



# Greenwood Hills

CEMETERY

Portland, Oregon  
Estab. 1882


Spring 2024

9002 SW Boones Ferry Road • Portland, OR 97219

Open 8:00am to Sunset

Did you know  
Greenwood Hills  
Cemetery has its own  
Facebook page?



Search for us by name, then  Like  
the page to share stories, news, photos,  
and connect with the community of  
people who care about this unique place.

**We've made it even easier to  
donate to Greenwood Hills by  
accepting  PayPal**

**Click the "Donate" link on  
our website or Facebook page  
to set up a one-time or  
recurring donation to help  
ensure the preservation of  
this wonderful property.**

**Need a Grave Marker?**  
Ordering through us helps  
with the maintenance costs  
of Greenwood Hills Cemetery.

## **We Offer These Services:**

Our Archivist provides a quick and courteous record search. Any physical locating will be subject to a fee, starting at \$50.

Interments in GHC are available to those who hold deeds to family plots with available space. River View is our preferred provider of grave marker and interment services. If we are unavailable, call River View directly at 503-246-4251.

## **Ongoing Fundraising & Maintenance Projects Update**

As you well know, Greenwood Hills Cemetery's existence and continued upkeep relies on the generous donations of our regular neighborhood visitors and patrons like you. We have also been lucky enough, on more than one occasion, to have been awarded funding from the State of Oregon's Parks and Recreation grant programs for specific maintenance projects. More than \$28 million of grant funding each year is awarded to a variety of programs that support outdoor recreation, historic preservation, conservation, and more. In past years the grants have allowed for us to re-gravel the half-mile of road on the property, and even funded the original construction of our timber bulletin board that presided, until recently, over the entrance.

Our plan this spring was to apply for the Historic Cemetery Grant to kick off a headstone restoration project in partnership with a local organization who specializes in this kind of work. We identified around twenty of our most damaged and endangered historic headstones and received an estimate of how much it will cost to repair them, which we planned to submit as part of our grant application.

Unfortunately, after suffering much abuse from extreme winter weather conditions, our bulletin board toppled over in early 2024. We decided to put the headstone restoration project on hold, and instead have applied for grant money to repair and re-erect the bulletin board.

It currently lies on the ground, protected by a tarp, and is unable to be worked on until we receive notice at the end of May about whether or not the project will be approved, as all grant-awarded projects may not begin until July 1.

We have high hopes that the project will be funded, and even higher hopes that we will still have a good shot at securing funding in 2025 to address the headstone restoration effort. Thank you for your understanding, patience and continued support while we work to maintain and enhance this space.



*Above: The fallen bulletin board, before being tarped for protection.*

Greenwood Hills Cemetery Maintenance Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining the grounds of Greenwood Hills Cemetery in a manner that respects the dead, honors the living, and preserves a valuable connection with our rich pioneer history. Through responsible stewardship of resources, we strive to maintain a safe and beautiful open space where people can come to remember the past and enjoy the natural world which we hold in sacred trust for the future.

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## Cleanup Day 2024 : Come Volunteer!

Please mark your calendar for this year's annual clean up day. Volunteers, family members, neighbors and especially dog walkers are welcome and encouraged to participate.

We will provide water, chips and cookies - and our gratitude for your time and effort!

WHEN: Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

WHERE: 9002 SW Boones Ferry Road  
*Check-in at the picnic table at the entrance*

TIME: 10 AM -2 PM

*Anytime you can join us is appreciated!*

WHAT TO BRING: Pruning shears, loppers, string trimmers, brooms, rakes, tarps, hand clippers and gloves; A sack lunch or snacks for yourself; A chair for lunch break; Sunscreen.



## Upcoming Holiday & Board Events

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Saturday - Monday

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

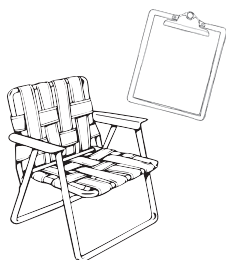
10-4 pm



### ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> | 6 pm

Bring a chair and join us at the entrance of GHC to hear about our past year and learn about what we do.



## Greenwood Hills Pop Quiz

1. True or False: Greenwood Hills Cemetery is public land.
2. How many graves are on the property?  
a) 2,200      b) 7,837      c) 12,000+
3. What is the oldest date of death on a gravemarker in Greenwood Hills?



ANSWERS: 1. False, it is privately held by the Maintenance Association.  
2. C) 3. 1851 (Phebe Kellogg Hathaway, 1816-1851)

## Your Contributions Keep Us Going

Greenwood Hills Cemetery relies on charitable gifts to maintain the cemetery and make necessary improvements. Please consider increasing your donation or including GHCMa in your charitable giving plans if you have not done so. *Please be sure to include the completed form with any accompanying donation. Thank you!*



**I want to help maintain and restore Greenwood Hills Cemetery!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you! We truly appreciate your support.*

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