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Village to Hold Third Telephone Town Hall Meeting October 4th



Orland Park residents are invited to join a conversation on property taxes without leaving home, as the village holds its third telephone town hall meeting on Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

"The goal of having a live, telephone town hall meeting is to allow residents an opportunity to directly ask a question and receive an answer right away," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "We know property taxes are a topic on everyone's mind and we wanted this fall town hall to address any concerns."

The hour-long meeting is held over the telephone and will discuss finances in Orland Park, as well as provide updates on other items of interest. Residents can ask a question live or be informed by simply staying on the line to listen.

"We want residents to know that the village receives only seven cents of every dollar that they pay in property taxes," the mayor said. "That money goes to pay for police services, economic development, our village's recreation programs and its many parks, neighborhood road improvements, yearly events and much more."

Similar to the previous town halls, nearly 20,000 residents will receive an automated, pre-recorded call from the mayor to their land line telephone a few minutes before the start of the meeting. The recorded message will invite them to remain on the line to participate. Those who do not receive the call or are without a landline can dial in toll-free at 7 p.m. to 1-877-229-8493 and enter PIN 115817.

"The goal is to continually increase our civic engagement and the telephone town hall format has given us an easy way to connect with so many residents," said Trustee Jim Dodge, chair of the Technology Innovation and Performance Improvement Committee. "We feel this radio talk show format is one that works for the village, and we have been pleased with resident responses to the previous town halls.

Those with questions specific to property taxes can press *3 to speak to a call screener before being entered into a question queue. Calls are answered live in the order they are received.

Callers unable to get through during the hour will receive personal replies within the week. Those with questions unrelated to the night's topics may remain on the line after the meeting to leave messages along with their names and phone numbers.

"If you have never participated in the village's telephone town hall, join us on at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4," the mayor said. "We know there is a lot going on during the week, but we hope you'll take the time to join this important discussion."

Questions about Orland Park's next telephone town hall meeting may be directed to the village's Office of Public Information at 708/403-6150.

