Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

June 2018



Lee Mission Cemetery 2104 D Street Salem, OR 97301

From the President:

As I look back on the past 3 1/2 years I feel that the board has accomplished quite a few of the items on the "Bucket List". The entrance pillars have been restored. The leaking shed roof has been replaced with a new metal roof and new fascia boards. A new maintenance company, Arne Jensen Landscaping, has taken over the care of the grounds. ProStar Security is opening and closing the gates morning and evening and doing drive throughs to keep a handle on possible issues.

I have appreciated all the thoughts and suggestions that many of you have shared with me. Hopefully we have been able to address the concerns and we have taken all suggestions under advisement. Funding is always an issue with most organizations and Lee Mission Cemetery is no exception. Your support through donations and volunteer time are greatly appreciated and are put to good use. The board is made up entirely of volunteers and 100% of donations go to projects and maintenance of the cemetery.

On June 1, I will be moving on to other projects and obligations. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and know that the board will continue to move forward to ensure that Lee Mission Cemetery is the historic focal point that it deserves to be.

Visitors:

It is not unusual to see the resident squirrels running from tree to tree at the cemetery, and occasionally deer have been known to stop by. A recent photo taken by an unknown photographer shows a visiting wild turkey taking advantage of the quiet setting.



Volunteers:

First Methodist Church has once again volunteered their services to weed and trim at the cemetery. In addition, the Fairgrounds Stake of the LDS Church spent the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend edging and weeding around headstones. Everything helps. If you, or a group you are associated with, would like to provide service at the cemetery, please call (503) 851.1803 to make arrangements. Volunteer time is assigned to avoid interfering with funerals that may be scheduled.



Memorial Day:

Each year the board puts out flags to honor our military men and women. At the same time, we also display clergy flags to honor the missionaries and religious leaders buried in the cemetery.



Cemetery Rules and Regulations:

When a grave site is purchased, a deed is sent to the purchaser with a copy of the rules and regulations. These maintenance rules are also posted at the cemetery on the vase receptacles. In April of this year the board found it necessary to take steps to ensure that some of the rules and regulations of the cemetery are honored. All fencing and plantings were removed to allow access for maintenance. We ask that you not leave food items, glass containers, or items that may provide a hazard on the graves. The cemetery does not have garbage service. When you are replacing flowers please bring a garbage bag with you and take the garbage home to your personal garbage receptacle for pickup. Anyone wishing a full copy of the rules and regulations can contact the cemetery and a copy will be provided. The section pertaining to maintenance is provided below:

Maintenance Rules and Regulations:

- 1) Artificial flowers and decorations may be used only from October through March. During the months of April through September only fresh flowers may be placed on the graves. The cemetery association maintains the right to remove any article, planting or keepsake which is not consistent with the historical, natural and maintenance needs of the cemetery.
- 2. No plantings or shrubs will be allowed without written approval of the Board of Directors of the Cemetery. No fencing or other structures are allowed on graves.
- 3. Cemetery personnel are empowered to remove, at their discretion, any plantings found on any grave or lot. Any trees or shrubs not authorized or posing a threat to the surrounding graves or markers may be removed by the Cemetery Association.
- 4. All persons using the cemetery are expected to remove any trash or remains from any plastic or artificial decorations which have been placed as a part of their visit.

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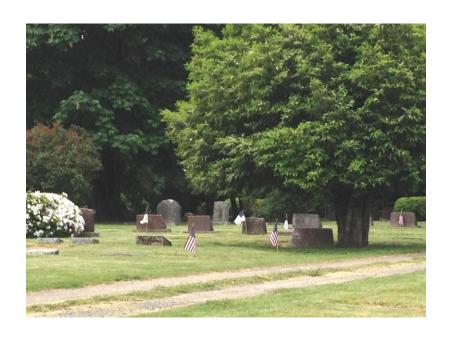
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100% of donations made to the cemetery go toward improvement and maintenance. Officers and board members volunteer their time and receive no compensation.

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