

## **Press Statement For Immediate Release: March 3, 2020**

**The Villages of Roscoe and Rockton to hold a series of Town Hall meetings to hear input from residents regarding the proposed 1.0% local sales tax referendum on the March 17<sup>th</sup> Primary Election ballot**

The Villages of Roscoe and Rockton invite residents from both communities to attend one of four upcoming Town Hall Meetings to discuss the proposed 1.0% Local Sales tax referendums on the March 17<sup>th</sup> ballot in both Villages. These meetings will be an opportunity for residents to raise any questions or concerns regarding the tax itself and how the additional revenue will be spent.

Meetings will be held at the following locations, and at the following dates and times:

**Thursday March 5: 6:30 pm  
Stephen Mack Middle School (Library)  
11810 Old River Road, Rockton**

**Saturday March 7: 10:00 am  
Roscoe Middle School (Library)  
6121 Elevator Road, Roscoe**

**Tuesday March 10, 6:30 pm  
Roscoe Village Hall  
10631 Main Street, Roscoe**

**Saturday March 14, 10:00 am  
North Suburban District Library  
5562 Clayton Circle, Roscoe**

Elected officials from both Municipalities will present information to the public to show how revenues collected from the 1.0% tax will be spent over the next five years, the steps that have been taken to commit the revenue exclusively to roadway construction, and how roadway projects will be carried out both with and without the additional funds. Some key points to be discussed include:

- That a significant amount of money generated from a Local Sales Tax will come from people living outside of the Village limits.

- That the Villages of Roscoe and Rockton each receive only about 5.0% of the money our residents pay in property taxes.
- That the Local Sales Tax will not apply to the purchase of groceries, medicine, or titled vehicles.
- That the 1.0 % Local Sales Tax adds one cent per dollar spent, or an additional 50 cents on a \$50.00 purchase
- That a meal that previously cost \$68.05 will cost \$68.68 with the additional Local Sales Tax
- That gas stations along Route 2 and Route 251, truck stops at the Rockton Road exit, and with large retail anchors such as WalMart and Fleet Farm will generate the majority of the revenue.
- That a 1.0% tax will bring Roscoe and Rockton in line with our surrounding communities, and that our residents are already paying a 1.0% Local Sales Tax when shopping or dining in Machesney Park, Loves Park, Rockford, or Cherry Valley.
- That the Local Sales Tax will have a 5 year 'sunset', meaning that residents will have the opportunity in 2025 to decide once again if the Villages should be allowed to continue collecting the Local Sales Tax.

An informed public is essential to a reasonable conversation about this or any ballot issue, we look forward to spending time with our residents

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