



# Newsletter

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**"It's not just a community. It's our home."**

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### WE ARE RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS WITH AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 PM

Green Township Senior Center, 3620 Epley Road



January 2020 was the 25th anniversary of our Association! We planned to hold a celebration last year, but that was sidelined by COVID precautions as all in-person meetings were put on hold. Our Board of Trustees decided we would not only come back to the Senior Center in September, but we will combine the return with that postponed celebration as well! We are planning a cookout and a little music on the patio. Invitations will be sent to people that have played an active role throughout our history (some of whom no longer live here) but all our members are invited! More details will be announced in our September issue, which will come out a week before the event.

MEANWHILE, SAVE THAT DATE AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

### MHWOCA DONATED FUNDS TO THE GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMORIAL AT VETERANS PARK

In March we reported that a memorial to Gold Star Families, who are families that have lost a loved one during active duty in our military, was installed at Veterans' Park. After meeting with a gold star family, a former Association President Joe Knab, who brought the new memorial to our attention, and former resident of Green Township, Jim Hoelker, at the site, we found out that the \$20K cost of the memorial was donated in its entirety by Jim.



At this writing the memorial is one of 82 placed in 159 communities across the United States. The organization that created and facilitated this project is called The "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation after Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams. Its mission is to see the monuments placed in all 50 states. There is a campaign to reimburse Jim Hoelker for the money he donated to place the memorial at Veterans' Park. So the Board of Trustees of the Association donated a \$500 check to Jim via a fundraising coordinator at LaSalle High School. Next time you visit the park, at 6231 Harrison Avenue, take a moment to view this beautiful monument, placed next to the circle drive at the entrance to the park. If you would like to make a donation to the foundation, you can go to [www.https://woodywilliams.org/](http://www.https://woodywilliams.org/) Or you can contact Dan Flynn at LaSalle HS on North Bend Road, who can help you facilitate your donation to reimburse Jim Hoelker for his generous donation of the monument at our park.