

Riverside Cemetery

Gravesites

\$50.00 for residents

\$400.00 for non-residents

A resident is considered a tax payer in the Riverside Cemetery District

Opening a Grave

\$550.00 for residents

\$550.00 for non residents

We give the residents a discount because they are paying for the Maintenance of the Cemetery through the payment of their taxes. The additional amounts charged to non-residents is for their share of the maintenance. If you have any questions feel free to call Susan Burnett at 435-279-7613

Riverside Cemetery Policy Book

Cemetery Board

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Any questions regarding these policies or requests not covered by policy can be discussed in person at the Cemetery Board Chairman's home at 15307 North 5475 West, Riverside; by letter to Susan Burnett, P.O. Box 95, Riverside, Utah 84334; or by calling (435) 279-7613.

Conclusion

Help keep the Riverside Cemetery the special place that it is. Report any problems or vandalism to the Chairman of the Board, Susan Burnett at (435) 279-7613 or board member Glen Capener at 458-3221 and Tricia Brown at 458-3633.

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RIVERSIDE CEMETERY POLICY

Introduction

All work in the Cemetery including, but not limited to, interments, disinterments, plantings, landscaping, grading, record keeping, placement of grave markers, grounds keeping, construction, and all maintenance, improvement and beautifying of the grounds will be done under the supervision of the Cemetery Board.

The rules and regulations governing the Cemetery provide for an orderly, well groomed, quiet sanctuary. To achieve and maintain that status requires a joint effort between the Cemetery staff and Cemetery patrons. Those persons owning rights to burial and those having deceased loved ones interred within the Cemetery need to be aware of the policies that regulate activities so that no misunderstandings or problems occur.

History

On the 23rd of August, 1905, a business meeting was held at the home of John Bowcutt. The subject of the meeting was to secure land for a Cemetery. It was learned that two acres of land could be purchased from E.T. Capener at a cost of \$75. Until this time, children who died were buried on the property owned by their families. (Myron J. Richards Journal)

As recorded by Ruth Forsberg Bowcutt:

When someone passed away the entire community mourned, they were prepared for burial by the Relief Society sisters who washed them and dressed them for burial in the Riverside Cemetery, which was filled with weeds, ant hills, and wild onions. Only on Decoration Day were the weeds cleaned away and each plot was raked and groomed, then

covered with lilies, flags, snow balls and peonies. The Cemetery has since become a thing of beauty with grass and beautiful pine trees that skirt the borders on three sides. It is mowed and watered so a feeling of peace and quiet permeates the entire Cemetery. The pine trees around the place were purchased by Ralph C. Richards, with help from the community.

It was in the spring of 1955, when Bishop Leland Capener called for a Cemetery beautification program. Ralph C. Richards, Russell Capener, and Edmund Udy formed the committee, with Clarence E. Smith serving as secretary. Pine trees were planted for a boundary, a well was dug and a pump system installed for watering; grass planted; and a new west side was added. The original price for a grave was \$5. Burial lots consisting of 12 graves went from \$150 in 1968 to \$240 in 1977.

In more recent years, the trees were attacked by a beetle, and in 2008 we started another drive to plant trees around the Cemetery. This time trees were planted on all four sides and also encompassed the new north half of the Cemetery, which was added in 1992, and doubled the size of the Cemetery. With a generous contribution from Nucor Steel, with the help of Jay Bowcutt, and donations from several other people, we were able to replace the dead trees and add many new ones. These new trees are not susceptible to the beetle and we hope that these trees will enhance the landscape of the Cemetery for many years to come. We were able to install a drip system just for the trees to help keep them healthy and strong. We are so grateful to the many people who donated money and time to make the planting of the trees happen. It was a very large project and took the cooperation of many individuals to make this goal come to pass.

We have had a lot of community involvement with the cemetery and we appreciate this and would like to make everyone feel they are a part of our efforts to Beautify and improve our cemetery. From their efforts we enjoy the additions of a bench, markers, water systems, fences, trees and many hours of labor cleaning and improving the cemetery. We realize that it takes a lot of people to keep the cemetery the sacred place that it is.

