

Village seeks 456% Phonline Tax increase in March, 2012 referendum

If passed, the new rate of \$6.95 a month (per each landline) will be 5.56 times greater than the present rate of \$1.25 a month.

Once again **their own numbers** don't add up:

- The Village claims the referendum is to pay SouthCom Dispatch for 911 fees of \$338,000 annually.
- According to the Village, they collect \$88,000 annually from the present rate of \$1.25
- The new rate would be \$6.95 That's 5.56 times greater than \$1.25
- \$88,000 times 5.56 equals \$489,280
- That leaves a \$151,280 surplus.

PHONELINE TAX

Matteson asking residents to raise the 911 surcharge from 85 cents to only \$2.75 per landline in their referendum

MATTESON REFERENDUM

Angry Homeowners say "NO" to Phonline Tax Increase

Fed up with skyrocketing property taxes and frivolous spending, homeowners overwhelmingly voted down another Tax increase with the highest voter turnout in years.

2012 ELECTION RESULTS

How did our local Legislators vote on bill that will raise Comed rates?

COMED RATE INCREASE VOTE

Village withholds Burglaries from residents

The Village has withheld vital information on home burglaries throughout 2010. This information is critical in order for everyone to become vigilant and eradicate the problem. Our Police Dept. cannot be everywhere and should not be expected to stop burglaries all by themselves. How many of these burglaries could have been prevented if only the homeowners knew there was a problem? Click on the following link to view a partial list of 2010 Burglaries that our Village leaders did not want you to know about, and were not reported by the Southtown Star.

PARTIAL LIST OF 2010 RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Attorney General Demands Village release all Burglary Records to SHARPCATCH

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FBI Releases 2010 Crime Statistics for South Suburbs

The Village of Olympia Fields allegedly told the Attorney General that the list of 12 residential burglaries released to SHARPCATCH through the Freedom of Information Act was a complete list of all residential burglaries in 2010.

2010 Crime Statistics released by the FBI reveal that Olympia Fields actually had 23 residential burglaries in 2010.

2010 FBI CRIME STATISTICS

Olympia Fields Officers Honored

The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) has honored four Olympia Fields Officers with Certificates of Appreciation for their outstanding DUI enforcement efforts in 2013. The AAIM *Top Cops* are:

- * Officer Miguel Ayala 5 DUI arrests
- * Corporal Don Dean 5 DUI arrests
- * Officer Dan Kickert 12 DUI arrests
- * Corporal Mike Mayden 26 DUI arrests

New Construction Bike Path/Multi-Use Trail

A new 1.25 mile bike path/multi-use trail will be constructed new on Vollmer Road. The proposed bike path connects the Vollmer Woods Forest Preserve to an existing bike trail that terminates at southeast corner of Crawford Avenue and Vollmer Road as well as connecting to on-street bike lanes currently existing on Kedzie Avenue Traffic signal modifications will be completed to provide countdown pedestrian timers for safe non-motorized travel at signalized intersections. The project is funded by a \$488,800 grant through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) – a federally-funded, competitive program that encourages transportation-related projects.

Olympia Fields Park District fights to save Ash trees

Sharpwatch rode with Eric Darwell, Superintendent of Olympia Fields Parks to inspect their successful efforts to save their infected Ash trees.

EMERALD ASH BORER ALTERNATIVE

Olympia Fields Developer Sentenced

The developer and builder of Linzey Jones unsuccessful, yet somehow [highly touted developments](#), Olympia Club, Olympia Club Condominiums, and Tolentine Estates, was sentenced for his role in a major mortgage fraud scheme that included houses in several Southland communities.

DEVELOPER SENTENCED

SouthCom Dispatchers reveal 911 system riddled with problems

Southland officials dismayed with 911 system
The million-dollar system that Southland police officers, firefighters and dispatchers rely on every day is riddled with so many glitches that a local official at a SouthCom board meeting last year called it a "lemon" and wondered publicly, "What does Frequentis do right?"

