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TOWNSHIP CEMETERY WILL COUNTY

Dear Friends of the Wheatland Township Cemetery

December 3rd, 2019

This Annual letter highlights our key **2019** activities for our valued owners and visitors.

- 1). Our updated Ordinance (**Cemetery rules and regulations**) is on our web-page. Of importance is **not to leave decorations containing glass, ceramic nor other breakable materials** as they present a danger to workers and visitors. We will promptly remove these contains. Cut flowers can be left in **non-breakable vase, with a weep-hole for drainage**. Please place at the side of the grave's monument. Potted plants are permitted when hung from a Shepherd's Hook (one per grave). We conduct a thorough removal of decorations in April and October. See web site for specific week planned and the Ordinance for specific details.
- 2). Revised prices for our **Grave and Service Fees** can be viewed on-line: Go to 'WheatlandTownship.Com' and look under 'Committees' for the Cemetery web page. They are also posted in the Information Board near the cemetery's flagpole.
- 3). To date, we have conducted **16 burials** this year. This brings our total residents to about 810.
- 4). The 2016 **grave reclamation project** to recover abandoned graves will conclude March 1st of 2020. We have successfully located several heirs. We anticipate recovering the burial Rites of about 200 graves. If you have any questions or information regarding this large and lengthy reclamation project, please visit our web site or contact Ben Peterson, Manager.
- 5) Regarding above, if you are a 'grave owner' and have not designated to us the person(s) you have authorized to use or control **future use** of your vacant graves, please contact us so that we can update our records with your decision(s).
- 6). We now allow '**Scattering**' of ashes onto grave sites where the Owner of the grave Rites has followed the procedure to schedule a Scattering. Please contact a Trustee for details.
- 7). The Trustees are considering the addition of a **Columbarium** for above ground inurnments. Please contact us to discuss or offer advice concerning this potential cremation inurnment option.
- 8). **Parking** is permitted only on the grass between the entrance gates and the beginning of the grave monuments, and on the gravel area to east of the flagpole.
- 9). Please contact us for a **tour, a presentation** to your civic group, or personal **questions** about the cemetery history, operation or burial costs.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR/CEMETERY MANAGER

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10). A portion of the income from each grave sale, interment, inurnment, and scattering is deposited into our **Care Fund**. Only the earnings from this Fund can be used to cover cemetery expenses and projects. The goal is to grow the perpetual Care Fund so that there will be sufficient future funds to cover all Cemetery expenses when the cemetery is 'full'. Currently, the Township Road Department, without charge, maintains our grounds (mowing, edging, seasonal trimming, etc) per the 2002 Agreement when the Township assumed cemetery management from the volunteer Wheatland Cemetery Association. In this past calendar year the Care Fund has grown ~16% from Care Fund deposits, CD earnings and private donations.

11). Local **VFW Post 3873** and **American Legion Post 43** continue to decorate our 50+ veterans with flags on Memorial Day. We greatly appreciate these volunteers' recognition of our veterans who served as early as the War of 1812.

12). To receive quarterly email updates on the Township and Cemetery activities, please subscribe to the Wheatland Township Newsletter at www.WheatlandTownship.com . If you know anyone who would 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. The Cemetery's Annual Letter is also posted on our web page.

13). **Future Projects** include: adding pictures of grave monuments installed since 2010 to the IllinoisGraveStones.org web-link, paving access road surfaces, continued growth of our perpetual Care Fund and funding a Columbarium.

14). 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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Rich Grommon, and Jim Hofman

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

PPS: As reminder, the Cemetery Manager is the elected 'Tax Collector' of the Township, whose sole responsibility is to manage the Cemetery. The next Township **election** is in March of 2021. If you are a resident of Wheatland Township, Please Vote.

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