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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2020 / THE VILLAGE OF OLYMPIA FIELDS NEWSLETTER

Support Local Businesses in Olympia Fields

Olympia Fields celebrates the commitments of entrepreneurs and small business owners. The Village is honored to be home to small businesses specializing in everything from accounting to insurance, counseling to fitness, and beauty services to apparel.

And more is on its way. The Village is delighted to announce the openings of Bebo's Chicago Style Chicken (a fastfood chicken shop) in Butterfield Plaza and Fisherman's Island (steaming fresh seafood platters made-to-order) on Lincoln Highway – both coming this fall.

In August 2020, Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, which originally opened in Olympia Fields 23 years ago, relocated to 19900 Governors Drive, Suite 200. The official destination management organization of the Chicago southland region, the Chicago Southland Convention Bureau attracts visitors to the area to stimulate the local economy. "We're very excited and optimistic about being in Olympia Fields," says President & CEO Jim Garrett. "We chose Olympia Fields from all 62 communities we represent because of its central location, easy access to I-57 and I-80 and great

reputation. We look forward to creating a strong, long-term partnership with the Village."

More than ever, small businesses continue to play a central role in building a strong community. Explore the Business Directory on the Village web site under "Doing Business" and shop local in Olympia Fields.

If you are considering opening, expanding or relocating your business, you have found the right place. One of the most beautiful villages anywhere, Olympia Fields offers a great location and room to grow in an upscale setting.

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Find a list of Olympia Fields businesses on the Village website under "Doing Business".

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WAYS TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS



#1 Order take-out/ delivery and shop safely



#2 Purchase a gift card



#3 Tell your friends & family

#4 Remember to tip

#5 Write a review



#6 Share on social media

New & Improved Water Billing Coming Mid-October

Opt for paperless water bills and join the Village's effort to go green. There is no additional cost and registration is not required. You can change your delivery method at any time.

DON'T FORGET:

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd.

Your vote matters. Find voter information inside this issue!



All You Need to Know to Vote in the 2020 General Election



Am I Eligible to Vote?

You must:

- ☒ Be a U.S. Citizen
- ☒ Be 18 years old on or before November 3rd, 2020
- ☒ Live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day
- ☒ Not claim the right to vote elsewhere

Vote Early

Early Voting will take place October 19th - November 2nd. Voters can cast a ballot at any of the 54 early voting sites, regardless of where they are registered. Drop boxes are inside early voting sites.

Early Voting Locations Within 10 Miles of Olympia Fields:

- Prairie State College - Conference Center, Proven IT Room 1318, 202 S. Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411
- Markham Courthouse (Open October 7) - 16501 S. Kedzie Avenue, Markham, IL 60428
- Matteson Community Center - 20642 Matteson Ave, Matteson, IL 60443
- Park Forest Village Hall - 350 Victory Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466
- Tinley Park Village Hall - 16250 S. Oak Park Avenue Tinley Park 60477

For a complete list with locations, dates and hours of operation, go to CookCounty Clerk's website: <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/early-voting>

Vote By Mail

Voting by mail is a safe and convenient way to cast your ballot this November. It allows voters more time to read their ballot and decide how they want to vote and gives flexibility when they want to cast their ballot.

Please note:

Your request for a mail-in ballot must be received by October 29th.

The ballot must be postmarked and returned by Election Day (November 3rd) to be counted.

You can sign up to receive a ballot and still choose to vote in person. You will have to bring the mail-in ballot you received with you to your polling place when you vote in person.

Find mail ballot drop box locations here: <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/mail-ballot-drop-box-locations>

For more information, go to <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail>

Vote In Person

Election Day voting will take place on November 3rd, 2020. On Election Day, you must vote at your designated polling site.

- Rich Precinct 2 / Olympia Fields Park District - 20712 Western Ave, Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- Rich Precinct 5 / Village of Olympia Fields - Old Village Hall - 20701 Governors Hwy, Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- Rich Precinct 35 / Olympia Fields Park District - 20712 Western Ave, Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- Rich Precinct 39 / Rich Central High School - 3600 W. 203rd, Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- Bloom Precinct 42 / Greenbriar School - 101 W. Greenbriar Ave, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

To find your Election Day polling location, go to <https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx>

Congratulations to the Summer Landscape Award Winners!

