



Howell Recreation
Oceola Community Center
1661 N. Latson Rd.
Howell, MI 48843

For Immediate Release

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Howell Recreation Millage

Hello Howell,

As we look ahead to the future of our vibrant community, it's clear that Howell Recreation plays a pivotal role in bringing us together and fostering a sense of belonging. From beloved traditions like the Howell Melon Festival and Legend of Sleepy Howell to the welcoming spaces of the Oceola Community Center, Howell Senior Center, and the Bennett Recreation Center home to the Hive Youth Services Center, we are proud to offer programs and events that enrich the lives of ALL our residents.

These community staples are more than just buildings; they are places where friendships are formed, memories are made, and where everyone can find a sense of belonging. Whether you're cheering on a soccer game, enjoying a game of pickleball, participating in one of our many programs, or attending an event, Howell Recreation is where our community grows together.

This is why we are excited to announce the Howell Recreation millage proposal which will appear on your August 6, 2024 ballot. The proposal is a modest millage of 0.5 mills, which for our residents means about 21 cents a day per household located within the recreation authority. If passed the millage will support the following:

Reduced Fees - Residents can expect to see a reduction in fees around 15%. For our average family user, this translates to a savings of about \$160 per year. In addition, residents aged 75 and older will receive free membership to our facility and senior center.

Infrastructure Improvements - This will provide funding for much needed infrastructure improvements and future recreation amenities including enhancements to our parks, trails, and facilities, ensuring that they remain safe, enjoyable, and accessible for ALL residents. Timelines for these projects will be

established in collaboration with the community to ensure your needs and preferences are considered.

Enhanced Recreation Offerings - Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority wants to broaden our offerings that support the needs of our residents. We will look to add adaptive recreation programs, providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in activities such as adaptive sports leagues, inclusive fitness classes, and sensory-friendly events. Additionally, we would look to bring new skill-building and hobby programs that will connect our community with unique and fulfilling recreational opportunities.

This minimal investment will have a significant impact on our residents, making our programs affordable and accessible to everyone regardless of age, income, or ability. With your support we can continue to expand our offerings and improve our facilities, ensuring that Howell remains a place where everyone can thrive.

If you would like more information on our community's millage proposal, please visit our frequently asked questions page at www.howellrecreation.org/millage-faq or join us at one of our upcoming millage learning sessions:

**May 22 at 6:30pm at the Bennett Recreation Center
(925 W. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843)**

**June 12 at 6:30pm at the Oceola Community Center
(1661 N. Latson Rd., Howell, MI 48855)**

For the most updated information on events, programs, or the Howell Recreation millage proposal, tune into our website www.howellrecreation.org or connect with us on social media.

Thank you for your continued support of the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority.

Kind Regards,

- Tim Church

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The Howell Area Parks & Recreation Authority was formed in 2006 and serves residents in the City of Howell, Oceola, Genoa, Marion, and Howell Township. Our mission is to bring communities together to enrich lives by promoting active and healthy lifestyles.