SOUTHCOM PROBLEMS

Electric bills going up Village "pleased to announce" 48.6% increase in Electric Aggregation Rate

Starting September, everyone in the Olympia Fields Aggregate Program will see a 48.6% increase in their electric rate. The original aggregate rate of 4.98 cents per KWH will increase to 7.40 cents per KWH. That's a 48.6% increase.

Meanwhile, those who stayed with Comed as their supplier, saw a 38% increase to 7.5 per KWH.

Comparison based on 767 Kilowatt hours (avg. Illinois KWH per month)

Comed 767kwh X 7.5cents = \$57.53

FirstEnergy 767kwh X 7.4cents = \$56.76

Savings per month .77 cents

VILLAGE LETTER TO RESIDENTS

COMED RATE UP 38%

Village Board Sets time limit of 180 seconds for public comments

“appalled” by taxpayers comments

After our village board publicly expressed how “appalled” they were with the onslaught of residents speaking out at recent board meetings, regarding poor financial decisions, David Mekarski has worked with the village attorney to draft a time limit on public comments at board meetings. The board vote was as follows:

Carolyn Gibson	yes
Willet Hudson	yes
Shirley Nale	yes
Kelvin Oliver	no
Bob Waite	yes

The Illinois Attorney General Open Meeting Act states nothing about a mandatory time limit

“public bodies may limit the time allotted for the public to speak.” (NOT MUST)

[Illinois Attorney General Open Meetings Act page 5](#)

1990 was 5 years before the village had the benefit of the first Utility Tax in Olympia Fields history. In 2013 the village received \$623,901 in Utility Taxes from residents.

Source: 2013 Olympia Fields Financial Report, page 49

RESIDENTS PROTEST UTILITY TAX



Congratulations to School Board Winners Randy Alexander, Cheryl Coleman, and Shannon Smith Ross

Komaa S. Mnyofu	6.66%	1,507
Emmanuel A. Imoukhuede	8.13%	1,840
Demetria M. Brown	11.33%	2,563
Cheryl Buckner Grubbs	7.58%	1,715
Shelia Friday	12.17%	2,755
Cheryl M. Coleman	17.84%	4,038
Randy Alexander	14.04%	3,177
Regan Stockstell	7.08%	1,603
Shannon Smith-Ross	15.16%	3,431

SD227 Board Meeting Videos

Until, as a community we choose “in the next election” the direction we plan to take our FULL Board of Education, you will witness such dysfunction, which is actually two groups, one supporting a quality education for our students, the other supporting themselves.

SCHOOL BOARD WARS

Video Evidence - Watch who is denying our children an education!

[Imoukhuede, Friday, Morgan, and Owens voted against Financial Transparency](#)

[Friday and Imoukhuede Voted NO to a free Career / Technical Education Lab](#)



Citizens Police Academy Class of 2014 Graduates

Congratulations to the Citizens Police Academy Class of 2014. Once again we commend Officer Dan Kickert, Officer Sean Berry and all the supporting officers for their hard work and dedication in this awesome program.

District 227 faces \$10Million budget hole

A slow economy and the Southland Charter School will bankrupt the Rich Township High School District 227 unless it can find an extra \$10 million a year, either in revenue or by cutting expenses.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



District 227 to waste \$4 million on gratuitous office building

Just days after announcing the creation of a Budget Reduction Task Force to tackle the issue of the district losing revenue and deal with a growing financial crisis, the District 227 board agreed to purchase a building in Matteson for its district office and approved \$4 million in general obligation debt certificates. Its located at 20550 S. Cicero Ave., and will cost \$835,000 to purchase and need more than \$3 million in renovations. **The total cost will be over \$4 million !!!**

The board’s goal is to use the \$210,000 from the present lease payment to pay off the purchase of the building, so that money can go back into the operating fund. They claim “The building shouldn’t cost taxpayers anything”. They also claim they will pay off the debt within four or five years.

