

# Tiny House Village Coming to Olympia! Eagle Scout Projects Build Tiny Houses!

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## New Tiny House Village Coming to Olympia



Volunteers of all ages helping set up Plum Village

On Saturday December 1st, enthusiastic volunteers from local high schools, Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM), the local faith community, the surrounding area, and the Olympia City Council helped construct tiny houses, build porches and setup village infrastructure for Plum Street Village, Olympia's first tiny house village. Thank you to Olympia City Councilmembers Clark Gilman, Jessica Bateman, Nathaniel Jones, and Lisa Parshley for volunteering.

Plum Street Village, which will open in Late January, will provide space for 40-50 people

experiencing homelessness to rebuild and transform their lives. The village will consist of approximately 30 tiny houses that are each 8' x 12' with insulation, electricity, heat, windows, and a lockable door. The village will also include a check-in/security office, communal kitchen, meeting space, bathrooms, showers, on-site laundry, and a case management office.

At the village, LIHI Case Managers will work with village residents to help them obtain permanent housing, employment, health care, treatment, education, and other services.

On November 27th, the Olympia City Council voted to lease the land and to provide operating funds for case management and 24/7 staff to the Low Income Housing Institute. LIHI will be partnering with SideWalk to obtain referrals.

Plum Street Village is located at [830 Union Ave SE](#), which is the City's former plant nursery behind the Yashiro Japanese Garden.

### **Community Meeting**

An informational meeting about Plum Street Village will be held this Thursday, December 6th, at 6pm at The Olympia Center, [222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA 98501](#)

### **Want to Volunteer?**

Work parties at Plum Street Village will be held on multiple weekends in December and January. For information, please email [tinyhouses@lihi.org](mailto:tinyhouses@lihi.org)

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## **Eagle Scout Projects Build Tiny Houses**

Earlier this year Boy Scouts Weston Hunt and Ben Normann independently reached out to LIHI asking to build a tiny house as their Eagle Scout projects. We thank them for their extraordinary service.

Weston Hunt reports that, "In total, we had 26 volunteers donate 205 hours of labor in the construction of the house." In addition to organizing the volunteers for the build, Weston raised over \$2,500 for the materials to build the house. See [photo album of Weston's project](#).



Weston bidding farewell as his house gets moved to LIHI's Lake Union Village. "It's been an integral part of our lives for the last month. We'll miss it, but we are excited to think of the changes it will bring to other people's lives."

Ben Normann has also organized volunteers and raised over \$2,500 for his house. Over Thanksgiving break 11 volunteers put in 48 total hours of work. Ben plans to finish the house with work parties over the winter holiday break. He has put together a [website for his project that documents his progress along the way](#).



Ben Norman (left) and volunteers working on the house during Thanksgiving break.

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Thanks for your support!

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