

Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Assoc. Inc.

Newsletter



Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association, Inc. provides for restoration projects and ongoing maintenance of the cemetery and helps to sustain a part of the history of the City of Milwaukie's people into the future.

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The Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association, Inc. was officially incorporated in the Fall/Winter of 2003...

For many years the Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery has been under the umbrella of the the City of Milwaukie, however, in the early 1990's it was included in an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clackamas County for maintenance. Most recently it was noticed by many citizens that the Cemetery was in a poor state and "something should be done" to preserve this monument to Milwaukie's history.

This group formed to take on that task and has been doing all the "legal stuff" necessary to regain the cemetery from the County contract and afford the restoration, maintenance and preservation necessary in order to keep the cemetery a viable part of Milwaukie for future generations.

As of this writing, we have 16 members and have received nearly \$100 in donations. We have held one clean-up day and have others scheduled.

The Milwaukie Historical Society will be publishing a book about the cemetery this year, which will first be available at the Museum during the Open House on May 14th. We will have representatives at the cemetery part of that day to help answer questions should folks want to add to the historical experience by stopping by.

We invite everyone to join us, regardless of age or level of interest. (No member is required to work on the cemetery grounds unless they want to.) We welcome questions about the cemetery and will attempt to provide information as it is available, or becomes available in the future.

Upcoming Dates to Post on Your Calendar...

- April 17th Clean-up Day 9AM-3PM
- May 14th Museum Open House—
Museum 3-8PM
Cemetery 4-6PM
- May 22nd Clean-up Day 9AM-3PM
- May 31st Memorial Day
Scout Flag Raising 8AM
Scout Flag Lowering 4:30PM
Assoc. Members at the

We would like to Thank the following:

- N. Clackamas Parks/Milwaukie Center** for providing a place for the Association kick-off...
- McFarlane's Bark, Inc.** for allowing us to dump some of the debris from the first clean-up day held February 21st...
- Wiley Services, Inc.** for duplicate keys for the drive-through gate and providing storage space for the debris trailer on an ongoing basis...
- Scout Troop #143** for member participation for the February clean-up...
- City of Milwaukie** for *Pilot* articles informing folks of ongoing events.. *Thanks for your support*

Annual Dues are ONLY \$10.00!!!

Current/Formative Board of Directors:

- Mark Neubauer—President 503-659-8087
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- Madalaine Bohl—Museum Director 503-659-5267
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Grant Application Update...

The Association has applied for a grant through the Oregon Commission on Historical Cemeteries, a part of the State Parks Board, in order to repair the water source and purchase hoses and sprinklers for use at the cemetery during the dry summer months. The amount applied for was \$150.00, which should provide watering means and repairs to the storage vault door for securing maintenance items.

The notification for qualifying for this grant was to have been March 1st, however, we have not heard from the grant to date.

*National History Day is
April 17th!!!*

*Check with the Ledding Library
for events of interest.*

Information Is Being Sought— about and from families of folks interred in Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery...

This year's book offered by the Milwaukie Historical Society will be about the Pioneer Cemetery. Madalaine Bohl, Museum Director, has been busy most of 2004 putting together this new and updated compilation and has been collecting information from known descendants of people interred in the cemetery. Unfortunately, quite a number of records appear to be missing and updating has been quite a challenge as time for printing the book rapidly comes to a close. It will initially be available at the Museum Open House in May. Whether information gets to us in time for the book is less important than expanding records and family stories for future generations. If you or someone you know has something to share, contact any of the Board Members listed on the front of this newsletter and let them know. We have the ability to copy photos and other materials, so you do not have to give up "originals". We have plans to hold Family Tree Days at the cemetery and hope the first of these can be this Fall.

Miscellaneous Pioneer Cemetery News/Notes...

According to the Oregon Historical Cemetery Association's latest newsletter there appears to be some controversy regarding a building (the Morrison Building) located on what is purported to be the grounds of the Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland. Apparently the cost to bring the building up to today's public building requirements is somewhat prohibitive and there is a question as to the fate of the building and the land on which it sits. A task force has been established to determine the fate of the building and is supposed to report findings in September. This may be worth following as it could set precedent regarding Pioneer cemeteries and their fate in other locations...

From the same News Source there also is some question as to the ultimate fate of the Columbian Cemetery which may be "in the way" of the I-5 expansion at Columbia Blvd.

There will be a Headstone and Habitat Tour on April 24th, held in conjunction with the Audubon Society of Portland. The bird count event will be held in four Metro area cemeteries, Columbian, Lone Fir, Riverview, and Greenwood Hills.

Annual OHCA meetings are scheduled as follows: June 26th, Moro (Sherman Cnty.) and Oct. 23rd, Bandon.

For more information on these and other pertinent topics check the Website—
www.oregoncemeteries.org