UPDATE : They lied : The actual payoff date for the \$4.2 million debt obligation won’t be until 2022 !!! Raymond F. Coyne, Senior Vice President, of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co, headquartered at 222 W. Adams St. in Chicago, explained that the board has owed more than \$4 million dollars since June, and that the ultimate pricetag on the vacant building will be \$6 million dollars including renovations and interest payments.

He also admitted that his fee is 1 percent (\$42,000) of the total \$4.2 million borrowed by the school board. You can contact Mr. Coyne at (312) 443-1567

SHARPCWATCH Commends Olympia Fields Patrolmen

In a survey of 244 Police Departments in the Chicagoland Region, Olympia Fields ranked 12th in avg. citations per officer. This is indicative of a strong police presence on the streets, which contributes to the safety of our Village and Quality of Life. To the patrolmen who are “in the trenches” every night and day putting their own safety at risk, we salute you.

[OLYMPIA FIELDS PATROLMEN](#)

Police Dog Lars helps find missing woman

LARS

Don't let Contractors Rip You Off !

Contact the **Better Business Bureau** to:

- Check out a contractor before you hire them
- File a Complaint
- Compliment a Business that did a good job for you.

These actions can easily be done online at the following link:

<http://chicago.bbb.org/consumers/>

Storm Debris Pickup following severe storms

To arrange pickup of branches from storm damage, You must contact the Public Works Dept. at (708)503-8200.

STORM DAMAGE RULES / REGULATIONS

Rental Housing Watch

Building Dept. (i.e. John McDonnell & Reginald Ford) still failing to do their jobs and enforce our Rental Laws

Inexplicably calling written laws "unconstitutional", is a desperate excuse for incompetence



Rental Inspection

A Rental Inspection is required by the Village each time a new tenant moves into your property. Inspections are \$50.00 each. Once the home has passed inspection, a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. **Tenants may not move in until the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.**

[LATEST REPORTED OLYMPIA FIELDS RENTAL HOUSING](#)

OLYMPIA FIELDS RENTAL LAWS

Annual average Unemployment Rates in Olympia Fields

Calendar Year	Olympia Fields	County	Illinois
2004	6.5%	6.8%	6.2%
2005	6.5%	6.5%	5.7%
2006	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%
2007	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%
2008	6.8%	6.5%	6.5%
2009	11.0%	10.3%	9.3%
2010	11.3%	10.5%	10.3%
2011	10.8%	10.4%	9.8%
2012	9.6%	9.3%	8.9%
2013	11.5%	9.6%	9.2%

[source: Illinois Department of Employment Security](#)

Olympia Fields

Residential Burglaries

Source: Village of Olympia Fields through the Freedom of Information Act

1999	11
2000	8
2001	8
2002	22
2003	22
2004	15
2005	12
2006	14
2007	24
2008	18
2009	7
2010	23
2011	12
2012	21

Flossmoor crime rate

decreases for third straight year.

Online notification system contributes to success

Flossmoor continues to have one of the lowest regional crime rates, both in the immediate area and throughout the South Suburbs.

Flossmoor Police Chief Michael Pulec gave credit to both "community involvement and the hard work of our officers." The police department's online notification system, E-Cop, has been successful in notifying residents about what is going on in the village, he said.

"E-Cop continues to be an effective means of communication between the department and the citizens informing of crime trends occurring in the village, making residents vigilant of their property and reporting suspicious activity," Pulec said. "The department experienced an increase of suspicious activity calls this year.

Source: hfchronicle.com/flossmoor-crime-rate-decreases

Citizen involvement helps solve Flossmoor burglaries

Village email alert leads to arrest

Two residential burglaries in Flossmoor were reported Dec. 21. They took place between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the 2300 block of Golfview Lane and the 1800 block of Heather Hill Court. In both instances, doors had been forced open.

