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## Making Olivette a Beautiful Place to Live

Some of you may say, "Olivette's already a beautiful place to live!" Indeed it is, and a recently formed volunteer organization is going to make sure it continues to be, as well as make it even more beautiful!

In April, 2000, a group of residents interested in gardening and the community came together to form "*Olivette in Bloom*" (OIB). The volunteer group's mission is to promote Olivette's natural beauty and harmony in the City by designing, planting and maintaining garden sites in selected public grounds.

With guidance from City Manager Tim Pickering, and Parks and Recreation Director, Gerald Brown, OIB selected the corner of Dielman and Olive as their first site. Volunteers donated funds for plant material. The small pocket park, dedicated to the "veterans of Olivette," is currently planted with annuals for the summer. In the fall, OIB will add perennials to establish a more permanent planting. OIB members water and maintain the site, weeding and picking up litter from the bus stop area.

As OIB grows, the group plans to extend its efforts into other public garden areas of the City. OIB is modeled after the very successful citizen program developed by our eastern neighbor, University City, called "U City in Bloom."

If you would like to participate in this community effort, please call OIB's president, Estie Pruett at 994-9604, or e-mail her at [estherv@stlnet.com](mailto:estherv@stlnet.com).



*Members of Olivette In Bloom work at Veterans Fountain at Delmar and Olive.*