

Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

January 2023



From the President

As in previous years, we were the recipient of service again in 2022 from volunteer organizations to assist in cleaning up the cemetery and making it more attractive for all who use it. We are very appreciative of the efforts each of these groups have provided and our landscaping company appreciates the help as well.

Tom Bowers has continued to be the primary force seeing to the maintenance of the cemetery. He coordinates volunteers, picks up garbage and does many other jobs too many to mention. Anyone wishing to volunteer time can contact Tom at (503) 851-1803.

The cemetery has remained active since the mid 1800's and burials in 2022 have been consistent with the last several years. We had 23 plot sales and 21 burials for the year.

Sales of plots have been on-going. Many thanks to Rick Hilts for taking on this task. He does a good job of handling the issues involved in the sale of a plot.

We worked hard in 2022 to make the cemetery look beautiful and we will continue to do so in 2023. When you have a chance, please walk around the cemetery and look at the old headstones. You may be able to find out something of interest by searching the cemetery's website or doing an internet search on them.

The members of the cemetery board and I wish you all a prosperous new year filled with happiness and joy!

~~Michael Staten, Cemetery Board President

Lee Mission Cemetery Donations

July 2022 - December 2022

Thank you to our donors!

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the Cemetery is on Kalapuya Illihi, the traditional indigenous homeland of Kalapuya peoples who were forcibly removed to what are now the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations.

Donations – appreciated or not?

Lee Mission Cemetery Board greatly appreciates the many donations we receive throughout the course of the year; money, materials, and volunteer time being the main types.

Unfortunately, this Fall we received a “donation” that we really didn’t appreciate, In fact, it actually cost us money to dispose of the “donation”. If you ever notice anyone leaving a donation of this sort, please contact the cemetery as quickly as possible so we can take care of it promptly. In this particular case, a frequent visitor to the cemetery let us know of the tires that were dumped in the cemetery.



Thank you to our volunteers

The Lee Mission Cemetery Board would like to give a big thanks to the volunteers from the First United Methodist Church. There were about 14 of them and they worked at the cemetery on August 20, 2022. They cleaned around headstones and trimmed the front bushes and also cleared berry vines from bushes within the cemetery. The cemetery looked so much nicer after they were finished.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints also provided a work party at the cemetery on October 14, 2022. They had 20 to 25 members that worked trimming around headstones and then blowing them off. They also trimmed bushes along the west side of the entrance driveway, trimmed back blackberry bushes on the southwest corner of the property, picked up trash and dead flowers, and trimmed the circle area by the flag. They did a great job and the cemetery looked much better!

Important reminder regarding grave decorations

We want to remind everyone they need to closely adhere to the rules for grave decorations. The rules are posted on signboards in the cemetery and on our website at:

<http://leemissioncemetery.com/LMCemeteryRules-English.html> (English) and at <http://leemissioncemetery.com/LMCemeteryRules-Spanish.html> (Spanish).

Unfortunately, if the Cemetery Board finds graves that are not compliant, there is a strong likelihood items will be removed and/or moved to put the gravesites into compliance. The reason for this rule is that we all want to have the cemetery well-groomed for everyone’s loved ones and so that our maintenance contractor can mow and trim over and around the graves.



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