After the burglaries, Flossmoor police sent out an email alert to residents, which included details of the crimes and asked residents to report any suspicious activity. The H-F Chronicle also ran a story on the burglaries.

Flossmoor Deputy Chief Tod Kamleiter said Hardmon's arrest is due to a combination of good police work and citizen involvement. "The resident who called us said she had seen our email," Kamleiter said. "When citizens provide this kind of information, it helps us do our job and keep the community safe."

Source: hfchronicle.com/article/2015/dec/29/christmas-burglary-arrest

Nixle fully utilized for crime prevention in Frankfort



Fire breaks out at Walmart store in Olympia Fields



OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (WLS) -Investigators are trying to determine the cause of a fire that heavily damaged a Walmart store in south suburban Olympia Fields early Saturday morning. The store, located near Western Avenue and Lincoln Highway, is under construction. Black smoke billowed as the building burned. No reports of injuries. abc7chicago.com/news/fire-breaks-out-at-walmart-store-in-olympia-fields

patch.com/illinois/chicagoheights/fire-under-construction-walmart

Olympia Fields in violation of Public Act 097-0609

Public Act 097-0609 (5 ILCS 120/7.3), requires a village to post on its village website the total compensation package for each employee having a total compensation package that exceeds \$75,000 per year. Total compensation as defined by the act includes payments by the employer to the employee for salary, health insurance, housing allowance, vehicle allowance, clothing allowance, bonuses, loans, vacation days granted and sick days granted, if applicable.

www.ilga.gov/legislation/public-act-097-0609

Village Broke?

Village Board to initiate annual vehicle stickers at \$50 per vehicle

"you went to the trouble of voting for us, and you ought to have us do some of the work. We are doing some of the work and no matter how much it hurts your feelings not to get to vote on this, it isn't worth having an election" Bob Waite

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Despite jacking up our municipal property tax rate 470% since 2005, unprecedented sewer rates, unprecedented utility taxes, unprecedented telecommunication taxes, and many other new sources of revenue (i.e. water tower advertising, cell towers, new metra parking lot, citations, and a new Walmart on the horizon) has our irresponsible village board dug our once proud village into a hole we may never get out of? And once again they want even more money from the residents to bail them out.

You may personally thank our entire village board along with [Flossmoor resident & Vero Beach reject David Mekarski](#). See for yourself, just how much the Village receives annually from property taxes, utility taxes, telecommunication taxes, and all other sources of revenue. Don't forget to check the whopping annual installments on all outstanding bonds.

[2013 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT](#)
[OUTSTANDING BOND DEBT 2014](#)

← Back **Nixle Wire**

- Advisory** **Frankfort Police Dept**
Entered: 16 hours, 22 minutes ago
Updated Press Release [More >](#)
- Advisory** **Frankfort Police Dept**
Entered: 21 hours, 47 minutes ago
Suspects in Custody [More >](#)
- Alert** **Frankfort Police Dept**
Entered: 21 hours, 52 minutes ago
Suspicious incident [More >](#)
- Advisory** **Frankfort Police Dept**
Entered: 2 weeks ago
Utility Company Phone Scam and Citizen's Police Academy [More >](#)

Alert **Suspicious incident**

Frankfort Police are investigating a suspicious incident in the area of Harlem and Prestwick. Please stay in your homes and report any suspicious person.

Instructions:
Please stay in your homes and report suspicious persons.

The Nixle communication platform has proven to be a valuable asset for the Frankfort police department. Unfortunately for Olympia Fields, Flossmoor resident David Mekarski feels the only use for Nixle is to announce community events and traffic reports.

[Olympia Fields Nixle utilization](#)

Building Commissioner raise gives Village another 6 figure salary

More Chicago Style Politics in Olympia Fields

Despite being broke, trying to squeeze a \$50 vehicle tax, and losing their AAA Bond Rating, our Village Board is still refusing to reduce spending and is going to award controversial Building Commissioner John McDonnell with a new \$100,000 annual salary.

[BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8/25/2014 \(page44\)](#)

70.9% of Rich Central

Fail to meet State Standards

Rich Central High School fails to meet PSAE minimal state requirements for 2012-2013 because:

Only 30.3% of students meet or exceed State Reading Standards.

Only 27.1% of students meet or exceed State Math Standards.

Only 20.8% of students meet or exceed State Science Standards

Wasn't the Olympia Fields Educational Committee supposed to prevent things like this? This issue is critical to everyone, even if you don't have children. Approximately 35% of your property tax bill goes to Rich Central (District 227) alone.

This is your money that's going down the toilet, along with your property values. Either get involved or support those who are involved.

[RICH CENTRAL 2012-2013 TEST SCORES](#)

Are annual bond payments for the New Village Hall part of the reason for more taxes?

Never forget, the new Village Hall has put us in debt until November 15, 2025

[NEW VILLAGE HALL BOND REPAYMENT](#)
[UPDATED BOND DEBT 2014](#)

Audit finds \$40K was stolen in Olympia Fields

Why wasn't subject arrested and charged ?

December 12, 2011 A special audit has discovered that a police department employee in Olympia Fields stole about \$40,000 in ticket payments during the past four years, according to village officials.

[40K STOLEN IN OLYMPIA FIELDS](#)

Jones Lies to Residents about New Tax Rate

States in letter distributed to whole village, that Olympia Fields will still have "*one of the lowest Tax Rates in the entire Chicagoland region*" if the referendum passes.

[REFERENDUM LETTER TO RESIDENTS](#)



ABC7 I-Team Investigation Thursday, August 13, 2015

The I-Team investigated a new rash of thefts striking people who park their cars near Metra train stations.

The I-Team first told you about this in January, and it is still a problem.

[-Aug.13, 2015 Metra responds after rash of thefts near train stations](#)

[-Jan.23, 2015 More car parts stolen at commuter parking lots](#)

[-Jan.19, 2015 Metra riders report stolen wheels, car parts in parking lots](#)



Disgraced Village Trustee Bob Waite

Bob Waite censured for striking and shoving female board member

The Olympia Fields village board voted to censure Trustee Bob Waite [RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11] for striking and shoving a fellow board member while considering an item on the agenda at the Village Board Meeting on June 27, 2016.

This marks the second time in 18 months that Waite has been censured. On January 12, 2015 Waite was censured [RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01] for disseminating an email containing racist literature to certain members of the community, in addition to several months of unprofessional conduct that didn't reflect the values of the community.

[David Orr releases 2014 property tax rates](#)

[Olympia Fields Park District property tax](#)

rate going up 8.81%

Our village board isn't the only taxing body screwing homeowners.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>percent</u>
Olympia Fields	.783	.852	+ 8.81%
Park District			

Neighborhood Watch Advisory Most vehicle burglaries happen to unlocked cars



These 2 subjects were spotted cutting across yard approaching vehicles in driveway on Arcadian Dr. Subjects were spotted by resident, who immediately turned on all lights, causing subjects to abort.

Remember to always lock vehicles parked outside. Be vigilant and report all suspicious individuals to 911

Transparent village administrations release 2015 Tax Levies to press

Reduced spending and common sense budget management leads to stable tax rates

Braun pledges to hold the line on Flossmoor village spending next year

Braun called for a zero increase in municipal spending at Monday's board meeting

HF Chronicle December 18, 2015

Mokena tax levy to cost about same

Village administrator John Tomaszski, said that the village has done a "very nice job with financial management," which positioned the village to seek less of a levy.

Daily Southtown December 15, 2015

Frankfort approves \$2.77M tax levy

Levy plus bigger tax base will mean a slightly lower village tax rate for 2016

Daily Southtown December 8, 2015

Oak Lawn budget offers slight break for taxpayers

The [Oak Lawn](#) Village Board has approved its budget for the coming year which provides, for the third straight year, a slight reduction in the tax levy.

