

THE VISION

AVOCA REFERENDUM APRIL 7: REGISTRATION, ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND EARLY VOTING

On Tuesday, April 7, Avoca is conducting a referendum seeking voter approval of a tax rate increase for the schools. Currently, Avoca has the lowest tax rate of all New Trier sender schools and has not asked the community for a rate increase in over 30 years. The purpose of the referendum is to maintain the exemplary educational programs that Avoca has provided through the years. Information about the referendum is located on the "referendum" link found on the Avoca home page: <http://avoca37.org>.

Regardless of your ultimate position on the referendum, this is an important election for the Avoca community, and we urge all residents to participate. The paragraphs below provide useful information about registration and voting options.

Voter Registration

In order to vote in the April 7 election, voters must register no later than March 10. You may register in person at the following locations.

VILLAGE HALLS

Glenview
1225 Waukegan Road
847-724-1700
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (M-F)

Northfield
361 Happ Road
847-446-9200
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Wilmette
1200 Wilmette Avenue
847-251-2700
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (M-T-Th-F)
7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (W)

Winnetka
510 Green Bay Road
847-501-6000
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (M-F)

There is also a mail-in option for voter registration. For further information about this process, citizens may log onto the Cook County Clerk's Web site, which is located at www.voterinfont.com/sub/register.asp.

Absentee Ballots

If you will not be in the area to vote on April 7, you may apply for an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots may be made any time between February 26 and April 2. An application for an absentee ballot may be obtained in person or by mail at the same

locations listed above. For further information about absentee ballots, log onto the Cook County Clerk's Web site at www.voterinfont.com/sub/absentee_deadlines_april.asp.

Early Voting

As was the case in the recent presidential election, early voting will be conducted for the April 7 election, as well. Early voting will take place between March 16 and April 2. Locations will be announced in the coming weeks. Early voting provides citizens the opportunity to vote at a date and time most convenient for them. Specific information about the early voting process may be found at www.voterinfont.com/sub/early_voting.asp.

Please make sure your voice is heard on the Avoca referendum scheduled for April 7. By educating yourself on the issues, registering to vote, and then voting via absentee ballot, early voting, or in person on Election Day, you will be making an impact on educational opportunities for the next generation of Avoca students.

SECOND AVOCA REFERENDUM TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULED

The second and final community town hall meeting to share information about the upcoming tax rate referendum is scheduled as follows:

What: Town Hall Meeting
When: Thursday, February 26
Where: Marie Murphy School Community Room
2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Who: All interested members of the Avoca community

The first steps in making an educated decision for the April 7 election are to learn the facts about the district's financial situation, have your questions answered, and share your input. The Avoca community town hall meeting is designed to accomplish these steps.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CLASSES SCHEDULED

One of the goals from the Avoca strategic plan is to open up our schools to the broader community, especially in the area of technology instruction. We are blessed with high-quality technological facilities and equipment because of community support of Avoca School District #37. Therefore, this is a natural area for community outreach in the form of basic technology classes for Avoca residents. We hope you will consider joining our talented technology staff for one of these interesting community classes. Included with this mailing, you will find a detailed flyer for the classes available this winter. After reviewing the flyer, if you would like to register for one or more of the classes, simply complete the registration form at the bottom of the flyer and send it to the District Office (2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette, IL 60091, Attention: Madeleine). There is no charge for the classes; this is Avoca's way of giving back to the community that supports it so strongly. The registration deadline is February 26.