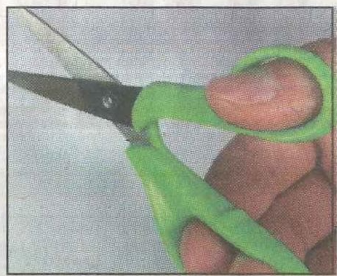


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Shelby Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis, Veterans Events Coordinator Phil Randazzo and Clerk Stanley Grot participate in an Oct. 28 open house.

Officials launch survey following open house

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After hosting an open house on Oct. 28 to gain input on updating Shelby Township's Master Plan, township officials and the Planning Commission are launching a new online survey to gain additional feedback on the process.

"The open house and the surveys are part of a larger process of engaging the public in the preparation of the Master Plan," said Planning and Zoning Director Glenn Wynn. "This five-year plan update is intended to be more interactive than any of the past Master Plan updates."

The launch of the online survey follows an Oct. 28 open house that saw more than 70 Shelby Township residents participate in various interactive displays and stations to obtain information on topics such as housing, shopping and transportation preferences.

"This was the best participation that we ever had for this event," Wynn said. "The setting was casual and informal, which allowed for meaningful interaction between residents and our planning commission, consultants and staff."

Along with gaining input for the Master Plan, the open house also served as an opportunity for residents to

submit their votes for the township's top 10 priorities for 2016.

"I've been very impressed with the many avenues Glenn Wynn and the Planning Commission have taken to get participation in this year's Master plan update," Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis said. "Even more impressive, though, is the level of participation we've had. I'm very grateful to everyone who has participated in the surveys and especially those that came out to the open house on Oct. 28."

As in previous years, input gathered from residents at the Oct. 28 open house will be incorporated with the input gleaned from the township's Board of Trustees, department heads, and the recently launched online survey to establish the list of the township's top 10 priorities for the upcoming year.

"We've been very pleased with the feedback we've received with the online tools, and we're very excited about the possibilities represented by the online survey," Wynn said. Residents and members of the Shelby Township community can participate in the new survey at mysidewalk.com/organizations/290164/shelby-township-master-plan.

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