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TOWNSHIP CEMETERY WILL COUNTY

Dear Friends of the Wheatland Township Cemetery December 10, 2018

This Annual letter highlights our key 2018 activities for our valued owners and visitors.

- 1). For updates on our projects and a copy of the Township Cemetery's **Ordinance #15-01-0** (Cemetery Rules and Regulations), please visit our "Cemetery Committee" web page on the Township site: WheatlandTownship.Com. Our **service fees** are posted both on our web site and in the Information Board near the cemetery's flag pole.
- 2). We have conducted **14 burials** to date this year.
- 3). In 2016, we began a grave **reclamation project** to recover the Right to Inter graves for abandoned graves as defined by Illinois Cemetery Protection Act, 765 ILCS 835/10. A list of the petitioned Owners of record was publically published Feb.14th, 2017. Last month, on Nov. 18, 2018, the Will County Court's Notice of Petition was published. A copy is linked onto our web site. We have been successful in locating several heirs. If you have any information or questions regarding this large and lengthy reclamation project, please contact Ben Peterson, Manager, or one of the Cemetery Trustees listed at end of this Letter.
- 4). The Cemetery Board surveyed area grave prices. The Naperville Cemetery cost per grave is \$2000, and the open and closing cost for a traditional burial begins at \$2000. Other local cemeteries are lower, but still higher than our current costs. The Cemetery Board agreed to hold our costs for another year, but expect to **raise our prices** in Fall of 2019.
- 5). Trustee Jim Hofman has been writing an 'E-book' titled "**Getting to Know Your (Quiet) Neighbors: The Wheatland Township Cemetery**". I assure you that you will find it very interesting. He begins with the Then to Now History, then touches upon the cemetery processes, what records have been kept, and concludes by spotlighting some of the prominent 'residents' with us. You will soon find it linked to our Cemetery Page. We may consider printing a few hardcopies, available to donors.
- 6). **Parking** on the grass is permitted between the entrance gates and before the first grave monuments. In other areas, please do not park off the designated road.
- 7). The Wheatland Township **Road District** staff continues to provide excellent support with weekly mowing and trash removal. Each Summer, the Road District hires one person to handle the mowing of the Cemetery, the Township Park, and Township office building. Should you live close by and know of a young adult interested in a solid **Summer job**, please direct the person to the Road Department in early May.

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8). Last December, the Township Road District completed construction of a **third road** on the East side of the North section. Boughton Quarry donated all the gravel needed for the road extension, which has eased traffic flow for visiting guests and funerals. A short video of the project is on our web site. This addition and the asphalted roads constructed in 1975 will be resurfaced when the estimated \$25,000 funds are amassed. Donations to the project are appreciated.

9). Please contact us for a **tour, a presentation** to your civic group or personal **questions** about the cemetery history, operation or burial costs.

10). To receive quarterly email **updates** on the Township's and cemetery projects, please subscribe to the Wheatland Township Newsletter at www.WheatlandTownship.com . If you know anyone who'd like to receive either a paper or email copy of the Cemetery's Annual Letter, please send email to me or to the Cemetery Trustees at cemetery@wheatlandtownship.com. This letter is also posted on our web page.

11). **Future Projects** include: additional monument repairs and name plaques for unreadable monuments, adding pictures to the IllinoisGraveStones.org web-link of Monuments installed since 2010, paving access road surfaces, continued growth of our perpetual Care Fund.

12). While **visiting** the cemetery, should you see anything needing attention, please contact any one of our Trustees, Rich Grommon, Jim Hofman, or Ben Peterson (the elected "Collector" and Cemetery Board Chair). Contact information is at the bottom of this Letter and on our web site: <http://www.wheatlandtownship.com/board-committees/cemetery-committee>

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the Cemetery a serene, respectful, and dignified final resting place for all concerned. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely, 

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PS: We are pleased to mail the Annual Letter to your address in our file. However if you are will to instead accept a copy via Email, please email your ID to Ben.