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The Village of Olympia Fields Honors Police Chief Scott Morgan As He Retires After 33 Years of Service

In 1988 at the age of 24 years old, Officer Scott Morgan joined the Olympia Field Police Department. He successfully moved through the ranks to become an Investigator and Detective for a number of years. He later graduated from Northwest University Staff and Command School which prepared him for service as Deputy Chief and later Chief of Police. In 2014, Scott Morgan was appointed as Deputy Chief for the department. His professional and exemplary service as interim Police Chief began in January of 2020. He was later appointed Chief of Police in May of 2021.

As an avid bowhunter, fisherman and golfer, Chief Morgan plans to enjoy his retirement by spending time outdoors doing what he loves. Chief Morgan will retire on November 30, 2021. We wish Chief Morgan all the best during the next chapters of his life.

The Village Police Department Swears in Officer Chivon Johnson-Dugan

As part of the Village's effort to hire lateral recruitment, the Village Police Department is excited to welcome Chivon Johnson-Dugan.

Officer Johnson-Dugan comes to the Olympia Fields Police Department with three years of law enforcement experience at the Riverdale, Calumet Park and Palos Hills Police Departments.

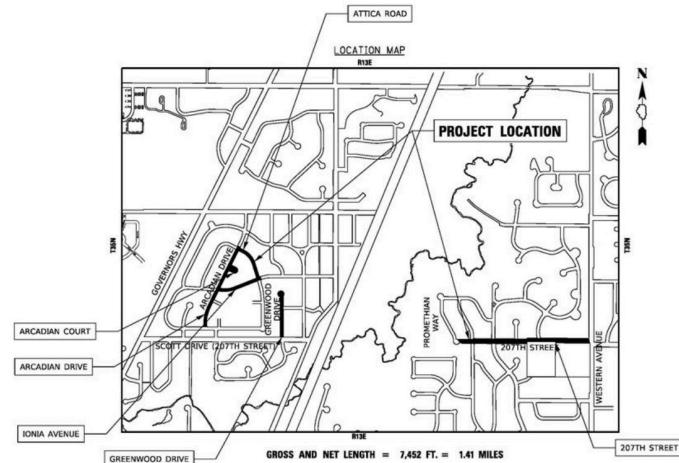
Officer Johnson-Dugan is the proud mother of three wonderful children. She is excited to join the Olympia Fields Police Department to protect and serve the Olympia Fields community.



The Village Successfully Completed the Installation of the Graymoor Force Main, Ensuring the Integrity of Sewage Drainage for the Next 50 to 60 Years

The purpose of the project was to address leaks from breaks on the line. The newly installed 4,200 feet of force main will now ensure the integrity of the line for the next 50 to 60 years. The lining carries sewage from the Graymoor Lift station to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

The cost of the project, including engineering and construction work, totaled \$984,303. The project was funded through Non-Home Rule Sales Tax and Sewer Fund Reserves. The landscaping is currently being restored.



A Steward of Tax Dollars, the Village of Olympia Fields Undergoes Public Works Projects to Ensure the Safety and Beauty of the Village

The Village Replaces Damaged Culverts, Resurfaces Roads (See Map Above) and Addresses Drainage Issues in October and November of 2021

After successfully completing phase one of the project to replace damaged culverts in October, the Village is resurfacing 1.41 miles of road and addressing drainage issues along those roads in November. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of November. The estimated cost of the project, which includes engineering and construction, is \$1,027,856. It is funded through Non-Home Rule Sales Tax and Sewer Fund Reserves.

Above is a map of the streets that will receive the improvements.



Trick or Treat for Something Sweet at Village Hall on Halloween from 2 to 4pm

The Village of Olympia Fields sponsored by the Community Relations Commission is hosting a candy giveaway on Sunday, October 31 from 2 to 4pm at Village Hall (20040 Governors Highway). Come as a family for tricks and plenty of treats! Kids will receive a bag of candy in a safe, fun environment. Enjoy music and a good time with the community.

The Village of Olympia Fields trick or treating hours are on Sunday, October 31 from 3 to 6pm. Residents are advised to follow CDC guidelines for Halloween.

