

2016 Parks Bond

CITY OF WILMINGTON PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

Fall 2016: Special Report

Information Meetings

Several meetings are being held to provide information about the 2016 Parks Bond. Residents who would like to learn about the proposed bond projects or ask questions are encouraged to attend one of the meetings. All the meetings will be informal drop-ins from 5-6:30 p.m. at the following locations:

October 4
Halyburton Park,
4099 S. 17th Street

October 5
Maides Park,
1101 Manly Avenue

October 6
MLK Center,
401 S. 8th Street



What & why

There will be a referendum on the Nov. 8 ballot for a \$30.4 million bond for additional park facilities and improvements at existing facilities.

Highlights:

- Fifteen projects are proposed, including development of the city's northern waterfront park with a large concert venue, new soccer and multipurpose fields, expansion of Olsen Park, and safety improvements at existing parks.
- Residents want more parks. In the latest citizen survey and the recently completed comprehensive plan, citizens indicated that they want more parks and recreation opportunities.
- Parks and improvements funded by the 2006 parks bond are highly utilized, including the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail, Olsen Park and Althea Gibson Tennis Complex.
- What would the bond cost? While only \$30.4 million is on the referendum, the city would leverage \$7.6 million in planned funding from related projects to complete \$38 million of projects.

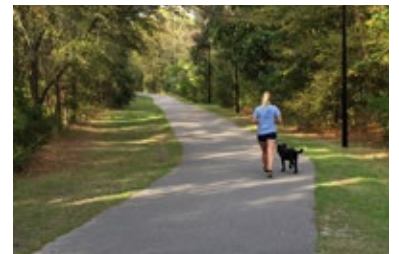
- What would it cost me? The bond would be repaid by increasing the city's property tax rate by 2.1¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. For example, the homeowner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$42 more per year, or \$3.50 per month.

Making progress on 2014 Transportation Bond Projects

Much progress has been made on the 38 projects in the Transportation Bond that was approved by Wilmington voters in 2014.

Projects slated to start by the end of the year include crosswalks at the Kerr/Wilshire and Kerr/College intersections, and sidewalks on McClelland Drive, Fairlawn Drive, Clover Road, Gleason Road and 23rd Street.

The crosswalks and sidewalks will provide much-needed safe pedestrian crossings at busy intersections and connect densely populated residential areas with commercial areas, allowing residents to walk/bike more safely instead of having to drive for shorter trips. All projects are expected to be completed within 5-7 years.



2006 Parks Bond Projects: Greenfield Lake Amphitheater expansion to seat 900 people, MLK Center improvements, Cross-City Trail expansion

North Waterfront Park Site Development | \$20,000,000

Project includes development of the 6.5-acre North Waterfront Park to include site preparation, lawns, stage and performance area, gardens, children's area, water feature, public art and support structures.

The development of this large urban park would serve all Wilmington residents and be similar to park investments made in other cities such as Asheville and Greenville that have been very successful. It is expected the performance area could accommodate up to 10,000 people.

Soccer & Multi-Purpose Fields | \$10,000,000

Project includes property acquisition, site preparation and development of new soccer and multi-purpose fields and support structures.

Olsen Park Phase II Continuance | \$2,000,000

The City has started Phase II with a volleyball court, landscaping and picnic areas. The funding would allow the city to further pursue Phase II to include a multipurpose field, tennis/pickle ball courts, additional parking, a maintenance structure and paths.

MLK Center Expansion & Improvements | \$1,830,000

Project includes replacing the bleachers and floor at the MLK Center and renovating the entrance/lobby area as well as adding a new gymnasium/multi-purpose room.

Derick Davis Community Center Expansion | \$1,580,000

Project will include the expansion of the Davis Center at Maides Park to include a new gymnasium/multi-purpose room.

Municipal Golf Course | \$1,000,000

Project includes improvements to the golf clubhouse and entrance.

Greenfield Park improvements | \$500,000

Project includes the resurfacing of the trail that goes around Greenfield Lake, new fountain, irrigation and landscape lighting at the Fragrance Garden and bridge refurbishment.

Halyburton Park | \$305,000

Project includes expanding the current maintenance building and playground, building interior boardwalk trails, upgrading the Visitor Center and replacing interpretive signage.

