

# Field Notes

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## Standard & Poor's Reaffirms Olympia Fields' AA+ Bond Rating with Stable Outlook

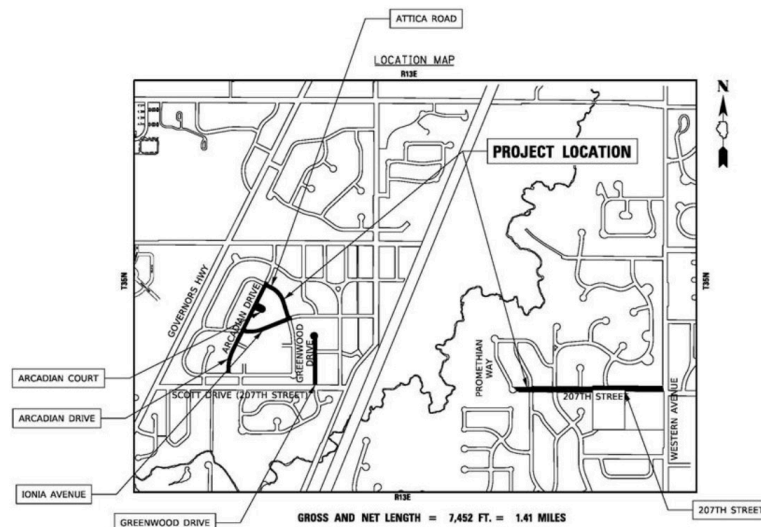
The Village of Olympia Fields' AA+ bond rating has been reaffirmed by Standard & Poor's. The bond rating agency uses an in-depth analysis to examine the financial and management practices of the Village.

The AA+ rating reflects the Village's financial stewardship and commitment to responsible management of taxpayer resources. The Village President and the Board of Trustees regularly review financial data, both for the annual budget as well as for the long-term forecasting of capital projects. With the Village's retention of a stable outlook from Standard & Poor's, the bond rating shows that the Village is managing its resources responsibly and setting up our community for a successful future.

The Village will continue its work to keep a strong financial position. As a non-home rule community, the Village is subject to tax caps and limited in its ability to adopt new revenues. The Village Board is committed to responding to financial pressures, rebuilding our commercial economy and promoting what makes Olympia Fields special, including housing stock.

The July 2021 Standard & Poor's report can be found here: <https://www.olympia-fields.com/177/Finance-Department>

[View the Full Report Here](#)



## The Village Prepares for a Road Resurfacing and Swale Restoration Project

The 2021 Village of Olympia Fields Road Resurfacing and Swale Restoration Program was advertised for bid on August 26, 2021. The expected project bid opening will be on September 8, 2021.

The roads and drainage swales that will be addressed in this project are:

- Arcadian Drive from Parthenon to Attica Road
- Attica Road from Arcadian Drive to Ionia Avenue
- Ionia Avenue from Attica Road back to Arcadian Drive
- Greenwood Drive north from Scott Drive to the end of the court
- 207th from Western Avenue to Promethian Way (both sides of 207th)

This project will address roughly 1.5 miles of roadway and nearly three miles of drainage swale within the village.

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## The Village's Beautification Committee Provides Residents with Resources on Caring for Plants, Trees, Grass and More

Read below for information from the Chicago Botanic Garden on how to care for your plants, trees, flowers, lawns, veggies and herbs in August.

**General Plant Care:** Continue to water, weed, and monitor for insects on all garden plants. In times of drought, prolonged hot weather or water restrictions, first water all newly planted trees and shrubs, newly planted perennials and vines, and newly sodded or seeded lawns. Annual plants should be the last on the list.

**Tree/Shrub Care:** Monitor newly planted trees/shrubs for insects/disease. Succulent new growth is often the first area to be attacked by insects. Continue to water newly planted trees and shrubs each week if rainfall is insufficient. Tree pruning is generally not advised this month, the exception is flowering shrubs. They are pruned immediately following their flowering.