[Read the CDC Guidelines for Holiday Safety](#)



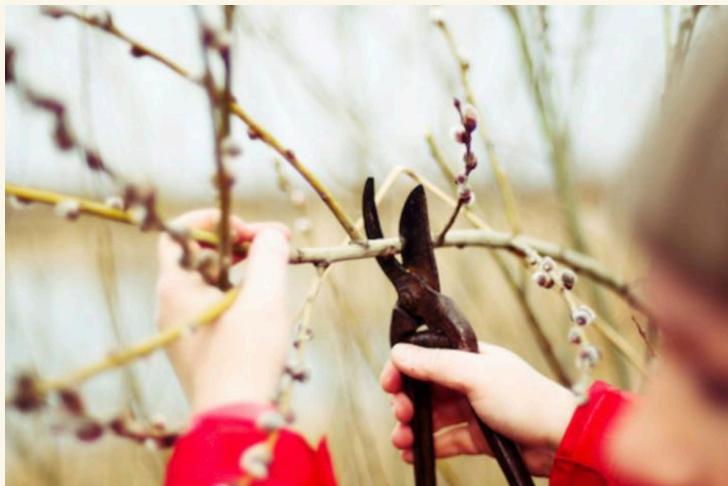
Green Your Halloween! Dispose of Pumpkins in an Environmentally Friendly Way on Saturday, November 6 from 10am to 1pm* at Coyote Run Golf Course

Olympia Fields residents are invited to join the Chicago Southland Green Committee at its Pumpkin Smash on Saturday, November 6 from 10am to 1pm at Coyote Run Golf Course (800 Kedzie Avenue, Flossmoor).

Illinois farmers grow half a billion pounds of pumpkins every year. After Halloween, these pumpkins end up in landfills and produce methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, as they decompose. The Pumpkin Smash is a great opportunity to recycle your Halloween pumpkins in an environmentally friendly way!

*Pumpkin composting may close earlier than 1pm if the dumpster is full

[Learn More](#)



The Village's Beautification Committee Provides Guidance to Homeowners on Winter Pruning for Trees and Shrubs

In temperate regions, most plants go dormant during the winter. This is the time of year when they've halted active growth and have hunkered down for the cold weather. Because of this dormancy, late winter and early spring are typically the best times to make any adjustments to the shapes of many trees and shrubs. You want to prune hard at the end of winter or very early spring before any new growth starts. This allows the plant to put its energy towards producing new, healthy growth when the warmer temperatures of spring roll around.

Practically speaking, it's also a lot easier to see the true shape of deciduous plants in the winter, since their foliage is gone.

Not all trees/shrubs should be pruned in the winter or early spring, however. Generally speaking, shrubs and trees that bloom on new growth should be pruned in the winter and early spring, while those that bloom on old growth should be pruned in late spring or summer (i.e., after their flowers fade).

Read the full article (click the button below) for more details, including: A List of Trees and Shrubs to Prune in Late Winter or Early Spring; General Cold-Weather Pruning Tips; When to Prune Flowering Shrubs; When to Prune Trees and Evergreens

[Learn More at the Old Farmer's Almanac](#)



Public Works Offers Curbside Branch Pick-Up On Thursdays Through November 18

Public Works will pick up branches from residents' curbs every Thursday through November 18, on which date the program concludes for the season.

Please review the guidelines below:

- It is highly recommended that residents schedule branch pick-up by calling Village Hall at (708) 503-8000.
- Branches must be placed on or near the curb line.
- Branches cut by private contractors will not be collected. Residents that contract tree trimming services are responsible for the disposal of unwanted limbs. Failure to comply may result in punitive action.

The Village Welcomes Edward Davis as a Newly Appointed Beautification Committee Member

Edward Davis has lived in Olympia Fields for seven years and has served on the Graymoor Homeowner Association Board. He looks forward to his new role on the Beautification Committee and is dedicated to keeping Olympia Fields beautiful.

Community Updates





Discover Jobs in Manufacturing, Healthcare, Retail, Transportation, Distribution and Logistics at the Chicago Southland Hiring Event on Thursday, November 4 from 10am to 1pm

On Thursday, November 4 from 10am to 1pm, come to Victory Apostolic Church at 20801 Matteson Avenue, Matteson to explore new opportunities in manufacturing, healthcare, retail, transportation, distribution and logistics.

Background-friendly employers will be onsite, with 200+ jobs available, free training programs and more. New hires and trainees will have a chance to win a \$1,000 lottery or \$2,000 training stipend in cash (terms and conditions apply).

[Sign Up Here](#)



Participate in the Original Village Homeowner Association's Clean-Up Day on Saturday, November 13

Keep Olympia Fields beautiful and clean from debris! Join the Original Village Homeowners Association (OVHA) on Saturday, November 13 for a clean-up day.

The Original Village Homeowner Association (OVHA) received the Landscape Grant Award to beautify Triangle Park. From September 25 to October 9, twenty-three volunteers worked together to complete the beautification project, which will come to fruition this spring when new plants bloom.

Recently, the Village distributed new resident lists to Homeowner Association Presidents. The Original Village Homeowner Association (OVHA) invited new and seasoned neighbors to come together to discuss its mission and objectives. The association is proud to move forward with the charge: "To Be Neighborly" by knowing neighbors, looking out for neighbors and supporting neighbors.

Throughout Olympia Fields, volunteers play an important role and the Village is grateful for everyone's hard work and support!



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