Bradley Creek Kayak/Canoe Launch | \$220,000

Project includes kayak/canoe launch and parking.

Wade Park | \$85,000

Improvements include additional playground equipment, new interpretive signage and demolition of original water treatment building.

Skate Park Office Replacement | \$65,000

The skate park office is essentially a shed originally put in place as a temporary measure. A small building would be constructed and one half-pipe skating ramp replaced.

Security Upgrades | \$50,000

Project includes security upgrades that would be made at various recreational facilities.

Althea Gibson Tennis Complex Resurfacing | \$40,000

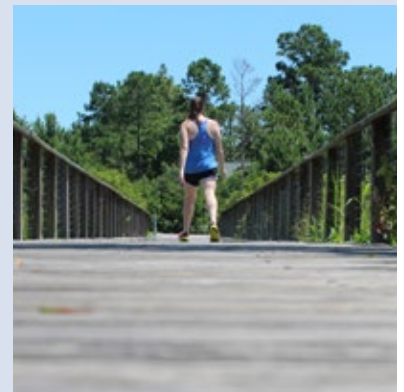
Project would resurface 11 of the tennis courts at the Althea Gibson Tennis Complex.

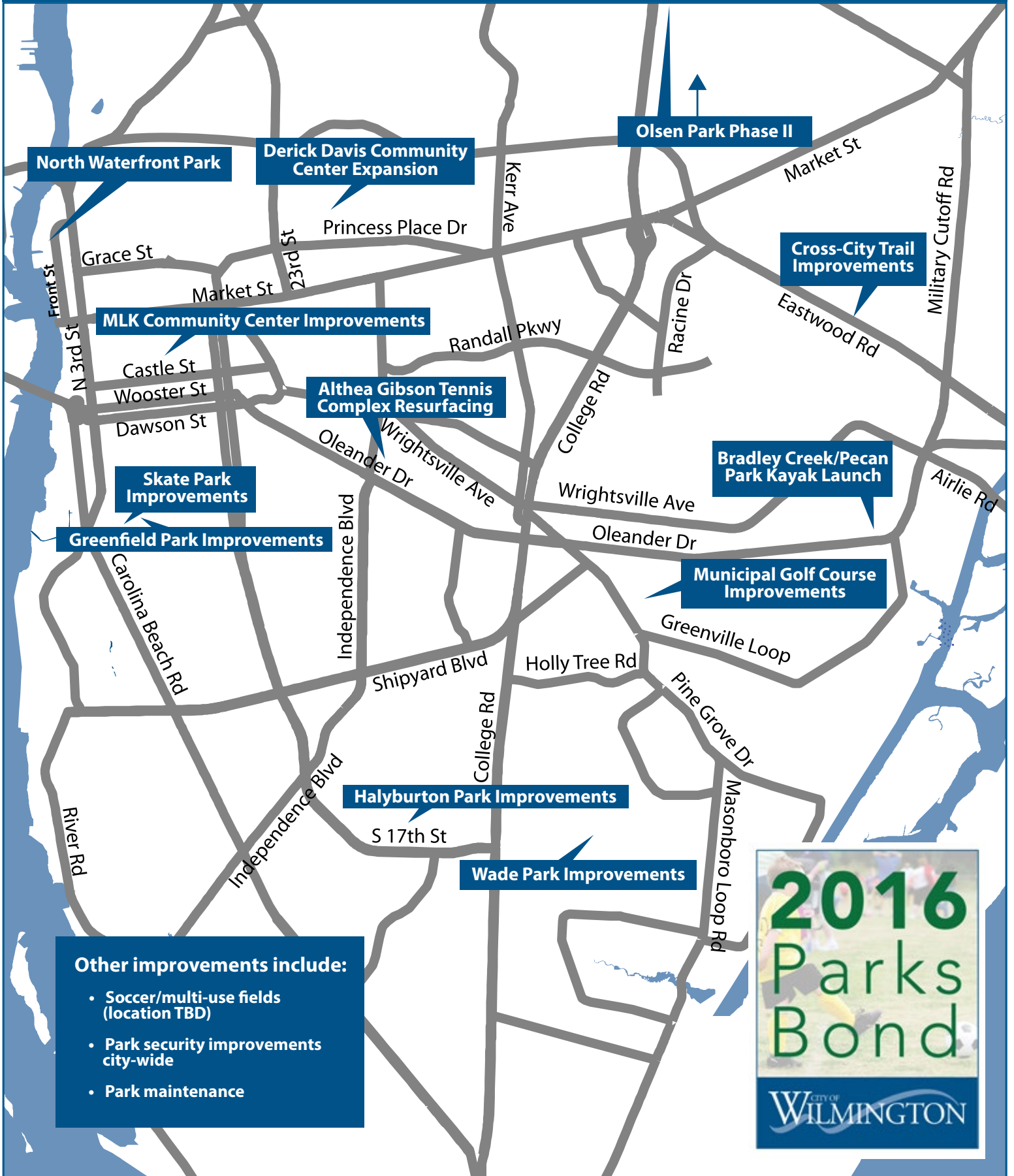
Resurface Parking Lots | \$30,000

Project includes resurfacing of parking lots at Legion Sports Complex, Fit For Fun Center and the Boxing and Physical Fitness Center.

Cross City Trail | \$25,000

Funds would be used to make landscaping improvements and install parking at Eastwood Road and Rogersville Road.





Make your voice heard

2016 General Election – November 8, 2016

Early (ONE-STOP) Voting

October 20 - November 5, 2016
(Except Sundays)

Locations

Government Center
Suite 34, 230 Government Center Drive
CFCC Health Sciences Building
Rooms L-112, L-110A, 415 N. 2nd Street

Northeast Regional Library
1241 Military Cutoff Road

NHC Senior Center
2222 S. College Road

Carolina Beach Town Hall
1121 N. Lake Park Boulevard

Dates and times (Except Sundays)

Thursday, October 20 to

Wednesday, November 2, 9am to 5pm

Thursday, November 3 to

Friday, November 4, 9am to 7pm

Saturday, November 5, 9am to 1pm

