



*A HISTORICAL CEMETERY Located at 4375 Cemetery Road N.E.*

*PO Box 10001 ♦ Bainbridge Island ♦ WA 98110*

Dear Friends of the Port Blakely Cemetery;

We are all operating in a new world. I hope that you and your family are coping well. We are working hard to protect the Cemetery both physically and financially. The Cemetery parking was closed briefly to deal with an influx of visitors looking for an area for sporting activities. (The local parks had closed their parking lots.) The public parks have now re-opened and we are mirroring their operations. If a problem reoccurs, we will restrict access again.

We will continue to pay our landscapers to do their valuable work mowing and trimming. That cost alone is over \$14,000 per year. Road maintenance and other work will be put on hold, awaiting the results of your generous support. If you are able to donate, please do so knowing that every dollar is spent carefully to maintain the Cemetery and save for the future. A donation of \$100 per family per year is suggested.

You can help. Perishable items left at markers must eventually be removed by volunteers. Glass containers create special problems and are not allowed. We do not have the budget to pay to have this work done; the volunteers are the maintenance crew. Please, unless you are going to return, do not leave anything that will need to be picked up later by a volunteer. We do have a compost area on the SW corner of the property. Trash cans are located at the pump but must be emptied by volunteers. Pack out what you can and save us the effort.

The Board has decided not to host Memorial Day weekend this year. However, the Cemetery will be open and looking beautiful as visitors practice sensible precautions with distancing during their visit.

If you have questions or concerns, call me at 206-200-3405. Updated information is posted on our website: [PortBlakelyCemetery.org](http://PortBlakelyCemetery.org)

Sincerely,  
Barry Sacks