

Cushing Fairlawn - New Zion Cemetery Fall Newsletter and Donation Appeal November - 2020

Let's get to the apology first. There were times this summer that the Cemetery did not look maintained. My sincere apology for that period. There were reasons, which have been addressed but that doesn't erase the fact that the Cemetery's appearance was unacceptable.

Some changes have been made which we hope everyone will support. Karla (Seever) Fuqua & I have taken on the full operation & management of the Cemetery as President, Treasurer & Secretary of the Board of Directors & oversight of the ground staff. We welcome constructive comments & suggestions! This is a load of responsibility. There is a need for additional Board members. If anyone is interested, please contact me. Currently Karla handles the marketing, sales & records and serves as the Secretary on the Board of Directors. She is compensated only for non-Board duties as her predecessors have been. There is no compensation for any Board member. The bulk of expenses are maintenance staff salaries & taxes, equipment and improvements to the Cemetery, such as the gravel for the roads, the siding and work on the office building. Your donations help with these as well as increase the Perpetual Care Fund.

We are pleased to announce we have a new Manager & crew for handling the grounds work. This includes mowing, trimming around the graves, trimming the trees and hedges, removal of trash & blowing grass from headstones, plaques & other memorial monuments. There are also occasions of work done on the roads. While the Cemetery has no real responsibility to maintain or fix headstones, plaques, etc., we do make efforts to help where possible with needed attention. Please take a few moments to look through the pictures posted on our Facebook page. I have some before & after pictures to illustrate the differences. Of course, a personal visit is always welcome! To help with doing all the maintenance required for 35 acres, over a mile of roads and with some 8,800 residents a new approach has been set up and some much needed new equipment has been purchased. The changes are pretty simple. All work (mowing, trimming, blowing, trash removal) will be done in one section of the Cemetery and be completed before moving to another section or mowing the large areas on the grounds. If you come to visit and the section your loved ones rest in has not been done, it will be! This approach allows visitors the ability to see where work is in progress, where work has been done & where it is still needed.

Plans for the future include other new equipment, evaluation & refining of the mowing, trimming & blowing schedule and further work on the roads. While not occupied on a regular basis the Cemetery office building is in desperate need of some attention. Some repairs are currently under way. The office is where the physical records are kept & maintained. We are considering other possible changes.

Please help us keep Fairlawn – New Zion Cemetery looking as it should. Because we are a 501©3 non-profit organization we cannot succeed without your support and donations. Because all donations are tax deductible, please consider a donation for your benefit of a 2020 tax deduction (As well as a remembering & honoring your loved ones!). Please be as generous as possible! Please mail donations to the address below.

Sincerely yours,

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