



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## Coming Soon to Olympia Fields



The Village Board unanimously endorsed a developer's plan to ask Cook County to approve Economic Development tax incentives for two new proposed restaurants. The proposed Steakhouse and Italian Restaurants will be east of Pulaski Road/Crawford Avenue on Vollmer Road.

Developer Michael Brown of Flossmoor owns the 3-acre site and told Village Trustees that after learning of the Village's long-range Economic Development vision, he agreed to pursue a higher-end venture. His company has built 40 restaurants across the country, including Burger Kings in Homewood and South Holland. Brown is partnering with Restaurateur Bing Zhou of Chicago. Zhou operates 13 restaurants across the country, five are located in the Chicago Area; Chens Chinese & Sushi, Koi Restaurant,

Old Crow Smoke House, Bar Roma and Le Sud.

Zhou told Trustees that market research showed that Olympia Fields has all the desirable demographics, and "for a good steakhouse you should not have to travel all the way to Orland Park". The developer is planning to open the new restaurants in early 2019.

### Other Sites Operated By Bing Zhou

**Chens Chinese & Sushi**

**Koi Restaurant**

**Old Crow Smoke House**

\* **River North**

\* **Wrigleyville**

**Bar Roma**

**Le Sud**



The Olympia Fields Police Department encourages all residents to be part of the routine every night at 9:00 p.m.

### Checklist :

- ✓ Remove valuables and garage door opener from vehicles.
- ✓ Lock vehicles!
- ✓ Close overhead garage door.
- ✓ Lock door between garage and house!
- ✓ Close and lock all external doors.
- ✓ Ensure windows are shut and locked.
- ✓ Turn on an exterior light.

## Water Meter Exchange Program

The Public Works Department has been in the process of replacing all water meters in the Village of Olympia Fields since August of 2016. Since that time, Public Works has replaced all of the commercial meters and roughly 65% of all residential meters.

If you have not had your water meter replaced, contact Roxanna Scott in the Public Works Department at (708) 503-8200 to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are available between 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Fri-

day. The appointments will take about 30 minutes and an adult (18 or older) must be present in the home at the time of the appointment. We ask that all pets in the home are properly secured at the time of the appointment in order to protect our staff and your pets.

# In case you missed it ... what people are saying about Olympia Fields

## Retirement Destinations: 10 best U.S. suburbs to consider for your golden years – USA Today ([www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com))

You may not want to retire in a large city with a big population.



And the good news is there are some quality suburbs from which to choose. Digital marketing company ConsumerTrack recently ranked the top suburbs for retirees based on cost of living, median home prices and property tax rates, among other criteria. Olympia Fields is #10 according to GOBankingRates.

## Where Black Homeownership Is The Norm – The Pew Charitable Trusts ([www.pewtrusts.org](http://www.pewtrusts.org))

Olympia Fields has a black homeownership rate of 98 percent. It is one of only a handful of sizeable, majority-black communities in the United States where the

black homeownership rate exceeds 80 percent. Nationally, the black homeownership rate is only 41 percent — virtually unchanged from 50 years ago, when the federal Fair Housing Act banned racial discrimination in housing. The national white homeownership rate is

71 percent. Olympia Fields is one of the wealthiest and best-educated black-majority municipalities in the country. It is one of only two sizeable black-majority cities where median household income is more than \$100,000 (the other is Bowie, Maryland). More than half of Olympia Fields residents have a college education, exceeded (among black-majority municipalities) only by its neighbor, Flossmoor, and Lathrup Village in Michigan.

## Olympia Fields Resident Works to Help Black Women Obtain a Variety of Leadership Roles – Chicago Tribune ([www.chicagotribune.com](http://www.chicagotribune.com))

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Sandra Finley was mentored by the late activist Arnita Young Boswell, the first

national director of the early learning program Head Start. Boswell, a key organizer of the Rev. Martin Luther King's

1966 fair housing march in Chicago, provided a lot of great advice to Finley. Today, Finley is president and CEO of the League of Black Women, which Boswell founded. Just as Boswell helped Finley, the group also has worked to provide professional leadership development for black women. The league, which has a database of 6,000 women, offers mentorship support for professional woman and entrepreneurs and plans to unveil a new entrepreneur initiative next year to help black women business owners.

## Planning an Event?

The Village of Olympia Fields has always welcomed private events in our community, whether it's a block party, a religious event or a run/walk event.

An Event Permit is required when a community event is located in whole or in part on any public property (or on private property within the Village when it may have a direct effect upon public property, traffic flow or public health or safety, and which may/or may not require the use of Village services).

It is important to remember that Event Applications are approved by the Board of Trustees (a calendar of meeting dates can be found on the Villages website at [www.olympia-fields.com](http://www.olympia-fields.com)). Complete your application early in order to obtain approval by the Village Board prior to the scheduled event.

**IMPORTANT: A certificate of insurance and site plans are required for all events, which include traffic directions, parking and all uses of the event location. Route map with step-off times is required for all run/walk events. Applications will not be processed until a site plan or route map (if needed) are included with the completed application.**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Building Department at 708-503-8000.

## Excessive Noise is a Nuisance

Excessive noise and the nuisance created by excessive noise negatively affect the quality of life for everyone subjected.

The Village of Olympia Fields has several mechanisms in place to assist in maintaining a peaceful environment for everyone -

- ⇒ Village Ordinance Sec 13-7 Loitering in Public Places "All persons who shall make or sustain in making any disturbance or breach of the peace within the limits of the Village is prohibited."
- ⇒ Village Ordinance Sec 15-1(a) "It shall be unlawful to commit or do any act which endangers the public health or results in annoyance or discomfort to the public."
- ⇒ Illinois Compiled Statutes 625 Chapter 5 Section 12-611 - "No driver of any motor vehicle within this State shall operate or permit operation of any sound amplification system which can be heard outside the vehicle from 75 or more feet when the vehicle is being operated upon a roadway. Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be a petty offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50."



If you believe noise is excessive, don't hesitate to contact the Olympia Fields Police Department at 708-503-8100 or by calling 9-1-1 if immediate assistance is needed.

**Remember - If You See It, If You Hear It, REPORT IT!**