



# VILLAGE NEWS

January/February 2020

## 13th Annual Olympia Fields Holiday Award Program

The Beautification Committee presented the winners of the 13th annual Holiday Awards Program at the Board of Trustees meeting on January 13, 2020. Homes were nominated for displaying decorations that demonstrate curb appeal, creativity, originality and coordination of décor to the home.

This past season 9 of our 15 Homeowners Associations participated in the program. Each participating HOA chose up to six homes for recognition. The top three from each HOA had nominee signs placed in their yards prior to the Beautification Committee’s judging.

From the field of 26 homes, the Beautification Committee selected the overall top three winner’s village-wide. These homes had 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place signs placed in their yard. The winners received award certificates and Bizio’s Fresh Market gift cards: 1<sup>st</sup> place received \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50.

The Village-wide Winners were:

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 3400 Cumberland (Trails HOA)
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 20201 Oregon Trail (Trails HOA)



Above: Susan Moroney, Beautification Committee; Mr. and Mrs. Chana; Desireé Watkins, Village Trustee and Liaison to the Beautification Committee; Sharon Bean, President of the Original Village HOA and James Dawson, President of the Trails HOA. Pictured left, the 2nd Place winner’s home.

- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 20525 Hellenic (Original Village)

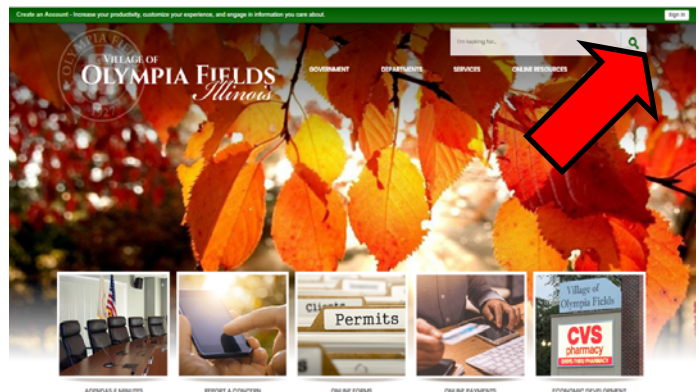
## Let’s Keep in Touch

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, water main breaks, meeting cancellations, etc.

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.

# Self Defense Class for Women Coming March 31st!

Did you miss the chance to try the Self Defense Class for Women that was offered by the Olympia Fields Police? Here's another opportunity to sign up!

The Olympia Fields Police Department will be offering the Self Defense Class for Women class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31st at the Village Hall.

The class will be taught by Corporal Don Dean, a trained self defense and self defense tactics instructor, and will be assisted by members of the Olympia Fields Police Department.

The seminar will include topics such as warning and danger signs to be aware of while walking to and from your vehicle; strategic selection of parking areas for your vehicle; and increasing your situational awareness while entering or exiting your residence or business. Participants in the seminar will be exposed to con-

trolled demonstration and practical application of a wide variety of self defense tactics as well as the physical skills and mental mindset necessary to defeat an assailant.

Practical application will include techniques to get out of choke holds or restraints and how to react if pushed to the ground and attacked. The seminar will be divided into lecture, demonstration, application, and question and answer portions.

No previous experience is necessary to participate in this seminar. Participants will be asked to sign a release of liability/waiver form prior to the start of the seminar.

For additional information, contact Corporal Don Dean at [ddean@olympia-fields.com](mailto:ddean@olympia-fields.com) or 708-503-8101.

## Census 101: What You Need to Know

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

### **Everyone Counts.**

⇒ The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once and in the right place.

### **It's about fair representation.**

⇒ Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

### **It's in the Constitution.**

⇒ The US Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790

### **It's about \$675 billion.**

⇒ The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds,

grants, and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

⇒ That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

### **It's about redistricting.**

⇒ After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

### **Taking part is your civic duty.**

⇒ Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

### **Census data are being used all around you.**

⇒ Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality of life and

consumer advocacy.

⇒ Businesses use census data to decide where to build offices and stores, which create jobs.

⇒ Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

⇒ Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

### **Your privacy is protected.**

⇒ It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in anyway that could identify you or your household.

⇒ By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

### **2020 will be easier than ever.**

⇒ In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online!