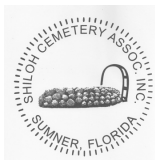


# Shiloh Cemetery Association Inc NEWSLETTER



## NEW ENTRANCE SIGN DEDICATION

In 2010, the Board of Trustees established a long range development plan that included;

- Consistent grave space utilization and, enhanced maintenance and upkeep;
- Providing grave space reservation options for folks unrelated to the ancestral families;
- Expanding the Ancestral area;
- Securing the perimeter;
- Expanding parking options;
- Development of a respite park;
- Re-establishing availability of water and electricity;
- Building a pavilion and restroom;
- Marking and developing roadways and pathways within the cemetery.

We trust that you have seen progress being made on the first six of these goals such as:

- Cemetery mapping and reservation process, and continued cemetery cleaning each April and October with mowing in-between;
- South area of the cemetery opened for reservations by the general public;
- Expansion of the Ancestral area by 250 additional grave spaces;
- Regular mowing of the east parking area and repeated maintenance after damage by joy riders;
- Fencing of both the South area and the Ancestral expansion; and



*Existing Shiloh Cemetery sign at the entrance of the Ancestral Grounds. This sign was installed by Jerald Beckham in 2011. There is another like it at Highway 24 and Shiloh Road.*

- Clearing of the Robert and Arno Webster Memorial Garden and erection of the information kiosk

We strive to begin work on the remaining goals as resources come available, but meanwhile, we continue to finish up the projects that are in progress.

Since opening the South area and clearing the parking area on the east, we have felt the need to install an entrance sign on the roadway as you enter Shiloh property as a means to visually tie the various areas of the cemetery together.

**WE INVITE TO JOIN US FOR THE ERECTION OF THE NEW SHILOH CEMETERY SIGN AND ITS DEDICATION ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, at 12 noon,** after the cemetery cleaning,

- Gerald Morgan - President
- Randy Beckham - Vice President
- Ginger Oliver - Secretary
- Elaine Rains - Treasurer
- Mark Webster - Trustee-at-large
- Lydia Hicks - Trustee-at-large
- Jerald Beckham - Honorary Trustee



Your comments and questions may be submitted in writing to

Ginger Oliver, Secretary  
PO Box 634  
San Antonio, Florida. 33576

Or Email to [trustee@shilohcemetery.org](mailto:trustee@shilohcemetery.org)

Correspondence will be reviewed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees and a reply provided.

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2023

Laying wreaths on Shiloh’s veterans’ graves at Christmas-time not only honors them, but reconnects our veterans with other military service personnel across the country as wreaths are laid on graves in hundreds of cemeteries on the same day, at the same hour.

We appreciate those of you who provided funding that made it possible to obtain the wreaths for our veterans in 2023.

Christmastime is a time for families and a time for remembering the veterans in Shiloh who contributed to the peace of America.

When Christmas-time comes this year, we hope you will find it in your hearts to participate in Wreaths Across America at Shiloh Cemetery.



**ANNUAL SPRING CEMETERY CLEANING  
AND OPEN FORUM**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**9 am - 12 noon!**

**Please support Shiloh Cemetery!**

**Bring your rakes and trimmers and mowers and we’ll all roll up our sleeves to give Shiloh a good spring cleaning and work on restoration of graves that need our care.**

**Let’s work together to keep Shiloh Cemetery a place of solace, tranquility and peace.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE FISH FRY AT LUNCH!**

**SHILOH Cemetery Association is a State of Florida qualified charitable organization.**

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**UNKNOWN GRAVES RESTORATION****IT TAKES A COMMUNITY!**

December 4th and 5th, 2023, are days incredibly special to the history of Shiloh Cemetery. On those days, volunteers joined me to restore 22 unknown graves. Randy Beckham supplied us with a load of quahog clamshells and a load of suitable dirt for the restorations. Each of the volunteers brought their own handhoe, shovel, and gloves necessary to do the work. After a short lesson on grave restoration and the traditional method of shell placement, the volunteers were soon experts! While the restoration group worked on mound and shell restoration, Gerald Morgan went through the cemetery righting and securing displaced headstones.

Each of the 22 graves restored were in very poor condition when we started, and in very good condition when completed. Most of these graves have been marked with a granite headstone that simply states "GRAVE."

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to  
Randy Beckham  
Gerald Morgan  
Phea Bainbridge  
Jessica Suarez  
Jennifer Beckham  
Tammy Reed  
Karyn Riggs  
Tanya Blaisdell  
for this much needed and compassionate work.

I hope you'll join us when we schedule another restoration day! We only have 72 more to restore!

Ginger Oliver, Trustee



*Before restoration*



*After restoration*







## FALL 2023 CEMETERY CLEANING

Taking care of Shiloh is a privilege. Just being in the company of joyous people doing good is a day well spent. And the fish fry was delicious.

Thank you to all the workers! Shiloh looks so peaceful when you are finished with your loving work! And thanks again to Randy Beckham for catching and cleaning the mullet, and to those who brought covered dishes, and to the fish fryers Jesse Skinner and Wayne Webster - and to all who helped set up and clean up - you are so very much appreciated.



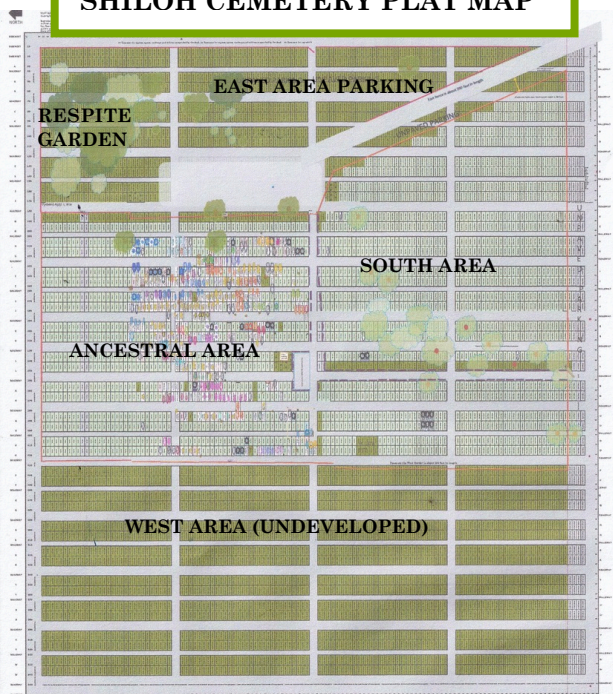


**GRAVE SPACE RESERVATIONS**

Grave space reservations may be made by contacting a Trustee who will make arrangements for determining the site, completing the paperwork and payment of the requisite fees.



**SHILOH CEMETERY PLAT MAP**



**PROCEDURES FOR RESERVATIONS AND INTERMENTS IN SHILOH CEMETERY**

**RESERVATIONS**

1. Make an appointment with a Trustee to visit the cemetery and determine a desired location.
  2. Complete the required paperwork and pay the necessary fees:
    - \$50 Administrative fee
    - \$50 Grave Space privilege fee
    - \$50 Headstone promise deposit
    - Total fees, \$150
- Note: The headstone promise deposit will be refunded when a durable headstone is placed within one year of interment.
3. You will be sent a certificate which affords the named individual the privilege of burial and/or erection of a memorial in the designated grave space. This certificate is for your records only.
  4. You will receive guidelines that outline embellishments that you may or may not make to the grave space.

**INTERMENTS**

1. Notify Mark Webster and confirm authorization for the burial and/or placing a headstone.
 

Note: A grave space is required for both burials and cremations. Though cremations have been placed in occupied graves spaces in the past, individual grave spaces are now required. Scattering of ashes in the general areas is not permitted.
2. Provide Mark Webster with the deceased's date of death and date of burial for the Association's records, as required by the State of Florida.
3. Notify the funeral home to contact Mark Webster to discuss any questions and procedures.
4. Mark Webster will mark the grave space location for the funeral home.
5. After a durable headstone is placed, the headstone promise deposit will be refunded, if within 1 year of burial.



