

Salem News

Salem Cemetery Association

Our New Gravel Driveway!

Cemetery Improvements for 2025

Greetings to everyone, another year has passed and we have had several improvements to report on. First, our organization was blessed with a significant anonymous donation, which puts us in very good shape to weather the storms for the next several years. Our organization does not survive without the generosity of our members, and we are sincerely thankful for each and every one of you!

One of the most noticeable improvements for 2025 was the addition of a gravel drive to replace the grass driveway. The new drive was laid over the existing grass drive, and provides a much nicer, safer, and more maintainable means of accessing for our cemetery. The driveway also includes a turn-around space at the end, near the creek.

Our new cemetery sign, added last year, includes a QR code to access our website, where older newsletters, membership information, and plot maps can be found and downloaded. We have had over 280 visitors to the website this year.

Our trusty lawn and maintenance crew continue to provide excellent service and attention to the cemetery. We have recently contracted for cutting the weeds along the fence rows and removing a large tree that was too close to the driveway. We appreciate David Lapp and family for the excellent lawn care they provide.

It was reported at our October 2025 trustee meeting that our cash and investment balances total \$47,075, up about \$4,968 from prior year. There were no plot sales or burials this year.

This fall we would like to highlight a need. The American Legion, who normally replaces the flag at our cemetery as part of their philanthropy, was unable to do so this year due to the flagpole is broken off and unusable. We have surveyed the market for a good quality replacement flagpole and we estimate the removal and replacement of the flagpole will be \$3500. Please prayerfully consider a donation to help with this cost. We would love to be able to replace the flagpole funded entirely by our generous donations this year!

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WHAT'S NEW

SUMMARY OF 2025

News, improvements, our financial status, and our Flagpole funding campaign

LOST MEMBERS

We are searching for lost members, can you help?

OUR WEBSITE

Check out our website and join more than 250 visitors this year!

FLAGPOLE CAMPAIGN

Please consider helping us replace the broken flagpole, so that our flag can once again be displayed over the cemetery.

Send your donation to:

**Salem Cemetery Association
1000 South Market Street
Troy, OH 45373**



In Search of Lost Members

This year we have received a few new names to add to our roster (Welcome!), We have also lost a few more members with some newsletters returned last year for No Known Address. Without any other way to contact that member, we must rely on you to suggest brothers, sisters, cousins, grown children, other family members, and encourage them to contact us. Or get their permission and send us their contact information.

Our membership roster currently holds less than 50 names. There are about 300 souls interned at Salem, some from 1816 and earlier, when Salem Baptist Church was established and when Indiana achieved statehood. In my family, there are 5 generations buried here, and with Great uncles, aunts and cousins, we have quite a few ancestors and family here. I know there are many other families with that same depth of history here. It would be great to have a contact for all the families of our departed loved ones, both ancient and modern.

Please ask around in your family if they have received this newsletter. If not, that likely means we do not have them on our membership list. If you discover that we are missing friends or family that you know have a tie to the cemetery, please encourage them to go to our website and sign up! We keep the detailed contact information (phone number, email, and street address) confidential.

Contact us with any updates, by regular mail, email, by our website, or by phone, Please find our contact information below, under Trustee News. Our mailing address and website address is to the right.

Salem Cemetery Website!

<https://salemcemetaryassociation.godaddysites.com/>



Our website had over 280 visitors this year. The website is a great resource for our membership community. Here you can find the latest Plot maps, prior Newsletters, information and announcements, and it also allows a visitor to register their new contact information with us. If you have not already done so, please **check it out!**

You can type in the URL address (above) or you can simply scan the QR code (above) with your cell phone.

Please consider a donation this year to help maintain our cemetery. Every little bit helps! Please send your gift to the Trustee Treasurer at:

Salem Cemetery Association
1000 South Market Street
Troy, OH 45373

Trustee News

Our Board of Trustees work diligently throughout the year. We really appreciate their care and diligence in maintaining our cemetery!

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