14385 Blaine Ave. E.
- Precinct 3 - First Baptist Church, 14400 Diamond Path West
- Precinct 4 - Steeple Center, 14375 South Robert Trail
- Precinct 5 - Our Savior Lutheran Church,
14980 Diamond Path
- Precinct 6 - Rosemount United Methodist Church,
14770 Canada Avenue West
- Precinct 7 - Community of Hope Church,
14401 Biscayne Avenue West

Unsure of your precinct?

If you're unsure which precinct you live in, visit mnvotes.org to find your polling place. You may also use that website to register to vote or check your voter registration.

Absentee voting

Absentee voting will begin April 1 at City Hall. You may request an absentee ballot by mail or in person by filling out the Absentee Ballot Application (download at www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/absentee).

