



## Who do you know?

Thank you to Bob Kieling our garden manager for sourcing some donations of soil and a pop-up shade structure from Ace Hardware. Every little bit helps the running of our garden. Do you have a contact that might want to partner with the garden? Let our board know : )



## SHADE STRUCTURE UPDATE.

Despite the holidays, wind and record-breaking rain in December our wonderful team of gardeners lead by Jeff V completed our long-awaited shade structures.

### THEY ARE AWESOME !

The board wants to thank everyone involved from sourcing the donation a big thank you Alison, our treasurer, RSRPD for their assistance and to the many hands who gave up time on the weekends and when ever the call went out for building help.

We will be putting them to work and have plenty of opportunity to show off the shade and shelter they now provide the garden with events we have planned in 2026 such as educational field trips in February and the Open House on May 16.

## OAK PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Growing together since 2004

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members Karen A10, Stew A8, Andy and Ryan F4, Chris C8 and Rajesh E8 when you see them at the garden.

### OPCG in the Community

The garden was recognized in November by the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council and Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorrell for its contribution to community education with the elementary school program the Community Outreach committee has been running.

Our Treasurer Alison, was also acknowledged, in October by the Oak Park Unified School District board for assisting in getting the districts school gardens up and running and supporting the Farm to School program.

In 2026 we already have tours of the garden booked with Oak Hills Elementary and a local scout troop. Planting seeds to grow future gardeners – it's a good thing !



## How does our garden work?



## Board 2026

### ELECTION RESULTS

ELECTIONS WERE HELD THE 15TH OF JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT : BILL COLANGELO

VICE PRESIDENT : LEKSHMI NAIR

TREASURER : ALISON BATTEN

SECRETARY : AMANDA MARTIN

GARDEN MANAGER : BOB KIELING

THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME TO HELP GUIDE THE GARDEN THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWING !

