

Oak Park MAC CSA 4 Landscape Committee Report: July 31, 2025
Submitted by: Brian Trushinski, CSA 4 Landscape Committee Chair

- The new landscaping contractor is Mariposa Landscapes Inc., and they began on July 1st.
- The Committee did not meet in July. The next Committee meeting will be in early August.
- The Committee's August and September reports will be presented at the September 25, 2025, MAC meeting.
- Mariposa submitted the following report for its July work:
 - First week 07/01 to 07/04: Crew started with the first initial mow. Irrigation inspection of all irrigation system was started. Maintenance crew also started cleaning majority of the pine needle/trash from all sidewalks, parkways and medians.
 - Second week 07/07 to 07/11: Maintenance crew did weekly mow on all turf areas. Irrigation inspections are approximately 80% completed. The maintenance crew continues to proceed with cleanup and details on all areas.
 - Third week 07/14 to 07/18: Maintenance crew detailed some of the major issues on medians mostly detailed the Society Garlic. Weekly mow. Irrigation inspection completed. Note that one section the water was off due to ongoing construction being done by Edison and Hot Line.
 - Also note that irrigation systems are not fully at operational level. Sprinklers, laterals lines and irrigation valves are broken. We are aware of all broken parts and an irrigation report will be turned in as soon as possible to address these issues.
- The CSA 4 Landscape Committee, Supervisor Gorell's office, and Ventura County Public Works Agency (PWA) staff received the following email from Oak Park resident, Mr. Brian Mattson on July 25, 2025. PWA staff are discussing Mr. Mattson's concerns with Mariposa and actions taken will be discussed with the CSA 4 Landscape Committee at its August 6th field visit meeting.

Hi Brian:

I read the June 26, 2025, Oak Park MAC CSA 4 Landscape Committee Report with great interest, especially the statement: "Overall, CSA 4 landscaping looks particularly good. There were no irrigation breaks during the month of June."

Frankly, this comment is out of touch with the actual condition of our neighborhood. It's clear that whoever made this observation has not walked or inspected key parts of the Oak Park area. Let me share just a few examples of what residents' see every day:

- **Kanan & Golden Eagle:** The irrigation at this intersection hasn't functioned in months. Weeds are now dying from lack of water and maintenance. This is not what "looking good" means. This is one of the Gateways from Thousand Oaks to Oak Park.
- **Golden Eagle Drive:** Multiple spots have mud building up on sidewalks due to malfunctioning sprinklers or broken irrigation. It's both a safety hazard and a sign of neglect. We have discussed this before
- **Kanan Road near Valley View Park:** Moss is growing on the sidewalks—again, due to poor sprinkler maintenance and standing water issues.
- **Kanan & Golden Eagle Stoplight:** This signal has been broken for **6 to 8 weeks**, with only a temporary asphalt/plywood patch covering a trench. Where are the crews to fix this? What is the repair timeline?

These are not small oversights. They reflect a broader issue of inaction and a disconnect between official reports and on-the-ground reality. The lack of responsiveness from **Supervisor Jeff Gorell, Ventura County Public Works**, and **MAC members** is deeply frustrating.

We need **real accountability**, not glowing reports that ignore the obvious. I'm urging residents to **attend the next MAC meeting** and speak up. I no longer accept vague reassurances about things "looking good"—because they don't and they haven't for a while.

Finally, the deteriorating condition of the **Oak Park shopping center** signage and landscaping deserves attention (where Starbucks and El Taco Chico are located). If the County has any authority to address its increasingly rundown appearance, it should be using it.

Let's make sure these issues are no longer ignored.

Best regards,
Brian

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