



VILLAGE NEWS

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Announcing the Acquisition of Olympia Corners

With an eye toward future development, and an opportunity to control and shape the community's future; the Village Board of Trustees recently voted to purchase the property at the southwest corner of Western and Lincoln Highway.

Village Planner, Michael Hoffman of Teska and Associates, will draft conceptual plans that will be disseminated supporting the Request For Proposal (RFP) solicitation process. The solicitation process is expected to begin in early fall 2019.

Village President, Sterling M. Burke said "There is tremendous excitement about the potential for growth of Olympia Fields with the purchase of this property." Economic Development Chair, Michael W. Lewis stated, "It is a great location and very important in controlling our boundaries and creating an exciting gateway to external markets."

Stay Hydrated—Our Water is Safe

Due to recent concerns in the media about the safety of drinking water in various communities, we would like to inform you that the Village of Olympia Fields' water supply is safe.



that source water gets tested and treated extensively before it reaches our Village. Once we receive the water, we treat it again before it is distributed into our system.

All residents should have received the Villages Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) no later than July 8th. That report shows the annual summary of all the testing the Public Works Department does bi-weekly at several different sites throughout the Village's water system.

Every two weeks those test results are submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for review to ensure that we are in compliance with state and federal safe drinking water regulations. The CCR you received shows that the Village had no violations with regards to contaminants in the drinking water for 2018, and the Village has not received any violations since switching from well water to Lake Michigan water in the mid 1980's.

The Village of Olympia Fields receives its water from Chicago via Oak Lawn and

The issues that a couple of neighboring communities have had are due to a completely different source of water that the Village has no connection to. With regards to the issues that the City of Chicago is facing, that is the result of interior plumbing in a small percentage of city homes. The contaminated water in those homes is also completely separate from the water that the Village receives from the City of Chicago. Once the water enters the home it does not recirculate into the public water supply — therefore there is no opportunity for cross contamination.

If you have concerns about the safety of the drinking water in your home and would like to test your water you can contact Arro Laboratory at (815) 727-5436 or visit Arrolab.com and they will walk you through the testing process.

National Night Out



On Tuesday, August 6th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., join us at the Olympia Fields Police Department for the 36th Annual National Night Out.

Neighborhoods throughout Illinois are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for this annual crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out will involve over 16,790 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

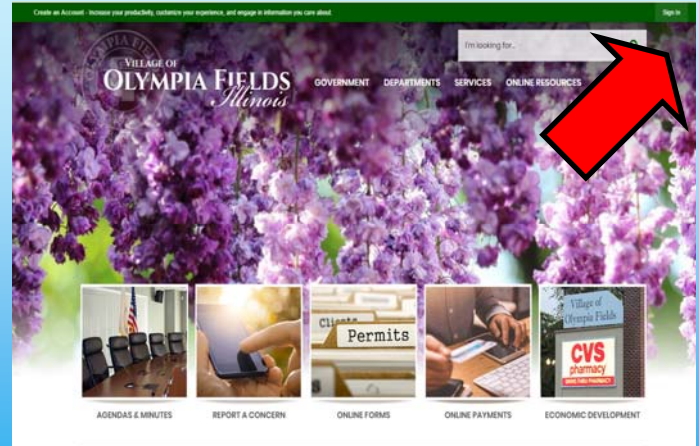
Please join us from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for an Open House of the Village's Police Department — meet with officers, experience a local DJ, activities for all ages, food, and more!

Let's Keep in Touch

We hope by now you've had a chance to visit the Village's website. One of the features we would like to encourage all residents to utilize is the "Notify Me" tool. By creating an account, you can choose the information you'd like to receive from the Village as new information is added to the website.

For instance, you can choose to receive notifications via text or email when Agendas, Bid Postings and Job Postings are added to the website. You can also sign up to receive Alerts on road closures, meeting cancellations and other notices.

If you have any concerns, you can also go to Report a Concern and submit a request. Concerns can be reported anonymously - even if you have an account created - by simply requesting not to be contacted. If you choose to



be contacted, you will receive an email addressing your concern.

Upcoming Road Closures and Detours

The Village of Flossmoor will hold the Hidden Gem Half-Marathon race on the morning of September 7th. The race will take place entirely within Flossmoor between the hours of 7 a.m. and noon.

The race will begin in downtown Flossmoor with a route that will include road closures on Kedzie, Governors Highway and Western Avenue. Roads will be reopened as soon as racers clear the route, with the race expected to be completed and all roads reopened by 11:45 a.m.