**Rose Care:** Roses are generally not fertilized after the first week in August, although growers and rosarians interested in maximizing flower displays do continue to apply a dilute fertilizer.

**Annual/Perennial Care:** Deadhead annuals/perennials to encourage additional flowers. Allow certain dried flower heads to remain standing for fall/winter interest: astilbe, coneflower, globe thistle, and others. Information on flowers that can be divided/replanted/new plants/dried flowers for winter see full article.

**Lawn Care:** Mid- to end of August is the best time to seed bare areas of lawn, overseed thinning grass, or lay down sod. The best choice for most lawns in northern Illinois is a mix of Kentucky bluegrass, perennial rye, and fescue seeds. Refrain from fertilizing lawns until September.

**Fruit, Vegetable, Herb Care:** Water frequently and lightly, the opposite of trees/shrubs perennials, grass. Keep vegetables picked so the plants will keep producing. Avoid letting squashes, zucchini, etc., become giant-sized.

[Visit Chicago Botanic Garden's Website to Learn More](#)

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## Village of Olympia Fields Offers a 50/50 Tree Program in Fall 2021

The Village of Olympia Fields and Beautification Committee are offering residents a tree cost-sharing program. The Village will cover 50% of the cost of the tree. Residents may purchase up to two trees. Six types of trees will be offered.

Olympia Fields is recognized by The Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA, which is a program to celebrate the importance of trees.

Information about the 50/50 Tree Program will be posted on the Village website and sent to Homeowner Association Presidents.



## Olympia Fields' Wysteria Neighborhood Summerfest Event

The Wysteria neighborhood's Summerfest event was held on Saturday, July 24, 2021. The theme was the tropics, and the Caribbean-inspired garden party served up a delicious buffet, complete with flavorful jerk chicken, delectable rice, mouthwatering salads and tasty desserts. Summerfest was held in the neighborhood's own lush and contiguous backyards.

Food, fun and island music provided the much-needed opportunity to safely social distance and joyfully reconnect in the friendly lifestyle that is a hallmark of Wysteria - and Olympia Fields - living.

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## Follow These Safety Tips for Package Deliveries and Other Scams

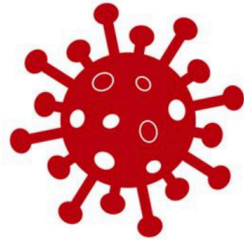
**Consider these security measures to keep you and your package deliveries safe:**

- Install a smart security camera at your front door. By installing a security camera or video doorbell, you can be alerted remotely to any activity and even respond to the person.
- Require a signature on delivery.
- Obtain insurance on your packages.
- Purchase a smart locker or secure mailbox, both of which are designed to keep deliveries safe.
- When ordering online, have the package delivered to your workplace. You can also have it delivered to a family member or trusted neighbor you know is home.
- If you won't be home to receive your package, you can reroute or reschedule delivery. By using the delivery services websites or apps, you can change delivery, reroute a delivery, or request to have the delivery placed in a more secure location on the property.
- When answering the door, make sure you know who is there. Look through a window before you open your door. Call the police if you're unsure.

### **Other security tips:**

- Check your credit report frequently.
- Watch for scams and fraud. There is no such thing as a "foreign lottery" or a "lost inheritance".
- Know where your money is.





# CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

## Governor Pritzker Revives Indoor Mask Mandate

The indoor mask mandate is in place, requiring all residents over the age of two to wear face coverings in indoor settings. The Village of Olympia Fields requires mask-wearing in Village facilities.

COVID-19 cases are on the rise. Protect yourself and your community by getting vaccinated if you are eligible.

[Click Here to Find a Vaccination Site](#)

## Community Updates



### Labor Day Senior Brunch

Monday, September 6, 11am-2pm

Hosted by the Olympia Fields Park District and Rich Township

The Bradford Barn, 20712 Western Avenue

Free, All are welcome



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