

## Summer 2025 MD19 Lions Memorial Garden Report

The emphasis in the Memorial Garden this year has been watering, weeding, mulching and creating an accessible pathway through the garden. Several plants are being drought tested. New plantings mostly await fall rains.

Assistance is needed with signage at which we are a couple years behind. New pathways now reach several benches. Places to move benches where signs could better be viewed have been identified. Those moves would limit the need to clean those benches. The oldest bench, an Eagle Scout project from a quarter century ago will soon need replacement.

Adding elements of a sensory garden await creating accessible paths. Then making suitable stops to place signs. Also composing the content of signs (including braille) as well as planning for the maintenance of the signs and the paths to them.

Work in the garden continues to be done on the cheap. Purchases are made at a discount along with many in-kind gifts. Resources already on site are used as much as possible. Hopefully, an endowment for maintenance of the Memorial Garden could be established by March 17, 2028 when the main garden volunteer with multiple chronic conditions turns 75.

Lion Wes Reynolds

PS Some plantings have done really well as you can see from these pictures of autumn crocus and Douglas aster. September 30 will be lavender day at the garden trimming those long established and planting a dozen new lavender in an arc near the flag poles.plants