

Lakewood Cemetery Association

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Summer 2024 at Lakewood

The season at Lakewood is off to a very busy start. The Cooper Monument has had a deep cleaning and is stunning! Many thanks to all family and friends of the Cemetery who supported it. We are currently working on an expansion of the West Section (lakeside). As you may be aware, lot space has become limited and this project will open up about 9 – 10 more lots. Humphrey Memorials will begin the process of monument restoration again later in the summer with a total of thirty-eight to be done. Their work is beautiful and if you visit the East section, you will see the results of their restoration skills. Work is also scheduled to be done on the famed Ryerson lot with cleaning and stonework. Just as a reminder – if you are visiting and especially if driving through the cemetery, please be aware that you will come across work being done on trees, drainage repair, monuments, as well as employees with lawnmowers, trimmers and tractors. Take It Slow! Milo Stewart, *President* (mstewart5@stny.rr.com)

From the Secretary

We keep in touch with lot owners through newsletters and the website. We mail a printed newsletter to everyone, in the Spring and in November, and we also email it – if we have a working email address for you. If you have two addresses, please pick one that you prefer to have us use. Note that iCloud email addresses that end with @icloud.com, @me.com, or @mac.com usually bounce back – you might have to unblock us. Also, please notify us when there are any changes to your contact information including the designation of the Deedholder for your lot. Send changes to LakewoodCemeteryAssociation@gmail.com. We encourage you to share all Lakewood communications with your families. Kerry Lynch, *Secretary*

Treasurer's Review

Thank you so much to all of you who have donated to Lakewood Cemetery in the past year. Your donations, along with the income from the cemetery investments, make it possible for us to do more maintenance in the cemetery this summer. We have been able to purchase some new equipment for grounds maintenance, and we have a number of trees that will be removed before they fall. We were able, this year, to hire enough workers to take care of the cemetery properly. We really hope you will drive through and see all of the ongoing work. And, don't forget to include Lakewood Cemetery in your estate planning. Margaret McGown, *Treasurer*

Ryerson Project

Last Fall a visitor(s) used cloth to wipe off damp lichen from the polished Ryerson gravestones and smeared the surface. There was no damage but they had to be cleaned. The contractor, Humphrey Memorials Inc., also recommended cleaning the cross, 3 benches, all 8 gravestones, and cap stones. In addition, Blue Maple Masonry of Laurens, NY, will make repairs to some of the steps. The project is funded in part by our local Community Foundation through their recently established, dedicated Cemetery Fund. Additional funds have been contributed by family members and friends. With its *Titanic* story, the family lot is one of the most frequently visited at Lakewood.





Celebrating the Cooper Monument Restoration

Power washing the Monument brought out exquisitely sculpted details which are easily viewed around the base. Our photographer and the power washer got close-ups of Leather-Stocking and his dog Hector – probably not seen clearly since 1860. Lakewood Cemetery will celebrate the restoration on Saturday, August 17 with informal afternoon gatherings at Christ Episcopal Church, Cooper Park, and the Cemetery where you can stroll down Pinegrove Avenue and admire the Monument as well as other restored monuments along the way. Light refreshments will be available. Further details will be on the website.



Base, North Side - Naval Devices



East Side - Literary Items



South Side - Indian Emblems

2024 Annual Meeting

Check the website <https://cooperstownlakewoodcemetery.com/> for the August Annual Meeting date, place and agenda. All lot owners are invited to attend.

Veterans Inventory

More veterans of all wars have been added to the inventory. There are 323 in the East (hillside) Section and 66 in the West Section. They are indexed and mapped. Markers are needed for 1 Revolutionary War and 30 Civil War veterans. We hope to find a source for Civil War reproductions since the originals are no longer being produced. Please continue to submit veteran information for those buried in Lakewood Cemetery . . . lest we forget.

Rules and Regulations

A winter committee was focused on updating our decades old “rules” – it was no longer necessary to set a speed limit on horses and carriages. Because it is the beginning of summer, here are a few updated lot maintenance recommendations:

- * Lakewood Cemetery Association regulates the use of grave decorations to ensure the efficient maintenance of the Cemetery and a safe environment for employees and visitors. Any decorations which become unsightly or violate these rules and regulations or otherwise interfere with the ease of maintenance will be removed without notice.
- * All decorations are placed at the owner’s risk; the Association is not responsible for damage or loss of decorations. This includes monuments, headstones and other markers.
- *The planting of new trees, shrubs or rose bushes in lots shall not be permitted.
- *The planting of annuals and perennials in the ground or in non-breakable pots is restricted to the front of the monument only and the width of the stone. No planting is allowed next to markers flush with the ground.
- *No stems of artificial flowers may be inserted in the ground at any time.
- *Cut flowers and potted plants in metal, plastic or unbreakable containers are permitted at all times. Lot owners or heirs are responsible for watering and maintaining them.

The completed *Rules and Regulations* will be finalized and submitted to the NYS State Division of Cemeteries for approval.

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