



2024 Fall Town Hall Frequently Asked Questions

How do I attend?

- In-person at Skokie School Auditorium (map)
- On Zoom – [here's the link.](#)
 - Meeting ID = 826 0716 0134

We will start at 7:00PM sharp, so plan to be in your seat or on-line by 6:30—6:45PM.

Do I need a code to vote?

Yes. Whether you attend in-person or via Zoom. See below.

How do I vote in person?

Two ways -

- To vote using the secure voting platform -
 - Request your unique ballot access code ([here](#)) by **Midnight, November 5th**.
 - Watch for an email from MI-VOICE with your code. Save it – don't share it. If you lose it, see below.
 - Make sure your mobile device is charged (no charging stations at the Hall).
 - Arrive between 6:30 and 6:45. We strongly recommend connecting to the School's Guest Wi-Fi to gain internet access in case your cell signal is weak. If you need to, get a paper ballot from the check-in desk.
 - Once the meeting starts, you will be directed to use your code to access the MI-VOICE platform and vote for each contest.
- To vote with a paper ballot -
 - Bring identification (i.e. driver's license or utility bill, etc.) to verify your eligibility to vote
 - Obtain the proper ballot(s) – they will contain a unique Ballot Access Code
 - After voting, your ballots will be collected and using the unique code, will be logged into the voting platform
 - You will be able to watch us do this.

Ballots will be tabulated and the results known before you leave the hall.

How do I vote during the webinar?

- Request your ballot access code ([here](#)) **by Midnight, November 5th**
- Watch for an email from MI-VOICE with your code
- At 7PM, Thursday, November 7th, log on with the Zoom link ([here](#))
- Test your code
- Once the meeting starts, you will be directed to use your code to access the MI-VOICE platform and vote for each contest.

What if my code doesn't work?

- Contact mi-vote.com/secure/winnetka with any issues.
- If your code doesn't work the night of the event, vote with a paper ballot in person at Skokie School.

What if I requested an Access Code and didn't get one?

- You will need to have requested an access code **by Midnight, Nov. 5th**.
- Within a day or two of your request, you will receive an email from MI-VOICE with your code.
- Check your inbox and spam folder for an email from "MI-VOICE."
- If nothing, contact us at hello@winnetkacaucus.org
- If you still don't have a code by the night of the event, vote with a paper ballot in person at Skokie School.

What if I lose my code:

Contact support@Mi-Voice.com for a re-issue.

What does digital voting look like?

Watch the short tutorial [here](#).

In which contests can I vote?

On your Ballot Access Code request, you will indicate to which districts you pay taxes. Whether you vote online or in-person, you will be assigned a code that allows you to vote for the contests that represent you.

- Schools - Winnetka and parts of Glencoe
- Library – Winnetka and Northfield
- Parks – Winnetka, and parts of Northfield and Glencoe
- Village – residents of Winnetka only

If in doubt – check it out. <https://maps.cookcountyil.gov/cookviewer/>

What if I get to the School and I don't have reception?

You should be able to access the School's Guest Wi-Fi. If not, request a paper ballot at the check-in desk.

What is the order of voting?

Note: We have slightly revised the order of voting to accommodate residents various time availabilities.

- Library
- Parks
- Village
- Schools

While we'd like you to attend the entire meeting, feel free to log into the votes in which you'd like to participate.

How will questions be handled?

Each Board will present its Candidates in this order: Library, Parks, Village, then Schools. After the Candidates from each Board present:

- Residents will que up and be given up to 20-seconds each to ask thoughtful, constructive questions.
- The Candidates will give up to 2-minute responses. Questions asked of more than one Candidate will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the M.C.
- To respect everyone's time and to make sure all Candidates are questioned and heard, questions and answers will be timed. And Candidates will not engage in a dialogue with the questioner.
- Zoom webinar folks can submit questions into chat, and the Co-Hosts will relay questions to the M.C. who will feed them into the live Q&A.

Can I submit questions beforehand?

Unfortunately, this year, because of the number of Candidates and the need to manage resident's time, we cannot take questions in advance.

How will the voting be handled?

Village, Schools and Library are running uncontested. So, the voting is very straightforward: The vote will be called, votes submitted and the count tallied. Each Candidate will need a majority in-favor to be slated.

The Park Board slate is more complex because we have more Candidates than seats (3 WCC-Recommended Candidates for 3 seats, plus 2 Floor Nominations). This requires “Instant Runoff Voting” as described in our [Bylaws](#) - rule 111-c. We will vote seat by seat, rank the Candidates for seat 1, then repeat the process for seat 2, minus the person who won seat 1, and then the same for seat 3. All Candidates run on equal footing.

How do I know my vote is private and secure?

We have contracted with MI-VOICE (<https://www.mi-voice.com/>) an internationally respected voting platform, located in London, England. Your votes go directly into their system. Once you request your Ballot Access Code, your name is decoupled from your vote and you receive a random code via the email your submitted. During the meeting, MI-VOICE tabulates the results and delivers it back to us. We (and you) see the total number of votes cast – not who casts them.

After we vote:

To get on the Spring General Election Ballot, Candidates must file paperwork including signatures for their Nominating Petitions. Once the slate is chosen, the Candidates will start collecting signatures. For each Board, you are allowed to sign as many Nominating Petitions as open seats, so please sign the petitions before you leave the hall.