

Volunteer Members Sought to Update Veteran's Memorial Park

MUSKEGON, MI, February 11, 2011 – Dusting off the tools, 60 year member Bob Harkness noticed that the 3/0 wire used for the new services at Veteran's Memorial Park in Muskegon was harder to bend than days past.

Jack Kramer and former Business Manager George Robinson also realized that shovels seemed to hold more dirt these days. And I enjoyed talking about the projects of the past.

When the day was done and the green stickers went on the meter sockets, the beginning of the project to restore Veteran's Memorial Park was official. This job will take over 1,000 man hours to complete.

Volunteers will be needed for the rest of the job. You are not required to have your MUST modules done (ha ha), just a desire to show your skills and let the many Veterans of Muskegon County know how much you thank them for their service to our country.



Pictured from left to right; Steve Marshal, Jack Kramer, and George Robinson.

The IBEW will supply the manpower, NECA is helping with the necessary tools and equipment, and the Lion's Club of Muskegon is getting donations to purchase the materials. A special thanks to John Belasco, owner of Belasco Electric and IBEW 275 member, for the planning, permits, equipment purchasing, and all the essentials to make the project a success. Also to Newkirk Electric who will be providing various equipment throughout the project.

You don't have to be retired to help out, so all members are welcome to lend a hand. Dave Kitchen, Training Director for the West Michigan JATC, will coordinate apprentices being there to pitch in.

To help kick this off, every member is invited to the retirees meeting on April 13th, 2011, from 1pm to 4pm at the local union hall in Coopersville. Also, all retirees are invited to attend the regular union meeting on April 19th, 2011, 6 pm at the local union hall. The union has agreed to provide pizza and soda for the union meeting. At both of these meetings retirees and members will be able to sign up and get more information on the project which will be getting going again in the spring.

Watch *The Building Tradesman* newspaper for times and dates for any meetings on the project.

In Solidarity,
Steve Marshall