

World Class Village Services While Holding the Line on Taxes

The Village of Olympia Fields offers a variety of cost-effective, award-winning services to our residents, encompassing public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and utilities. Their purpose is to ensure that we maintain the nature of our community in the most cost-effective way. Here's an overview of the key services provided:

Public Safety

- **Police Department:** The Olympia Fields Police Department is one of 58 certified police departments in the state of Illinois and comprises nineteen full-time officers and 3 non-sworn team members dedicated to ensuring community safety.
- **Fire Department:** Fire response services are provided by the City of Chicago Heights Fire Department, which employs full-time firefighters trained as paramedics. They operate from two strategically located fire stations to offer 24-hour emergency services. Residents can also request free home safety inspections by contacting the non-emergency number.

Public Works

- **Street Maintenance:** The Public Works Department maintains over 32 miles of streets, including tasks such as snow removal, salting, street sweeping, and storm debris pickup. They also handle the removal of dead trees located in the Village's right-of-way.
- **Water and Sewer Services:** The Village provides water, sewer, and stormwater services to residents and businesses. Water is sourced from Lake Michigan, purchased from the City of Chicago via the Village of Oak Lawn.

Economic Development and Finance

- **Economic Development:** The Village has an Economic Development department focused on fostering business growth, enhancing the local economy to help hold the line on your property. As a core principle, economic development in Olympia Fields helps to foster economic stability thru a balanced approach to sales taxes and property taxes. Continuous economic development reduces the tax burden on all members of the community, drives overall growth, and improves the quality of life for residents.
- **Finance Department:** This department serves as the fiscal collection and control agency, managing the Village's financial operations.

Building Department Responsibilities

- **Permit Issuance:** The Building Commissioner reviews, inspects, and approves both commercial and residential building plans, granting necessary permits for construction and renovation projects.

- Code Enforcement: The department oversees the Code Enforcement Officer, who investigates resident complaints and ensures adherence to village codes.
- Inspections: Conducts inspections through qualified personnel, including electrical and plumbing inspectors, to ensure compliance with safety and building standards.

By adhering to these procedures, the Village ensures that all building activities meet established safety and quality standards, maintaining the community's integrity and residents' well-being.

These services are delivered in the most cost-effective manner in the Southland. This Administration has been able to maintain a high quality of life for the residents of Olympia Fields in a very cost-effective way.