



# The Crooksville Villager

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Tom Collins, Administrator

## What Happened to the Veteran's Memorial?

Frankly, that's a question I get asked constantly these days. As you may, or may not be aware, in January 2007 a small group of interested citizens, organizations and Veterans formed The Crooksville Veteran's Memorial Committee to plan and construct a Veteran's Memorial to honor our Veterans from all the great wars. The idea came to light one day when I was asked by Larry Rosser, on behalf of his brother and Medal of Honor Recipient, Ron Rosser, to cut down the excessively large, overgrown shrubbery that surrounded the Rosser Memorial in the Village Park. The request sparked an idea to renovate the Memorial but an inspection of the concrete and foundation revealed that it had deteriorated beyond repair. The ground work began immediately to plan and construct a new Veteran's Memorial Park somewhere within the Village to include a new Rosser Memorial and Memorial for the Korean War Dead. That "somewhere" is currently the hold up and the topic of many discussions at Council Workshop meetings. Locations such as the Village Park, Reed's Station Park and Industrial Drive were all discussed only to be ruled out because of flooding or visibility issues. Ide-

ally, we (Memorial Committee) would like to see it at or near our new Municipal Building, which will also be the home for the newly refurbished Doughboy Statue that once stood in front of the old Municipal Building.

So, now you know, the Memorial Committee is at a "stand still" until a location can be worked out with Village Council....hopefully they can decide something sooner than later. But then again, it is Government!

Now, to put the numerous rumors floating around out there "to bed" on the deteriorating Memorial in the Village Park, the following "history" came straight from the Village Council Minutes.

\*Monday evening, February 4, 1952- Mayor Harold Anderson asked Council for the authority to get subscriptions for a Memorial at the Municipal Park, which is to be called the Rosser Memorial and a Memorial for the Korean War Dead.

Motion made by Scurlock and seconded by Sagle, that the Mayor be authorized to get subscriptions for the above Memorial.

\*The Rosser Memorial was moved in November 1968 and relocated by Sidwell Brothers prior to the construction of SR 93

\*Memorial Services, Church Services and Prayer Vigils were held quite frequently on the outdoor benches that use to be in front of the Rosser Memorial.

Veteran's Memorial Committee Members:

Dennis Harvey, Mayor  
Tom Collins, Administrator  
Fred Redfern, American Legion  
Jim Densmore, American Legion  
Mike Collins, VFW Post 9090  
Marlin Wilson, VFW Post 9090  
Larry Rosser, Citizen  
Linda Lunn, Citizen  
Jim Williams, Citizen



### From the Minutes

Monday evening, February 4, 1946- Mr. Delmar Hoops speaking for the Board of Education stated that the Board would like to purchase a portion of the south-west corner of the Municipal Park for a proposed site for a new School Building to be built sometime in the future.

Motion made by Hankinson, seconded by Brannon, that we sell a portion of the south-west corner of the Municipal Park, not to exceed (2) acres with exact location to be determined by a Com-

mittee of Council and the Board of Education at a price not to exceed the original purchase price.

Monday evening, April 15, 1946- Mr. Lloyd Stought present and stated that a committee from the Local Aerie of Eagles wanted to meet with Council some evening at the Municipal Park so that a site could be selected for a Memorial, which the Eagles are planning to erect in honor of the Veteran's of all the great wars, and which is to be unveiled

on Memorial Day 1946.

Council decided that they would meet with the Committee from the Eagles on Wednesday evening, April 17th, at the Municipal Park.



Have a safe and enjoyable Spring!

### Safety Tips From the Fire Department

With the rising temperatures of Spring and fuel prices, more people are outdoors walking or jogging. The Crooksville Fire Department would like to remind everyone that your safety is our priority. Please use some caution when outdoors.

Here are a few safety tips: First, always let someone know when and where you are going and what time you

are expected to return. Check the weather. Don't forget to put on some sunscreen if needed. Carry or wear an identification tag with the necessary emergency or medical information.

Wear bright or reflective clothing. If you're out after dark, carry a flashlight. Do not wear headsets as this impairs your hearing. Al-

ways walk or jog facing traffic. Walk with someone, you will enjoy the experience twice as much.

Be safe.

Fire Chief Fred Redfern



### Senior Food Commodity Program

May 5th will be the pick-up date for the Crooksville-Roseville Senior Food Commodities from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The pick-up location is the Wilmer Lee Carr Community Center located on China Street. From St. Rt. 93, turn onto West Main Street. Follow West Main and turn left onto China Street at the first

traffic light. It is the first building on your left.

You have to be signed up for this program and there are current openings.

To be eligible, you have to be 60 years or older and income guidelines must be met.

You can stop by the Municipal Building or call Commu-

nity Action Food Bank at 1-800-385-6813 for applications.