## PROJECT REPORTS

**IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN GRAVES AND GRAVE RESTORATIONS:** 10 additional unknown grave markers have been ordered to celebrate and permanently acknowledge those buried there. In November 2023 6 graves were restored and in December 2023, volunteers restored 22 graves. If you are interested in volunteering to participate in this work, please contact Ginger Oliver.

**ROBERT AND ARNO WEBSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN** - Work continues to enhance the garden, though it will take time to complete.

**RETENTION POND IN THE WEST AREA** - Dirt from the retention pond area has been used to restore 28 unknown graves in the cemetery.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** - Elaine Rains is once again leading the effort to place wreaths on the veterans' graves this Christmas. Please contact her if you want to order a wreath for a family friend or relative veteran - or if you wish to contribute to the fund for veterans who no longer have friends or relatives in the area.

**FENCING THE NORTH AND EAST BORDERS** - quotes have been received, however, the Association does not have sufficient funds for the project so it is tabled for the time being.

**NEW SHILOH CEMETERY ENTRANCE SIGN** - A new sign has been created for the entrance to Shiloh Cemetery. Please join us for its dedication on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 12 noon. Our thanks to Gerald Morgan who designed and built it.

## MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS

The Board is responsible for seeing that the Cemetery's common and unimproved areas, and unidentified historical graves in the cemetery are maintained. The Board may delegate its authority or hire a maintenance contractor or other entity to maintain the grounds in good repair, though this work is routinely done by volunteers.

Families and friends of the deceased are expected to care for the individual grave spaces and remove leaves, tree limbs, trash, and similar debris from the Cemetery property when cleaning around grave spaces. Loose, degradable vegetation may be piled in the burn pit on the west of the South area, but whether loose or bagged, refuse, trash and debris may not be left anywhere on the grounds for others to remove.

***PLEASE TAKE NON-BIODEGRADABLE TRASH WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE; TAKE BRANCHES, LEAVES, AND PALM FRONDS TO THE BURN PILE AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE SOUTH AREA OF THE CEMETERY. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TRASH OR DEBRIS BY THE ENTRANCE GATE. Remember, anything that is piled up outside of a grave space is piled on someone else's grave space or on the common grounds. Please respect the grave spaces of others.***

All equipment and materials used in maintenance activities are to be removed from the Cemetery when not actively being used. No equipment may be stored in a grave space or common areas of the Cemetery.

Only the Board and their agents may authorize any changes to the Cemetery that include such actions as grading, planting, landscaping, pruning and so forth.

Do not plant trees in the cemetery. Small shrubs and flowers may be planted, but must be within the 5x10 individual grave spaces and not in the common areas or on other grave spaces.

Any tree, shrub or plant already standing anywhere on the property, including individual grave spaces, that encroaches by its roots, branches or otherwise and becomes or may become detrimental to its surroundings for any reason, the Board may order its removal or take such action necessary to change or correct the problem.



## Shiloh Cemetery Assoc., Inc.

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AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN, AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

SHILOH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



Shiloh Cemetery Association, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit institution organized for the management, maintenance and improvement of Shiloh Cemetery in Sumner, Florida.

Supported by private donations and modest grave space privilege fees, Shiloh provides an affordable option for those needing its services.

The ten-acre cemetery is located at

12690 SW Shiloh Road  
Cedar Key, Florida 32625

### Board of Trustees

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### Calendar

**April 27, 2024 9 am til lunch**

Spring Cemetery Cleaning and Public Forum

**July 27, 2024**

Summer Meeting Board of Trustees

**October 26, 2024 9 am til lunch**

Fall Cemetery Cleaning and Public Forum

**January 25, 2025**

Winter Meeting Board of Trustees

**April 26, 2025 9 am til lunch**

Spring Cemetery Cleaning and Public Forum