

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

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Hello Friends of The Port Blakely Cemetery -

Surprisingly it's already another year. We are constantly reminded of what a beautiful place it is – so quiet and peaceful. We strive to continue to preserve and improve the cemetery's natural beauty for present and future generations. We cannot do that without your donations. We know that prices have risen and we are doing our best to keep our costs down. Unfortunately the weather pattern is changing and we are having to mow earlier and later in the year to keep the cemetery looking good. So far your donations have covered the costs of these added expenses.

Last year we decided to reduce the Memorial Day Open House to just one day. Unfortunately the turnout was so small that the Cemetery Board voted to discontinue this event. We encourage families to continue the tradition of tending their family plots for this weekend. We will continue to ensure that the cemetery's maintenance (mowing and weedeating) is done just prior to that weekend so that families can enjoy the beauty of the cemetery during their time with family.

We are asking each of you for a \$100.00 donation again this year. As you know, your cemetery is a registered 501c13 non-profit organization and <u>all</u> of your donation goes directly to the cemetery's continued upkeep. Thank you so much for your thoughts and generosity.

Sincerely,

Diane Finney, President

