

Cooper Quarterly



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Vote “Yes” or “No”

On April 10, 2018 the City Commission approved the placement of a referendum on the November 2018 ballot to fund park improvements. Details of park improvements were addressed in the Commission Budget Workshop on July 17, 2017.

What a “YES” Vote Means

A “yes” vote will give the City of Cooper City the authority to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$12 million, payable from ad valorem taxes (property taxes), to finance renovations and improvements to Bill Lips Park and the Sports Complex. Based on the most recent draft plan, these renovations and improvements include consolidating specific sports fields at each park, replacing the sod at Bill Lips Park to synthetic turf, and improvements to drainage, lighting, parking, restrooms, and the pavilions for public use.

What a “No” Vote Means

A “no” vote means that the City of Cooper City will not be given the authority to issue general obligation bonds to finance renovations and improvements to Bill Lips Park and the Sports Complex.



Why is the City Proposing this Parks Bond Referendum?

As Cooper City residents, you probably want to know why the City is asking for this bond referendum.

The current field situation at both Bill Lips Park and the Sports Complex is inadequate to handle the number of people – both youth and adult – who use the fields for soccer, baseball, softball, and football. The current layout at both parks creates constant wear and tear on the fields that result in nine weeks of lost play time each year as the fields are repaired.

By consolidating specific sports fields at each park, it eliminates the need for down time between sports. Additionally, replacing the sod at Bill Lips with synthetic turf will reduce the cost of maintenance annually.

In addition to the fields being improved at both facilities, other improvements that will occur, should the referendum pass, include better lighting, more parking, updated restrooms, better drainage, and pavilions for public use. 🌿

How Does this Bond Referendum Affect my Property Taxes?

To find out how much your property tax will be affected by this bond referendum, visit www.CooperCityFL.org and click on the orange Bond Referendum button. Use the calculator provided to estimate your tax based on your current residential property’s assessed value.

Other information can also be found by clicking on the orange Bond Referendum

button on the Cooper City website. Frequently Asked Questions, various presentations that have been made on the issue, and draft plans for each of the park renovations are included on this page.

If you still have questions after viewing the website, please contact us by calling (954) 434-4300 #263 or send an email to DLasarte@CooperCityFL.org. 🌿

What are the Proposed Parks Renovations & Improvements?



Softball/baseball fields will be consolidated at the **Sports Complex**.

Soccer and football fields will be located at **Bill Lips Park**. Natural sod will be replaced with synthetic turf.



If approved, the bond will be used to consolidate specific sports fields at each park, allowing more flexibility in the use of the fields in both parks. Improvements at both facilities will include drainage, lighting, parking, restrooms, and pavilions for public use. Click on the orange Parks Bond button on the City website to view these renderings in more detail.





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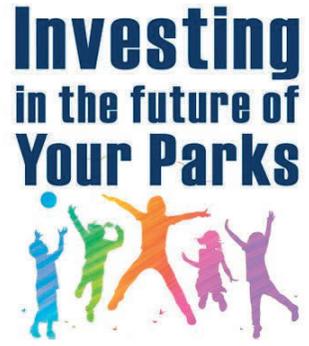
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Cooper City Voters to Decide on Parks Bond Referendum NOV 6th

The November 6th election is drawing closer. For those of you that have already voted using an absentee ballot, thank you for making your voice heard.

For everyone else, please be aware that you will be faced with one of the longest ballots in decades – 10 pages total. In addition to voting for Florida’s next governor, voters will be faced with numerous state and national races, local races, constitutional amendments and other referendum issues.

One of those referendum items relates to Cooper City only. That item will be the last one on the ballot. It reads as follows:



Bond Referendum For Renovation And Improvement Of Public Recreational Facilities

“Shall the City of Cooper City issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$12,000,000, in one or more series, maturing not later than twenty (20) years from their issuance dates, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum allowable by law, payable from ad valorem taxes levied by the City, to finance renovations and improvements to Bill Lips Park and the Sports Complex?”

_____ **For Bonds** _____ **Against Bonds**