Daily Southtown December 11, 2015

New Lenox property taxes up slightly

"The rate is only going up less than a penny," said Finance Director Kim Auchstetter.

Daily Southtown December 15, 2015

[READ ALL FIVE ARTICLES](#)



2,937 registered voters stayed home

Of the 4,009 registered voters in Olympia Fields, only 1072 ballots were cast in the Trustee Election on Tuesday April 7, 2015. Apathetic residents missed their opportunity to start eradicating a dysfunctional and incompetent village board that has clearly prioritized village staff and board unity over representing the residents. (all residents)

Another 4 years of "Chicago Style Politicians" means "Business as Usual": higher taxes, new and increased fees, and wasteful spending"

Sadly, the worst repercussion of this apathy is that many more of our neighbors are so disgusted with the Mekarski administrations poor budget management and relentless fees & tax increases, that they will soon be moving out of the village.

<http://electionnight.cookcountyclerk.com>

Willett J. Hudson	20.57%	603
Carolyn B. Gibson	21.73%	637
Willis E. Pennington, Jr.	23.54%	690
Andrea D. Townson	15.9%	466
Kelvin Oliver	18.25%	535



"keep in mind that this has been requested by the Homeowners Associations"

DAVID MEKARSKI 6-22-2015
Village Board Meeting
Page 5 line 41

Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2015

Mekarski prepares to Screw homeowners Big Time

Proof 2007 Sewer&Drainage Referendum money wasn't allocated as promised to voters

Once again, David Mekarski's failure to reduce spending and poor budget management, has led the village into another financial mess. Mekarski is pushing an ordinance to approve a \$20.00 fee to every homeowner's water&sewer bill to fund a village drainage study, and future fee increments to finance drainage and SWM improvements village wide over time (forever).

Mekarski and his lemmings have published in the **FALL 2015 VILLAGER**, that this ordinance is being launched at the request of the HOA Presidents. Sources from the HOA Presidents vehemently deny any such request and oppose any new taxes or fees.

Never forget the **2007 REFERENDUM NEWSLETTER** and the **REFERENDUM FINANCIAL ANALYSIS PRESENTATION** that boasted, the 2007 referendum was to fund future drainage & sewer costs for decades to come.

Our village board's ignorance is driving to many of our residents to move, and David Mekarski couldn't care less. **Mekarski must be stopped now!** He must be removed from office as he was in Vero Beach, FL after less than 1 year of service.

Mekarski paid \$170,000 severance to leave Vero Beach

Need more proof the 2007 Sewer&Drainage Referendum wasn't spent on sewers&drainage ? Olympia Fields may ask voters to OK sewer upgrade Southtown Star May 11, 2011 By Sarah Zylstra



2015 Municipal tax rate: 5.88% increase



The well's running dry

Residents sick of Mekarski's refusal to reduce spending While many south suburban villages have proudly announced their stable, and even reduced upcoming tax rates, our village board has followed the lead of David Mekarski, and made no pro active attempt to reduce spending. Therefore, a 5.88 percent municipal tax increase was imperative to draft a balanced budget.

Bragging about balanced budgets attained by increasing taxes and fees year after year, is an appalling demonstration of fiscally irresponsible public servants putting the desires of village administration and staff FIRST, and the representation of residents SECOND.

"we are very proud of this Budget. Once again, it is balanced... which we are very proud of that. It just reconfirms that this Board has always been fiscally sound and fiscally responsible"

Village President
Debra Meyers-Martin
Board Meeting Minutes
4/11/2016 Page 1 line 44

Village Board Meeting April 11, 2016

Until the silent majority gets out and votes these "yes men" out of office, we, the residents, will continue to get screwed and see even more "for sale" signs throughout the village.