Our future plans for the Cemetery are to improve the watering system. We also hope to always improve the overall look through cleanup efforts and additional landscaping. We are also getting a web site up and running so that you can find a map and look at the policies and procedures anytime.

When you are in the cemetery, if you look around you see a place of beauty and peace. Through the ages, places of burial have been sacred to our culture. Our Cemetery is very important and sacred to the families of those who are buried there. When visiting, please remember to show this sacred place the respect it deserves.

Fees and Permits

Cemetery Fees

Fees for services are set by resolution of the Cemetery Board and are changed from time to time as needed. A current fee schedule is available at the cemetery board chairman's home. There are differences in costs for residents and non-residents. A resident is a taxpayer in the Riverside Cemetery district.

Every lot of single grave sold is subject to rules and regulations that have been or may be adopted. The rules and regulations shall be subject to such changes as are found necessary for the protection of lot owners, the remains of the dead and the preservation of the cemetery.

The Cemetery Board are hereby authorized and required to collect prices and fees for the opening and closing of graves or other services which shall include but not be limited to properly disinterring bodies and properly restoring the earth and grounds, recording each burial, disinterment or removal, and raised monument privileges. The fees shall be such amounts as are determined by the Cemetery Board from time to time by resolution.

No grave shall be opened in the Cemetery until arrangement for payment of a fee for the labor and expense in so opening the grave shall be made.

The Cemetery Board shall from time to time by resolution fix the size of lots, the price at which burial rights shall be sold and the fees which shall be charged for various Cemetery services to be provided.

Burial Rights

The Riverside Cemetery is a public park and will remain so as long as Riverside Cemetery District exists. Only permissive burial rights are sold. The Cemetery retains title to the property. A maximum of six (6) graves can be purchased by any one household. A certificate of burial rights will be issued to each purchaser after fees are paid in full.

Burial rights are conveyed to the person or persons named therein and their heirs perpetually. All legal heirs are presumed to have legal claim to the rights or burial, unless specified differently in a legal will or probate court. Burial by or of heirs, after the original parties named on

burial certificates are deceased, require the permission of all living heirs, in writing, specifying the lot location(s). This may be done by letter or on forms supplied by Cemetery Board Chairman, Susan Burnett.

The Cemetery master file located at the Cemetery Board Chairman's home is considered the correct record. Any discrepancy between the master file and the certificate of burial rights will be considered a clerical error. The Cemetery reserves the right to recall, correct and reissue the correct certificates.

Transfer of Burial Rights

Owners of burial certificates may transfer their burial rights to other parties by filling out and signing form provided by the Cemetery Board Chairman, Susan Burnett. Payment of transfer fees as set by the Cemetery Board is required before a new certificate is issued. The (6) grave limit will be considered before a transfer is authorized. When possible the original certificate of burial rights should be turned in.

Unused Tracts

Tracts that have been unused, or have no written notices of claim or interest on, for more than sixty (60) years will be reclaimed by Cemetery. Every effort practically and legally, will be made to find the owner or legal heirs before the tracts, by lawful means, will be reverted.

If a reverted certificate of title or right to a tract is presented later, the legal holder is entitled to be compensated at the buy back price established by resolution of the Cemetery Board. All proceeds from the reverted property will be placed in the general fund.

Marker or Monument Permit

Permission is required to place headstones in the Cemetery. Permission is available from the Cemetery Board Chairman, Susan Burnett. Monument dealers may obtain permission before the monument is delivered.

Record Research

Copies of Cemetery records for research, historical or genealogical purposes will be made available upon payment of copy fees, which are set by resolution of the Cemetery Board.

Burials

Ordering a Grave Opening

The funeral director or a responsible party can arrange for a grave opening. The following information is required: the full name of the deceased; the place of interment (obtained from the Cemetery master file, unless new purchase); the deceased birth date, place of birth, death date, place of death and cause of death; the full names of the deceased's father and mother; the name, address and telephone number of the next of kin or informant, the location, date and time of funeral services; and the name of the funeral director or mortician. Contact the Cemetery Board Chairman by telephone or in person.

