

# Kelvin M. Oliver

Public service is not just one of my core values, it has defined my adult life professionally and personally. Shortly after moving to Olympia Fields in November of 1996, I became actively involved with the Olympia Fields Enhancement Organization's Education Committee under the tutelage of Dr. Helen Burleson, David Oliver, and Bob Nale. This experience led me to the Parent Teacher Student Organization of the Rich Central High School, now called Rich Township STEM. Having raised 3 children in the school district it became obvious to my wife, Pamela, and I, that we would have to become fully engaged in our school and home communities.

I became involved with the Matteson Olympia Fields (MOF) Baseball League as a coach when our son was just 4 years old. I quickly became a Board Member and then President\* of the league for nine years afterwards. The annual Opening Day parades through Arcadia subdivision, with all the kids in uniforms, bring back such fond memories.

2003 was a remarkable year as I was first elected Village Trustee. That same year I volunteered at the Olympia Fields U. S. Open Golf Tournament. It was also the year Olympia Fields celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I also serve as a Board member of RESPOND NOW\*\*. A social service agency that provide emergency housing, clothing and food to families in need across 22 southern suburbs...including here in Olympia Fields.

Thanks to the vote of confidence by the village residents, I have now served 5 terms as your Village Trustee. In this capacity, I have been liaison to various committees and commissions such as Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Education Commission, Park District, and for the past seven years as the liaison to the Public Safety Commission and Police Pension Board.

As your Village Trustee I wish to continue to:

- Serve as Village Vice President / Pro Tem
- Chair of Olympia Fields Public Safety Commission
- Advocate for more resident participation
- Develop and administer programs designed to stabilize and increase property values
- Chair the 2027 Olympia Fields Centennial Celebration

My commitment to the community has not gone unnoticed, as recently I was recruited by Franciscan Hospital Olympia Fields and now serve as a Board Member of our community's hospital.

Professionally, I have been employed in various leadership capacities within the State of Illinois' Division of Mental Health since 1982. I am currently a Public Service Administrator awaiting federal approval of a \$6.5 million grant as Project Director for last summer's tornado relief efforts of Cook, Winnebago, Will, Henry, Washington and St. Clair County residents. This oversight will include many south suburban communities, including Olympia Fields.

On a personal note, Pam and I have been married for 41 years and raised 3 children in the subdivision of Olympia Fields East. After the passing of one of our children, we formed the annual Kristin Oliver Blood Drive, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year.

I hold a M.S. degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Rehabilitation Administration and Services. I enjoy gardening at Tolentine Park and bicycle riding.

Finally, you can see the commitment to the community I have demonstrated. I pledge to continue to "faithfully discharge the duties of Village Trustee to the best of my abilities."

I urge you to join our cause and keep OLYMPIA FIELDS FUTURE BRIGHT!

Your Public Servant Kelvin M. Oliver

\* Matteson-Olympia Fields Baseball League President 2003 to present

<http://thasweetseason.blogspot.com/2014/09/baseball-boys-sunflower-seeds-field-and.html#more>

Oversee an all-volunteer baseball league for over 1,000 area children between the ages of 4 through 14 in partnership with local governments, businesses and organizations to foster community-wide youth baseball interest, support and resources.

\*\* Board member RESPOND NOW

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