Another all time high for Olympia Fields new municipal tax rate (2.089)

Cook County Clerk 2015 Property Tax Rates



**We don't need a figurehead Mayor
We need a true representative of ALL residents
and leader that has our backs**

fig-ure-head
/fig-yer,hed/
noun
1. a person who is **head** of a group, company, etc., in title but actually has no real authority or responsibility.
synonyms: titular head, nominal leader, leader in name only, front man, cipher, token, mouthpiece, puppet, instrument
"the president was just a figurehead"

www.google.com/figurehead+definition

The status quo is not an option.

Village Board Desperate

The Time for Change is now

Our pathetic Village Board has now wasted even more taxpayer money drafting an 11 page manifesto full of even more half-truth B.S. and mailing it to all residents in a futile attempt to win back the trust of the silent majority that they have spent the last decade alienating themselves from.

Our unaccountable Village Board is attempting to boast how fiscally sound the village is, despite the fact they just pushed an unprecedented Retail Sales Tax to ease the financial mess they created.

Instead of "manning up" the their failures and working in the best interest of our community, they have chosen to be defiant and blatantly insult your intelligence.

Never ever forget our Village Boards recent public endorsement and praise of David Mekarski's decade long record of:

- Bigger Government SALARIES SINCE 2000**
- Bigger Taxes and fees 16 YEAR TAX COMPARISON**
- Bigger Debt BOND DEBT**

Enough is Enough. Vote the "yes men" and the "figurehead" mayor out and send Mekarski packing in 2017.



**Restoring the Greatness
of Rich Township HS District 227**



Mia Carter Sharon Newman Janice Preston Delores Woods

Candidates Sweep Election !

- Mia Carter**
- Sharon Newman**
- Janice Preston**
- Dr. Delores Woods**
- [Learn More About The Candidates](#)



**Figurehead Debra Meyers-Martin
can't keep track of lies**

still using car dealerships as crutch

"when Matteson speared away our car dealerships to the mall, we never recovered, we never captured that money to that level again. So it has consistently been creating ways to create revenue, create sales tax revenue"

Debra Meyers-Martin 12-6-2016

Village President Meyers-Martin stated that she didn't really like the tone of the letter. We are getting a Super Wal-Mart. She stated that a Super Wal-Mart does not go everywhere. That is going to a corner where there has been nothing for over 25-years other than Currie Motors. They stand to bring to the Village of Olympia Fields anywhere from \$600,000.00 to \$800,000.00 in Sales Tax Revenue. We have not had that since the car dealership left. That was \$300,000.00. It took us a long time to recover from that

[Board Meeting Minutes 5-9-2016 page4-line37](#)



**Put the last decade behind us
Create a village government of the people,
by the people, for the people**

As long as we allow Democratic affiliates within our Village Board, we the residents will continue getting screwed. The Silent Grassroots Majority must get out and vote for candidates that have our backs.

While these affiliations have been personally beneficial to the careers of village board members, it has been nothing but a detriment to the grassroots residents of Olympia Fields.



**Residents sick of Village Board B.S.
Town Hall Meeting**

December 6, 2016 7:00pm

Witness for yourself a divisive, condescending, elitist village board insult the intelligence of non-establishment residents. Watch them become defiant. Observe how they desperately change the narrative, pivot, and even blatantly lie when confronted with their financial failures.

When the board starts spewing their rhetoric of how fiscally sound they are and all the grants they've received, just ask yourself....then why the hell do they keep screwing us with:

- an unprecedented retail sales tax
- raising municipal property tax rate every year
- hidden water bill fees
- hidden sewer bill fees
- installing red light cameras

- utility taxes
 - telecommunication tax
 - 2007 referendum that tripled municipal property tax rate increasing revenue appx. \$2,000,000
- Not to mention their failed attempts to screw us even more:
- \$50.00 annual vehicle stickers
 - an ordinance to approve a \$20.00 fee to every homeowner's water & sewer bill to fund a village drainage study, and future fee increments
 - a village garbage contract that wouldn't save residents a penny and allow village to impose future fee increases at will
 - a referendum for a 456% Phone line Tax increase. New rate of \$6.95 a month (per each landline) 5.56 times greater than the present rate of \$1.25
- After witnessing this Village Board in action on December 6th, you will clearly see why the time for change is now.



