

Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Assoc. Inc.

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.

Newsletter

www.milwpioneercem.org

Spring/Summer, 2014



Exciting News...

We have many unmarked veteran graves that have always received a flag on Memorial Day, but there is no marker.

This year we have been in contact with the Waverley Country Club to a much greater extent than previously and Carolyn Arntson, one of their members, has committed to attempting to get markers for those veterans that do not have headstones.

She will do the follow through, which includes copious research to verify service, when and where, contacting a living family member for sign-off and then submitting proper paperwork to the US Veteran's Administration, which will then supply, free of charge, a marker for that particular veteran. Waverley Country Club has committed to setting the markers when/if they come, along with a local Sons of the Civil War Veterans group.

This is just great for Milwaukie Pioneer and will hopefully fill in a number of blank spots... we wish Carolyn all the best and are deeply grateful for all the work this project will entail.

Thank you in advance!



**Clean-up Get-Togethers at Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Scheduled, 2014...
(weather permitting)**

**Please check
www.MilwPioneerCem.org
For scheduled clean-up days...
Hope to see everyone
turn-out!**

Many thanks to the Waverley Country Club, Milwaukie Sunday Farmers Market/CMI, Milwaukie American Legion Post #180, Boy Scout Troop #143, Oak Lodge Garden Club and all of the other folks who have trimmed, cleaned, packed and toted yard debris, clippings, run a blower, weedeater, and mower and fulfilled assorted other duties to make our Memorial Day weekend a great success.

The grounds looked especially nice this time and we greatly appreciate each and every one who has made this special weekend a success!

Thank You!!!

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Four Generations... Our newest headstone marks the third generation of the Moore Family at Milwaukie Pioneer, the fourth is a child that passed in the 1990's.

Many folks have inquired about ashes placement and markers for those that have none. We have paperwork and can answer questions to help with the needs of our families... all you need to do is ask, and we will give whatever information is necessary. Further, we can design something that will likely fit your desires, make the arrangements for placement and perhaps be of other service as needed.

Recently the Oregon State Legislature OK'd a bill to allow cemeteries with vacant graves that were purchased many years ago to be resold. If the cemetery has not heard from the family or is unable to track down family members that are still living, the cemetery may resell the plot in question.

Milwaukie Pioneer will NOT be participating in any such practice. We are not an open cemetery. New full burials were officially cut off in the 1950's due to lack of future space and the needs to accommodate our existing families. Only those cemeteries that are considered as "still active" will likely be participating and we are not one of those. We do accept ashes in urns provided there are already proven family members interred with appropriate documents.

Thank all of you for your inquiries and your concern about this issue in the last few months. We welcome your questions...

Regarding the Leaning & Damaged Markers... thus far we have contacted 2 different companies that do this sort of work. Neither has gotten back to us with pricing to date, but we eagerly await their costs.

There has also been some exploration into grants for fixing stones and correcting the leaning ones. We'll keep you posted on this in future newsletters.

Cleaning markers is a lower priority but we do have folks that may take some of this work on in the future.

Please remember annual dues!!!

Annual dues \$10/YEAR

Lifetime membership \$200

make check payable to, and mail to:
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**If you have paid
for 2014,
Thanks!**