

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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Trees can be unpredictable...

About the 23rd of July we noticed that a tree had fallen across the driveway of Milwaukie Pioneer, from a stand of trees directly on the North side of the entrance. Since it was resting on the side of another tree and a large limb, without much support, we called General Tree Service. They came and assessed the damage and decided it was indeed a safety hazard, so the company was back the next day and safely cut it on down.

This left quite a mess but since this was unscheduled work, they agreed to come back the following week and complete the project.

Over that weekend, one of the community members collected the firewood, which saved our Association several extra dollars in the removal costs, for which we were very grateful.

General Tree Service said that though the tree appeared quite healthy, it was a volunteer and may have had a weak root system, must have been caught just right by a gust of wind, and came down as a fluke. The rest of the group of trees appear to be fine and should not present a hazard.

The fence, two sections of it, will need to be repaired and since we are working with a fencing company anyway, will be fixed when the other work is done.

The cost of the tree work and the fence repairs will likely come to a total of about \$2100. Without all of your support, dues and kindly donations we would not have had the funds to take care of this emergency, so please congratulate yourselves!

Thank You!!!

**Clean-up Get-Togethers at Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Scheduled, 2010...
(weather permitting)**

**Check the web-site for schedule
www.MilwPioneerCem.org**

**Hope to see everyone
turn-out!**



The Board Welcomes Our Newest Board Member and Trustee...

Jim Wiley, Jr. has agreed to serve as Association Board Member and Trustee of Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery.

You may recall that his father, Jim, Sr., was one of our staunchest supporters and served as trustee for several of our early formative years.

Welcome to the Cemetery Association, Jim!

Current Board of Directors:

Keith Neubauer—Acting President 503-659-8087
Dolly Macken-Hambright—Sec/Treas & Trustee 503-659-8908
J.R. Hambright—Cemetery Consultant 503-659-7582
Jim Wiley, Jr.—Trustee & Board Member 503-653-1025
Carol Wiley—Honorary Trustee 503-654-7034

And speaking of fences...

On the slate of work to be done in the not too distant future, we are planning to have the double gate, and also now the fence, the unused vault doors (the vault is used for storage) and a section of the one remaining wrought iron plot enclosure fixed.

We also received a quote for replacing the two historic wrought iron grave/plot enclosures that were stolen some time back, however, we have decided to let that go for a bit and get some of the leaning markers straightened.

We are meeting with a couple of companies to see what costs are going to be involved in getting some of the most seriously leaning headstones straightened and the one that is partially dug out lifted and placed correctly.

Companies that do this are insured and they have the proper equipment to do the work more effectively. It has been decided that using volunteers for this type of work may not be in anyone's best interests due to the fact that we wouldn't want any of our folks to be hurt, nor would we want to risk damage to any of our stones.

We doubt we will have the funds to do more than a few at a time, so intend to do those that are most at risk first.

We have also been keeping a log of work done on each headstone/marker for future reference... who did it, what was done and when... and this will be ongoing so those that come after us will have a good record of this work.

We'll keep you posted on this as we move forward, hopefully with some pictures so all can see the improvements.



Family Intrigue...

"Sometime in the 1950's, or so, my Dad took the ashes from my brother and sister and buried them with our Grandparents."

We received this call as part of an inquiry into locations of some of this family's grave sites. On doing a little further investigation we added the two names and their information as best we could... and then the caller passed away quite suddenly this summer. This left us with only a friend as a contact, and she said she would fill us in sometime in the coming months... can't wait to hear the rest of the story and will keep you posted if we get further info.

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 2010,
Thanks!**