Say "NO" to a village run garbage contract concocted by Mekarski

Contrary to what you've been ambiguously led to believe, a cheaper village wide garbage contract is NOT going to save homeowners a penny. The Mekarski administration never had any intention to pass the savings onto your garbage bill.

Despite a potential new contract that could have collectively saved homeowners up to \$90,000 annually off their garbage bills, Mekarski wants to charge residents exactly the same monthly rate as you are paying now for garbage pick-up.

The money saved is strictly for extra revenue for the fiscally unaccountable village administrator to blow again. The village would then be allowed to impose future fee increases at will.

Let David Mekarski know exactly how you feel about his arrogant refusal to reduce spending when he tries peddling this BS in newsletters and HOA meetings.

"Administrator Mekarski stated that the intent is to not let the residents see any change in their current rate. The current rate is not going to go down"

[Board Minutes 12/14/2015 \(page10-line42\)](#)



Source: Chicago Tribune

Chicago Tribune Monthly Housing trends in Olympia Fields since 2002

See for yourself **ALL** Chicago Tribune Real Estate Data for Olympia Fields direct from the source.

[ALL CHICAGO TRIBUNE MONTHLY DATA FOR OLYMPIA FIELDS](#)

Start Date	End Date	Total Units	Median Sale Price	Prior Median Sale Price
6/1/2015	8/31/2015	23	\$185,000.00	\$196,000.00
5/1/2015	7/31/2015	20	\$187,500.00	\$177,500.00
4/1/2015	6/30/2015	13	\$195,000.00	\$159,000.00
3/1/2015	5/31/2015	23	\$176,000.00	\$155,000.00
2/1/2015	4/30/2015	21	\$150,000.00	\$155,000.00
1/1/2015	3/31/2015	18	\$132,500.00	\$131,000.00
12/1/2014	2/28/2015	17	\$150,000.00	\$152,500.00
11/1/2014	1/31/2015	21	\$154,000.00	\$124,000.00
10/1/2014	12/31/2014	25	\$160,000.00	\$171,500.00
9/1/2014	11/30/2014	33	\$160,000.00	\$132,500.00
8/1/2014	10/31/2014	29	\$180,000.00	\$172,250.00
7/1/2014	9/30/2014	21	\$189,000.00	\$182,250.00
6/1/2014	8/31/2014	9	\$196,000.00	\$159,000.00
5/1/2014	7/31/2014	10	\$177,500.00	\$179,500.00
4/1/2014	6/30/2014	13	\$159,000.00	\$157,500.00
3/1/2014	5/31/2014	11	\$155,000.00	\$173,500.00
2/1/2014	4/30/2014	13	\$155,000.00	\$152,000.00
1/1/2014	3/31/2014	16	\$131,000.00	\$145,500.00
12/1/2013	2/28/2014	21	\$152,500.00	\$149,500.00
11/1/2013	1/31/2014	24	\$124,000.00	\$130,000.00
10/1/2013	12/31/2013	28	\$171,500.00	\$149,500.00
9/1/2013	11/30/2013	25	\$132,500.00	\$138,500.00
8/1/2013	10/31/2013	26	\$172,250.00	\$135,000.00
7/1/2013	9/30/2013	18	\$182,250.00	\$126,000.00
6/1/2013	8/31/2013	13	\$159,000.00	\$115,500.00
5/1/2013	7/31/2013	19	\$179,500.00	\$121,500.00
4/1/2013	6/30/2013	16	\$157,500.00	\$132,000.00
3/1/2013	5/31/2013	18	\$173,500.00	\$124,000.00
2/1/2013	4/30/2013	15	\$152,000.00	\$85,000.00
1/1/2013	3/31/2013	22	\$145,500.00	\$150,000.00