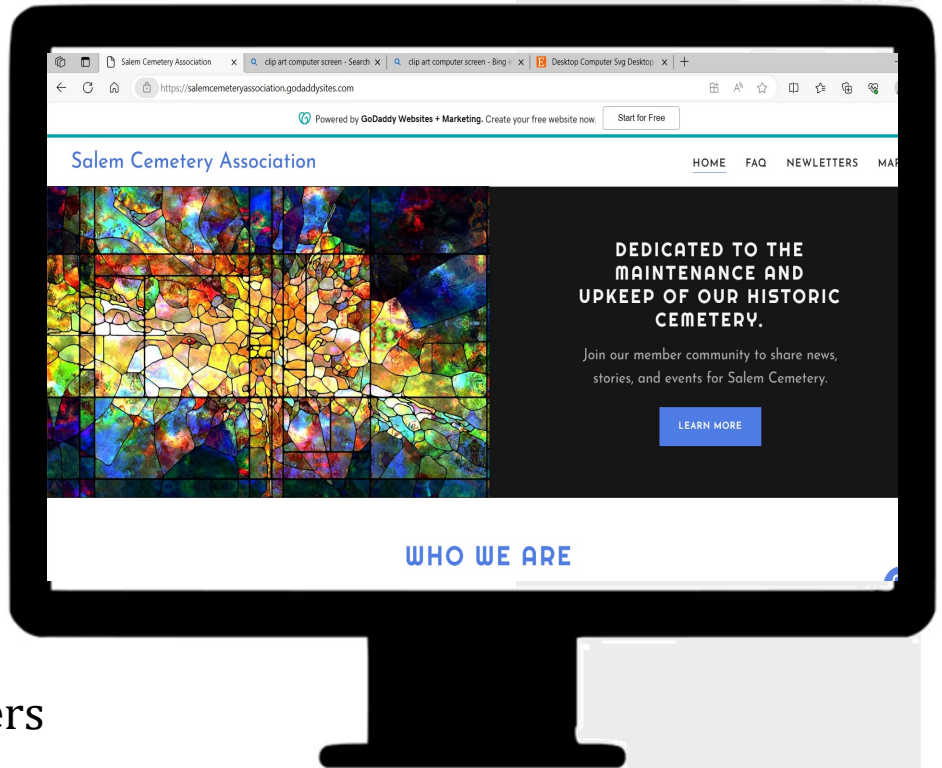


# Salem News

November 2023

Salem Cemetery Association

## Our New Website



## Money, Moles, and Mowers

Hello everyone, it has been another year since the last newsletter, and we have several items for reporting. This year we committed to a more permanent solution for our mowing, with purchase of good equipment, repair of the on-site storage shed for the equipment, and hiring a local farmer (David Lapp and family) for mowing and trimming. David and family have been a delight to work with and the cemetery has been well cared for this year. Early in the spring we had an infestation of moles. We joined together with Salem Baptist Church to secure a pest control company, and we are happy to report those critters are now under control.

This fall we applied for a grant with Wayne County Foundation for repair of some of the old historic graves and also add signage at the Cemetery. We were generously granted \$1200 toward the signage! The Wayne Country Foundation exists to foster and encourage philanthropic giving, to enhance the spirit of community and improve the quality of life in Wayne County. We can apply for one grant each year, so we are reviewing our project list for our next grant request.

Our current cash and investment balances total \$28,992, down about \$3900 from prior year. Our year-to-date income from donations, fees, and plot sales totaled just over \$5400. Our year-to-date expenses are approximately \$9300, mainly for shed repair, mowing equipment, and site maintenance. We have completed almost all of our annual expenses for this year (no more mowing). We anticipate additional donations and also the Wayne County Foundation grant before the end of the year. Please remember the Salem Cemetery in your annual gifting plan this year!

### WHAT'S NEW

#### WE HAVE A WEBSITE!

We created a cool website with lots of information and tools for our members!

#### ALL-HANDS MEETING

We are reserving a day in April 2024 to gather on-site, share some BBQ and hold a Cemetery business meeting!

#### TRUSTEE NEWS

We have a couple changes in the Salem Board of Trustees

## All-Hands Meeting April 20, 2024

Do you recall ..... Once upon a time the Salem Cemetery Association would hold an annual meeting on site, where all the members would gather, enjoy a pot luck meal, visit with old friends, and conduct cemetery business.

Fast forward a few decades, and the world is now a different place. We conduct meetings by conference call or internet video calls, we email or text each other with reports and status updates, we set up websites with membership communication, plot maps, news and history, and we rarely if ever get to see each other in person!

Many of our members have moved out of the area, making it difficult to support an annual site visit. Maybe every 2 years would work a bit better. The Board of Trustees has decided to start up a bi-annual All-Hands membership meeting on site, similar to the days of yore. Our modern twist on the meeting will be to set up a Video and Audio call for those members that cannot make it in person. We plan to have a short presentation, cook out burgers and hot dogs augmented by membership carry-in side dishes or deserts, and conduct Cemetery business.

We will work out the details as we get closer to the date, but we plan to have tables and chairs, a large party tent for shade, port-a-potty for bathroom, charcoal grill, iced cooler with drinks, and hopefully electrical hook-up for computers and presentations. In the meantime,

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**What:** ALL-HANDS MEETING

**Where:** On-site at the Salem Cemetery

**Date:** **Saturday April 20, 2024**

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**RSVP:** grover.brower@gmail.com

or go to the website and leave us a message!

## Our Website:

<https://>

[salemcemetaryassociation.godaddysites.com/](https://salemcemetaryassociation.godaddysites.com/)



We have created a website for our community, ***check it out!***

You can type in the URL address (above) or you can simply scan the QR code above with your cell phone. The website is a great resource for us, showing plot maps, history, and information. It enables us to accept donations and has ability for you to sign up and become a member of our association.

Donations through the website have a small handling fee, so it is always better to just send a donation by check to the Trustee Treasurer at:

**Salem Cemetery Association**

**1000 South Market Street**

**Troy, OH 45373**

## Trustee News

Our Board of Trustees sadly lost a valued member, Jackie Barker, who left us to be with our Lord this summer. Jackie was a tireless worker and the board benefited from her wisdom and advice. The board nominated and elected a new member, Mary Pierre of Pickerington Ohio. Welcome aboard Mary!

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