During the race, Olympia Fields will be impacted by increased traffic due to the detour plan which includes Pulaski/Crawford, 183rd Street, Dixie Highway and Vollmer Road. Flossmoor will be contracting with a traffic control company for road closure signage.



Important Safety Tips

In an effort to further safeguard our community, the Olympia Fields Police Department is asking for assistance from residents to **"LOCK IT or LOSE IT"**.

The majority of our theft from motor vehicle incidents occur because the vehicle is left unlocked with valuables such as, loose coins, purses, wallets, electronic devices, car keys, car key fobs and etc., inside the vehicle. Always remember to:

**LOCK IT
OR LOSE IT**



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- ⇒ Always lock your vehicle.
- ⇒ Notify the police of any suspicious activity.

Residents are also reminded to NEVER use your cell phone while pumping gas.

Not only is this dangerous and could spark an explosion due to gasoline vapor in the air, it is an added distraction which could lead to items being removed from your vehicle, your car being stolen, or worse. Recent trends in criminal activity indicate this type of behavior is increasing at an alarming rate.

Remember to lock your car when pumping gas, never leave your vehicle unattended, stay off your cell phone and always be cognizant of your surroundings.

- ⇒ Keep your valuables out of sight or in the trunk.
- ⇒ Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles.

Olympia Fields Police Department Announces Crime Prevention Surveillance Camera Program



The Olympia Fields police Department is hoping to collaborate with homeowners and businesses to implement a new crime prevention and investigative program, which allows residents and businesses to help solve crime and help keep Olympia Fields a safe community.

By registering your residential or business surveillance camera (Ring, Nest, ADT, etc..) you may help deter crime and assist your Police Department in its overall crime prevention strategy. The registration process is fast and simple.

How It Works

Many homeowners and businesses currently operate surveillance systems at their homes or businesses. If an incident occurs nearby, homeowners and businesses are not always aware their system may have captured information that could help solve a crime.

Registration is VOLUNTARY

Program registration is completely voluntary, but Police Chief John Krull encourages anyone with a camera to consider participating in the program.

Those interested can go to the Village's website, www.olympiainfields.com, go to the Police Department and from the menu click on "Crime Prevention Surveillance Camera Program".

Participants will be taken to the registration form which is a fill-in-the-blank format.

Upon registration, your name, telephone number and email are required. In the event an incident occurs in the vicinity of a registered camera, personnel from the Police Department would reach out to the homeowner or business requesting access to any recordings during the date and time frame in question.

What the Program Does Not Do

Registering a camera does not give the Department unlimited access to any recordings, rather it lets the Department know that there are cameras in the area. This Program does not take away from being partnered with Ring, Nest, Neighbors or Next Door Apps which are different programs.

Benefits of the Program

Registered cameras will appear in a database and eventually on a GIS map. Only the Police Department will have the ability to see where registered cameras are located. Following an incident, police typically canvass the area attempting to obtain additional information.

The Program will supplement and improve the canvassing process. The Program will provide an opportunity for Officers to contact people on a lower profile basis while allowing Officers to reach residents who don't answer the door.

Sign Up for Upcoming Events at the Olympia Fields Park District

The Olympia Fields Park District, located at 20712 Western Avenue offers a variety of activities and events for our residents. Contact the Park District for any questions about the events listed below at (708) 481-7313.

Fitness Open House

Let's shake off the winter rust and take the challenge and try 30 minutes each of our wonderful exercise classes.

The line-up will be Taekwondo, Jammin' with Janelle, Tai Chi, Zumba then Yoga. First challenge will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Lite refreshments served.

The Bradford Barn Thursday, September

19th, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
This is a free event.

Garage Sale in the Park

Make money and clean your garage, basement, crawl space, or storage area at the same time.

Bring your gently used items and discover how one person's trash is truly another's treasure at the annual Garage Sale in the Park!

Business vendors are welcome. All participants must bring their own table & chair and are welcome to bring their own tent.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Sgt.

Means Park on Western Avenue.

Contact the Park District for fee information and to reserve your space.

Recycling Day

Bring in your electronics, prescription drugs and documents to dispose. The Cook County Sheriff will be on site to collect these materials in a locked container. Paper products will not be shredded on-site.

Liquid medication and sharps will not be accepted at this event. One TV per family will be accepted until the truck is full.

This is a free event at Sgt. Means Park on Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 a.m.