

Update to the Board of Directors

Memorial Garden Project Progress Report

Overview of the Memorial Garden Project

We are pleased to provide an update on the memorial garden project, which commenced in November 2024. The project is now approaching completion, with the final landscaping and finishing touches currently underway.

Wheelchair Accessible Pathway

One of the significant enhancements made during this project is the construction of a wheelchair accessible path. This new pathway now allows individuals with mobility challenges to access approximately 80% of the memorial gardens. The path was designed to meet ADA guidelines, ensuring a comfortable and inclusive experience for all visitors. Some sections of the path remain unfinished, with pavers in place but not “set.” Efforts to engage local volunteers to address the uneven pavers have proven challenging.

Current Status and Next Steps

With most construction now complete, the garden is approaching its Fall showcase. Remaining work includes relocating some bench seating, installing signage, and completing final plantings. The Council of Governors has provided ongoing support, and Lions and Clubs have contributed through donations and by gifting plants in memory of deceased members. The Memorial Garden is open to all Lions, and gifts in memory of club members can be made. The garden has been renewed and made more accessible for visitors.