

# Memorial Grounds Report

The grass at the Memorial has mostly gone dormant due to the lack of good rain. We have watered the bushes and flowers, but not the grass.

Doan Construction is helping us improve the Memorial by replacing the stones around the member podium with concrete. We cleared out the old material and prepared the base dirt. Doan donated the labor and concrete to finish the job.



One guy wheelbarrowed three loads of concrete from the curb to the podium.



The second guy expertly smoothed the surface.

The finished project will require no weeding and no need for the trimmer, we hope. The blue spot you see on the north side is a pipe that keeps a hole open so we can plant a single plant.



Doan did an excellent job. When we went to see them, we were only seeking advice. But once they saw the drawing and learned what we were doing, they volunteered to do the whole job. All they asked is that we clean out the old material and dig the hole as deep as they advised us to have it. Fredo and I took care of that, as you can see below.



Thanks to Doan Construction, the project was done in one day.

We have a sod cutting project scheduled for 30 July at 1000. The idea is that by cutting the grass away from the boxwood bushes, the bushes will grow faster and fill in the spaces between them, because they will have less competition for nutrients. Please help with the work. Your being there will help make the event fun for everybody else.

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## **WCCV Report**

The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund is entering a pilot project phase that includes Washtenaw County and the other five counties of Michigan's economic Region Nine. Cases of economic need will be sent electronically to Lansing where an effort will be made to avoid using the Trust Fund by finding other local resources appropriate to the problem. If the problem remains unsolved and otherwise appears like a potential trust fund case, it will be given a complete workup which will be submitted electronically to a regional review team made up of one representative of each county in economic Region Nine. Gary Bourdeau will be the regional reviewer for Washtenaw County.

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners decided to hold an election on 8 November on the issue of whether property taxes should be increased one tenth of a mill for the next six years to maintain the Department of Veterans Affairs, Administer the Veterans Relief Fund and to manage burials for Washtenaw County Veterans. There is a news story on MLive with more details at: [http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2016/07/tax\\_proposals\\_for\\_roads\\_vetera.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2016/07/tax_proposals_for_roads_vetera.html)