The Landscape Award Program recognizes homes that best represent the neighborhood and the Village. Homeowner Associations select their top homes, and the Beautification Committee chooses the top three homes village-wide. The Village thanks the 52 applicants and is proud to recognize the winners! Olympia Fields: One of the most beautiful villages in the south suburbs.



The Young Family
Olympia Club Subdivision



The Johnson Family
The Greens Subdivision



The Southhall Family
Arcadia Subdivision

How to Register to Vote

1. Register Online by Sunday, October 18th

Go to elections.il.gov with your Illinois Driver's License or State ID

2. Register by Mail, Postmarked by Tuesday, October 6th

Go to elections.il.gov to print and complete the Illinois Voter Registration Application and mail it to Cook County Clerk's Office, 69 W. Washington, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60602

3. Register in Person by Tuesday, October 6th

Go to a Cook County Clerk's location, the Village clerk's office, or a IL Secretary of State's driver's license facility

Note: On Election Day, you can register to vote in your Home Precinct Only. Two pieces of identification are required. One must have your home address.

The Village Was Honored to Host the BMW Championship

While the pandemic prevented spectators from attending the BMW Championship in Olympia Fields, the Village was proud and honored that the PGA tournament was held in our beautiful village.

Congratulations to the Olympia Fields Country Club, Western Golf Association, the PGA and winner Jon Rahm, who defeated Dustin Johnson in a playoff after the two tied after four rounds of golf.

Listen to Village President Sterling Burke's interview on WLS-890 AM John Howell Show, available here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/olympia-fields-illinois-will-host-the-bmw-championship/id1452117574?i=1000489255490>

HOMEOWNER REMINDERS

Water Bill Late Fees and Disconnections Will Resume

In April, as a result of Shelter-in-Place, the Village of Olympia Fields suspended water bill late fees and shut offs. We understand that the past six months may have been very difficult for Olympia Fields families and we hope the relaxation of the collection related fees has been helpful. The collection efforts have resumed to normal, effective September 1st. Customers are encouraged to pay down balances before shut offs resume in October.

Sign Up for Notifications from the Village

Sign up to receive the latest news and alerts from the Village. With NotifyMe, residents receive text and email messages when agendas, bid postings and job postings are added to the website, or alerts for road closures, water main breaks, meeting cancelations, etc. With CodeRED, residents receive alerts via text or email within minutes of an emergency. All contact information will remain private and only be used for community notifications. To sign up for both NotifyMe and CodeRED, visit the Village website and click on "Connect With Us".

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For Emergencies.....	Call 911
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	708-503-8100
Public Works (Non-Emergency).....	708-503-8200
Public Works (Emergency).....	708-503-8100
Finance Department.....	708-503-8000

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Community Relations Commission Meeting, October 5, 2020, 7:00 PM
@ Village Hall Board Room

Educational Commission Meeting, October 6, 2020, 6:00 PM
@ Village Hall

Public Safety Committee Meeting October 7, 2020, 6:00 PM
@ Village Hall Board Room

Beautification Committee Meeting October 13, 2020, 6:00 PM
@ Village Hall

Board of Trustees Meeting, October 13, 2020, 7:00 PM
@ Village Hall

Police Pension Board Meeting, October 19, 2020, 5:00 PM

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, October 20, 2020, 7:00 PM
@ Village Hall Board Room

Economic Development Commission Meeting, October 28, 2020, 5:00 PM
@ Village Hall Conference Room

Library Board Meeting, October 28, 2020, 7:00 PM
@ Village Hall Board Room

NOVEMBER

Daylight Saving Time, November 1, 2020

Election Day, November 3, 2020

Educational Commission Meeting, November 3, 2020, 6:00 PM
@ Village Hall

Public Safety Committee Meeting November 4, 2020, 6:00 PM
@ Village Hall Board Room

Board of Trustees Meeting, November 16, 2020, 7:00 PM
@ Village Hall

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, November 17, 2020, 7:00 PM
@ Village Hall Board Room

Economic Development Commission Meeting, November 18, 2020, 5:00 PM
@ Village Hall Conference Room

Thanksgiving, November 26, 2020

Joint Board of Trustees and Finance Committee Tax Levy Workshop, November 30, 2020
@ Village Hall

The Olympia Fields Park District Hosts Educational, Recreational and Fitness Events. Learn more at ofparks.org

