



# Village of WILLOWBROOK

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Dear Residents,

As you may know from last year's Light Up the Night event at Borse Park and the Santa Sleigh visits, the Village of Willowbrook is committing resources and funds to improve parks and the recreational services within the Village. From this investment, Village staff from the Parks and Recreation department recently completed a resident survey that provided important feedback on priorities and improvements for all parks and recreational services. This practice helped identify strategic themes and areas of potential development for the Village. The survey also provided critical feedback noting that park upgrades are a community priority along with creating more community events. ([Willowbrook Parks and Rec Community Survey Results](#))

Considering the input that was received, Village staff have started to develop plans to bring these requests to fruition. The first two projects identified include the (1) Midway Park Improvement Project and the (2) Borse Memorial Park Improvement Project.

Prior to any potential construction and development of these parks, it's imperative that Village staff hears from you directly on what you'd like to see in these parks. Based on the survey and initial feedback from the Village Board, Village staff and engineers have assembled concept renderings in order to receive further resident input. As of right now, the Midway Park Improvement Project includes eight new pickleball courts, a wiffle ball field and a permeable paver parking lot. If the Village Board approved the project in the Spring 2023, the project would likely be completed in the Fall/Winter 2023.

However, due to the opportunities at Borse Park, this project will include three phases, the first will involve stormwater improvements and a permeable paver parking lot along Eleanor Place for 2023, the second phase will include amenity enhancements that include a new perimeter walking path, permeable paver parking lot replacement, picnic pavilions, tree plantings, soil erosion management, and bandshell, while a new playground and splash pad will occur in 2025. Both projects are subject to Village Board approval, which has not occurred. Since Village staff is in the preliminary phase for both projects, it's imperative to receive your feedback. The best opportunity for us to discuss these opportunities and hear you is through a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Open House on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Community Resource Center (825 Midway Drive). During the Open House, you will be presented with the concept renderings of the parks and be able to speak with staff and provide the Village with important feedback.

We look forward to hosting you and discussing these exciting improvements to our community!



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