

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

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Trustees Officially Appointed

When the cemetery was deeded to the people of Milwaukie in 1869, it was to be handled by trustees. Trustees were to appoint new trustees as folks passed or moved away. This practice was continued until the 1980's (over 100 years!) when the last living trustees turned the cemetery over to the city to provide maintenance. The city included the Pioneer Cemetery as part of an intergovernmental agreement with North Clackamas Parks District in the early 1990's. There were no living trustees when our association began in 2003.

The Oregon Circuit Court, as petitioned on behalf of our Cemetery Assoc. by the City of Milwaukie, officially appointed Madalaine Bohl, Dolly Macken-Hambright and Mark Neubauer as Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Trustees. At the May 1 Board meeting an additional trustee was added, Jim Wiley, Sr., bringing the number of trustees to four.

Trustees are automatically included as Board members and will continue to appoint up to five trustees as time moves forward, getting the intent of the founders back on track.



Museum Open House...

May 14, Milwaukie Museum held the annual open house. The event was attended by many folks, both at the museum and at the cemetery. Association members were on hand at the cemetery to answer questions and provide information. (See related article on back page.)

As part of this year's work, the Historical Society produced a book about the cemetery, **Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Comes to Life**, which is still available at Milwaukie Museum for \$10. Included in the book are some histories of the families interred at our cemetery, and it is very interesting reading.

Upcoming Dates to Post on Your Calendar...

- June 26th OHCA summer mtg.—Moro, OR
contact OHCA: PO Box 142, Portland, OR 97293
- July 10th Next clean-up day
- July 24th Milwaukie Riverfest Parade



Memorial Day, 2004, watching Scout Troop #143 lower the flag

We would like to Thank the following:

- Scout Troop #143** for member participation for the April/May clean-up days & Memorial Day...
- Meadows Lounge** for providing some of the food for the clean-up days...
- Mike Swanson, Milwaukie City Manager** for his unflagging efforts to help with the legal issues..
- City of Milwaukie Sign Shop & N. Clackamas Parks** for signage for cemetery entry...
- American Legion** for placing veterans' flags on Memorial Day...

Annual Dues are ONLY \$10.00!!!

Current Board of Directors:

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| Mark Neubauer—President & Trustee | 503-659-8087 |
| Dolly Macken-Hambright—Sec/Treas & Trustee | 503-659-8908 |
| Madalaine Bohl—Museum Director & Trustee | 503-659-5267 |
| J.R. Hambright—Cemetery Consultant | 503-659-7582 |
| Jim Wiley, Sr.—Trustee | 503-654-7034 |

Memorial Day, 2004—

May 22nd saw 23 volunteers, tools in hand, who pitched in and mowed, weed-whacked, raked and trimmed to set the cemetery to rights for Memorial Day. Volunteers and donors brought hot-dogs, soda, and so forth for the hungry workers at noon break (see photo below R.). All this to prepare for the first Association's Memorial Day about a week away...

Memorial Day dawned cloudy and overcast, which did not stop Boy Scout Troop #143 (below L) from raising the flag at 8AM. There was no rain the entire day as visitors placed flowers on loved one's graves and walked mowed lawn, enjoying the grounds. We had 48 people who signed the guest book and we received some generous donations, and a few new members signed on.



Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association Receives Grant...

The Association has been awarded a grant through the Oregon Commission on Historical Cemeteries, a part of the State Parks Board, to use to purchase hoses and sprinklers for use at the cemetery during the dry summer months. The amount, \$150.00, will provide watering means and repairs to the storage vault door for securing maintenance items.

Though we have not received these funds to date, we assume they will be forthcoming in the very near future.

OHCA and the Audubon Society visit Milwaukie Pioneer...

On April 24th, representatives of the Oregon Historical Cemetery Association and the local Audubon Society visited Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery as part of a tour of various pioneer cemeteries titled the Headstone and Habitat Tour. The bird count event was held in five Metro area cemeteries, Columbian, Lone Fir, Riverview, Milwaukie and Greenwood Hills.

The last annual OHCA meeting is scheduled for Oct. 23rd, in Bandon, Oregon. For more Information check the Website—



Marker Preservation...

May 14th the Milwaukie Museum held annual Open House, and folks were on hand at the Pioneer Cemetery to answer questions and provide information (see article on front page).

As numerous folks visited the cemetery, chatted and walked around, one family noticed that the small bronze marker for their loved one was just lying loose on the ground. The original stake had rusted off the back leaving this small marker unattached. They brought the situation to the attention of Association members. That marker has since been mounted securely on a small finished concrete block and replaced back to its rightful spot, thanks in part to your generous donations.

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

If you or someone you know has something to share about an individual or family interred at the Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery, please 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.

We will have further information about this event in our end-of-summer newsletter.