

# Field Notes

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## Olympia Fields is Excited to Announce the 2021 Landscape Award Winners

After visiting 36 homes across the Village and in all Homeowners Associations, the Beautification Committee has determined the 2021 Landscape Award Winners. The decision was difficult as all nominees exhibited great curb appeal, adding beauty to their neighborhood and to the Village. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The 2021 Landscape Award Winners are listed below. Please visit the winning landscapes and enjoy the beauty of Olympia Fields!



First Place

2717 Country Club Drive in the Olympia Fields East Subdivision  
The Taylor Family



Second Place  
16 Graymoor Lane in the Graymoor Subdivision  
The Walker Family

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Third Place  
5 Strauss Lane in the Vienna Woods Subdivision  
The Linkous Family

The three winners will receive a gift certificate from Saunoris Brothers Nursery. All nominees will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

Any time of year, Olympia Fields residents can nominate someone for a Home Improvement Award. Visit the Village's website and, under "Government", go to "Beautification Committee". Nominees will receive a Letter of Recognition from the Beautification Committee.

[\*\*Click Here to Visit the Beautification Committee Page\*\*](#)

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## **Construction Has Begun On The Replacement Of The Graymoor Sanitary Force Main To Correct Past Line Breaks And Protect Against Backups And Overflows**

On June 7, 2021, construction began to replace the Graymoor Sanitary Force Main.

This project was bid at a cost of \$785,734 to replace more than 4,200 feet of sanitary main with cured in place pipe (CIPP) from the Graymoor Lift Station on Vollmer Road to Country Club Drive directly west of Western Avenue.

The purpose of this project is to correct the problem of several sanitary line breaks that have occurred over the last few years and to protect the homes in the Graymoor subdivision from sanitary backups and overflows.

Once the project is complete, the reliability and efficiency of waste removal from the Graymoor subdivision will be dramatically improved, and the elimination of sanitary break lines will have a positive environmental impact.

This project should be completed by the end of July.

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## **Help Maintain Our Stormwater System By Clearing Debris, Brush And Trash From Drains And Maintaining Culverts And Drains On Your Property**

When it rains in an urban environment, the stormwater needs a place to go. In a natural setting, rainwater infiltrates into the ground. In a developed area, rainwater cannot move as freely into the ground because of impervious surfaces like roads and buildings. This is why we have storm drainage systems such as pipes, roadside ditches, culverts and storm drains.

The storm drainage system is a series of conveyances, culverts and storm drains that channel stormwater from an area, such as your neighborhood, to nearby creeks and streams. The storm drainage system, when properly maintained, helps prevent flooding.

If the drainage system components are blocked, water cannot enter, resulting in ponding near the blockage. If the culvert or pipe that conveys the stormwater from the road is damaged, it will also cause flooding and water quality issues for the homeowner.

Finally, the outlet of the conveyance pipe or culvert must be maintained and cleared of blockages on a regular basis by the homeowner. A blocked outlet can also cause localized flooding to the homeowner and their neighbors.

## What Homeowners Should Do To Maintain Storm Drainage Systems:

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the storm drainage system on their property. Clear out yard debris, brush and trash that accumulate in and around this area so that stormwater can enter unobstructed. Placing debris in drainage areas can cause flooding.

Homeowners also need to watch for signs of deteriorating culverts like eroding or sinking areas in and around the culvert location, as they are also responsible for maintaining these drainage areas on their property.

# Community Updates



## What's Happening In Olympia Fields

**Students in 9th, 10th and 11th grade are welcome to apply for Gloria J. Taylor Foundation. Programs are free, and space is limited.**

Programs include SAT Prep, College and Career Advisement, Six Week Summer Program with One-Week College Residential Experience, After School Tutoring, Cultural Enrichment Activities and College Tours.

Apply online here: <https://gjtf.org/>

### **Classic Car Show**

Saturday, August 7, 2021

1pm-5pm

21110 S. Western Avenue, Olympia Fields

Live Music, Prizes & Best Car Award

Car Registration is Free

Reserve Your Spot by Calling (630) 242-7604

**Movie in the Park: Zootopia**

Friday, August 20, 2021

7:30pm-9:00pm

Call the Olympia Fields Park District to Register: (708) 481-7313

**Movie in the Park: Moana**

Friday, August 27, 2021

7:30pm-9:00pm

Call the Olympia Fields Park District to Register: (708) 481-7313

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