



Greenwood Hills

CEMETERY

Portland, Oregon
Estab. 1882


Fall 2025

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.

Greenwood Hills: OPRD 2025 Historic Cemeteries Grant Recipient

This past spring, the Maintenance Board once again applied for the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department's Historic Cemetery Grant, this time in hopes of securing funding to address a fairly extensive headstone restoration project. We are thrilled to announce that we were awarded the grant! It was a competitive selection process with many organizations around the state vying for a portion of the available \$61,000 - only ten projects were funded. We are so grateful to have been selected by the committee, to the board members who worked on and submitted the application, and to the community members who provided letters of support on our behalf.

A well-regarded third party organization, Historic Preservation NW, has been contracted to do the repair and restoration of twenty-five of our most visibly cracked, broken, and toppled headstones. The bulk of the grant funds are allocated to pay them for their services, in addition to some hard materials costs. We are also pledging a 25% match from our own funds as a show of our commitment to the project.

The team started work in September and will continue until all of the twenty-five headstones and grave markers have been reset, leveled, epoxied, and re-erected. While maintenance of all headstones is important and will continue to be a priority for the Board, the attention to these most egregious will go a long way in reaffirming our commitment to the preservation of this special property. Thank you for your continued interest and support!



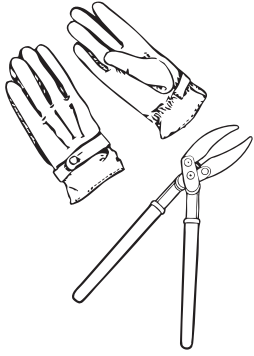
A broken Kellogg grave marker is prepared for repair.



Historic Preservation NW working on-site with a manual lift to re-erect a toppled Frey grave marker.

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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2025 Cleanup Recap

The cleanup for 2025 was a great success! 62 degrees and no rain - cloudy but perfect for working. Three neighbors volunteered themselves and their pickup trucks: thanks to John, Zeth and Davis. Our landscaper Jose also always donates his time and his big dump truck. It is estimated we took at least eight loads to a dump site next door, that River View Cemetery graciously allows us to use. It saves us so much time. Over 30 people arrived at various times throughout the day. We got everything spruced up, from trimming the trees in the swamp to stringing along Palatine Hill Rd. The board wants to thank the neighbors and dog walkers for giving us their time and hard work.

In Memoriam: Margi Crain Brown

It was with great sadness and heartbreak that we learned about one of our longstanding board members Margaret Brown, who passed away as a result of a car accident this summer. She was affectionately known to all as Margi. Margi joined the Greenwood Hills board over 20 years ago. She and our chairperson, Hattie Mead, were the longest standing members of the latest board of directors. Margi quickly volunteered to be our secretary and remained so her entire tenure with GHCA. Her relationship with Greenwood was very personal as she had over 18 ancestors buried on our grounds - from Captain John Kellogg who ran steamships up and down the Willamette River, to the ancestor that settled in the area as a dairy farmer. One ancestor was instrumental in bringing the fraternal group The Masons to the state of Oregon. She could always be found at the Kellogg family plot on cleanup day, and on Memorial Day she would decorate the graves with flowers from her yard. Margi was a quiet gentle person, and you couldn't think of her any other way. Margi was one of two board members that had family buried in Greenwood Hills. We have lost a cherished friend and an important connection to history.



Margaret Crain Brown
September 9th, 1942 - August 31st, 2025

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 GHCA 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!*



Alternately, use this QR code to donate via PayPal using just a credit or debit card:



I want to help maintain and restore Greenwood Hills Cemetery!

NAME _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

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\$ _____

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EMAIL _____

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Reply to:
GHC Maintenance Association
PO Box 80701
Portland, OR 97280

Thank you! We truly appreciate your support.



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Dear Friend of Greenwood Hills Cemetery,

We are continuously inspired by the donations, large and small, received in response to our bi-annual newsletter: each donation is a testament to the generosity and dedication of our friends. As you know, without such help, the cemetery would meet the fate of many small pioneer cemeteries across the nation — overgrown, in disrepair, and unsafe for family and friends. Your continued participation in the ongoing stewardship of this precious green space allows the Maintenance Association to protect and secure the future of Greenwood Hills for years to come. We know the compassion of our volunteers makes this all possible, and this is why we are so very grateful for the kindness of friends and family, like you. You make it possible for the Maintenance Association to preserve the beauty, safety, and dignity of Greenwood Hills.

Please know, as board members, we understand that we have been entrusted with the care of this historic treasure. Yet, we believe it is up to all of us to serve as guardians of our land and heritage. This year, think how you might partner with us. The future of Greenwood Hills lies in the hands of friends like you: together, we can make a difference.

With sincere thanks,

The Board of Greenwood Hills Cemetery Maintenance Association