

# SUPPORT VERMILION PARKS LEVY

**Yours to Enjoy!**

## The Issue

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## About

## Why the levy? Why now?

The current .5 mill levy passed in 1963 can only be used for capital improvements with a life expectancy of 5 years or more. *It cannot be used for operations*, maintaining the parks, to update and improve aging facilities and equipment, or enable us to continue providing all essential programs and services our families need



**Fact:** A New levy would be an additional 1 mill in property tax.

Though that sounds scary, the actual increased cost to the tax payer on a \$100,000 home would be approximately \$35 per year, or less than \$3 per month.

That's right, a Lake Front Beach, Ball-field, Jogging Path or use of Picnic Pavilions for as little as \$3 a month.



The current Parks Levy amount has been at the **same rate for the last 54 years!** Just the cost of inflation alone during this time has reduced the parks budget effectiveness. At the same time the parks and recreation department has added additional facilities, acreage, and programs to their responsibilities. Giving taxpayers guaranteed access to the Lake Front, plus providing parents with play areas and green space.



This additional money is necessary to address maintenance issues that have been deferred as well as the costs involved in daily operations. Currently these issues were paid for out of the city's general fund and many, many hours of volunteer work. Though successful to this point, the ongoing costs of maintenance and community programs make the long term financial health of the parks unsustainable at the current rate.



Don't let this ---^



Turn into this ---^

## **We need your help!...**

**Please consider voting yes, taking a yard sign to show your community pride, or helping convince a neighbor how important this is to all of us.**