



SOLDIERS MEMORIAL FLAGPOLE PROJECT



Soldiers Memorial Flagpole was dedicated in 1939 as a tribute to all soldiers of any war.

The Flagpole (located on the NE corner of 3rd Street and Highway 61), its base, surrounding stone work, and grounds have become very tired and requires a great deal of work to revitalize the historic and noble area.

The White Bear Lake Lions Club & its Foundation have proudly taken the lead on a refurbishing project designed to rebuild the Soldiers Memorial Flagpole and area back to its original state. Although an expensive endeavor, our soldiers commitment to our country is priceless. This project is just a small, but important way to show our appreciation and respect to those soldiers that have served our City, State and Country.

Today's cost to replace the flagpole, its base and repair or replace the current stone wall and benches, as well as redo the landscaping, will be between \$62,000 and \$70,000.

As in the original project, we are reaching out to the citizens and organizations of our community to assist in funding this project. It is our intention to fundraise the money needed and have the work done and ready for dedication by Veterans Day, November 11, 2017 or at the latest, Memorial Day, May 28th, 2018.

Please consider donating to this meaningful historic landmark.

Thank you for your kindness and support!

The White Bear Lake Lions Club & it's Foundation

The White Bear Lake Lions Club Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public organization. Every dollar of your donation will go to the Soldiers Memorial Flagpole Project and is tax deductible to the amount allowed by law.

Yes, I wish to donate:

Name: _____

Amount:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

Please make your check payable to WBLLCF (White Bear Lake Lions Club Foundation) and put Soldiers Memorial Flagpole Project in the Memo Line.

Mail your donation to: White Bear Lake Lions Club Foundation, 2228 4th Street White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Any questions can be directed to Lion Lynn Farley at 651.426.5199 or email at ltfarley1@q.com.

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The History

In the fall of 1939 the Press ran an article entitled “Why Not a Public Flagpole”. The article encouraged all of the patriotic, enterprising citizens of White Bear Lake and surrounding communities and the various organizations to come together in making contributions to fund Soldiers Memorial Flagpole. The original cost back in 1939 was \$349.72. This was a large amount in 1939 and most people could only afford to give \$1 to \$2 dollars.

On November 11, 1939 (Armistice Day) now Veterans Day – saw the accomplishment of the erection and dedication of the Soldiers Memorial Flagpole and flags with the presentation of them to Mayor C.E. Buckbee who accepted them in the name of The City of White Bear Lake.

The WPA (Work Progress Administration) was in charge of all the work on the project.

At the formal dedication in Washington Park on May 31, 1940 (Decoration Day) now Memorial Day, a copper data box was placed in the corner stone and covered by the WPA stone plaque.

The flag pole is located at the NE corner of 3rd Street and Highway 61 in front of the Premier Bank cash machine.

Currently, the Flagpole, its base, surrounding stone work, and grounds have become very tired and as it was dedicated as a tribute to all soldiers in any wars, the White Bear Lake Lions think this would be a great project that can get the citizens, as well as the business community involved in. Granted it is an expensive endeavor but what price can one put on our soldiers commitment to keeping our country out of harm’s way. This is a small but important way that we as citizens of White Bear Lake can show our appreciation and respect to those soldiers that have served our City, State and Country over the past years and into the future.