Election Day - Nov. 8

Polls open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

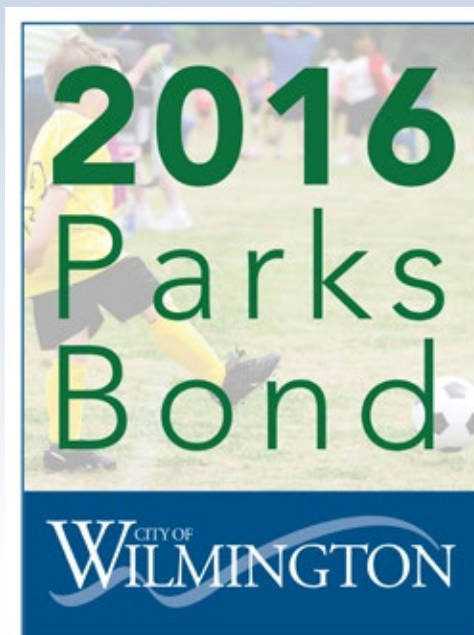
Polling places & more information:

nhcvote.com

What will I see on the ballot?

Wilmington Parks and Recreation Bonds

SHALL the order authorizing \$30,465,000 of bonds to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, expanding and improving certain parks and recreational facilities, including, among other things, North Waterfront Park, athletic fields and tennis courts, community centers, a municipal golf course, trails, boardwalk and playgrounds; and providing related landscaping, lighting, building, sidewalk, parking and roadway improvements and the acquisition of land, rights-of-way and easements in land required therefor at parks and recreational facilities throughout the City, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds be approved?



YES NO

Highlights of recent ruling by 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on 2016 elections in NC:

- There will be no photo ID requirement; However, new voters will be asked to list an ID number on their registration form – either their NC driver's license number or the last 4 digits of their Social Security number. If officials can't verify the number, or if the voter omits it, the voter will be asked at the polls to show a photo ID or one of these with their name and current address: a utility bill (electric, phone, water, or cable), pay stub, bank statement, or any document from any government agency.
- Same-day registration will be offered during early voting.
- One-stop early voting will be a 17-day period beginning Oct. 20th, and preregistration will be allowed.

Source: ncvoter.org