A transit permit properly issued by the Registrar of the Registration District in which the death occurred or, in the absence of such Registrar, a permit duly issued by the State Division Cemetery Superintendent shall be provided for any deceased person who is transported from out of state to the Riverside Cemetery for burial. After burial, the Cemetery Board Chairman shall complete the required

information on the permit and mail it to the Vital Records Department of the Department of Health Services in Phoenix, AZ, or as directed on the transit permit.

Burial Information

A burial information form must be filled out prior to the opening of a grave. The family representatives or the funeral director should provide the necessary information to the Cemetery Board. Proper and complete information is required for accurate record keeping. No person except the owner of the burial rights on a lot, will be buried on the lot, unless a letter or a form provided by the Cemetery Board Chairman has been signed by the owner or legal heirs to those rights giving permission for the use of the lot. The permission slip must be turned in before the grave opening and will be kept as a permanent record.

It shall be unlawful for any person to bury the body of a deceased person in the Cemetery without first obtaining a certificate of Burial Right for the lot used or producing satisfactory evidence of the right to burial based on a properly acquired Certificate of Burial Right.

Before any deceased person may be buried in the Cemetery, the relatives of person having charge of the deceased shall provide the Cemetery with a written statement which shall be filed by the Cemetery Board Chairman, which statement shall contain, if known, information about the deceased regarding his or her name, when and where born, the date and cause of death, date of burial, name of Cemetery and the description or the location of the grave.

It is an infraction for any person to:

1. Disinter any body in any Cemetery, Except under the direction of the Cemetery Board who shall, Before disinterment, require a written

permission from both the Health Department and the owner of the lot or his or her heirs, which written authorization shall be filed and preserved in a record

kept for such purposes.

2. Disinter or remove the body of a person who has died from a contagious disease within two years after the date of burial, unless the body was buried in a hermetically sealed casket or vault and is found to be so encased at the time of disinterment.

It is an infraction to inter anything other than the remains of human bodies in Cemeteries.

It is an infraction to bury the body of any person within this district except in the Cemetery or a private Cemetery, unless by special permission of the Cemetery Board under such rules and regulations that may prescribe.

Hours for Burial

Burials are accepted by appointment at the Cemetery. No burials will be accepted on Sunday or on the holidays of Christmas, Thanksgiving or Memorial Day.

Burials Per Grave

Only one burial per space is allowed. A 24 hour notice is needed for preparation for burial. Special requests or requirements can be worked out with the Chairman of the Cemetery Board.

Infant and Cremains Burials

Special arrangements can be made for the interment of infants and cremains. More than one can be accommodated per full grave space.

Vaults

Vaults are required for all burials. Vaults should be of concrete, steel or other structurally sound material as approved by the Cemetery Board.

Unless in writing waived by the Cemetery Board it shall be unlawful for any person to be buried in the Cemetery unless the casket shall be placed in a vault which is brick lined or made of concrete, fiberglass, steel or of such other material approved by the Cemetery Board, substantially constructed and covered with a similar durable material.

No wood shall be used as a permanent part of the construction of any part of the vault.

This is actually a state requirement that we are only trying to abide with.

Orientation of Graves

By convention, burial spaces are laid in rows with the head of the grave at the west and the foot at the east, individual grave tracts usually measure 40 inches wide by eight feet long. Traditional burial custom has the wife placed to the left side of the husband, however placement is a matter of choice. The Cemetery Board will help in the decision as needed.

Disinterments of Exhumations

Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment or repose of the dead. When disinterring or removing the remains from the Cemetery is necessary,

compliance with all applicable state laws is required. The Cemetery Board will schedule and direct the exhumation after applicable fees have been paid. Consultation with a funeral director is recommended for this procedure.

Movement of Graves

The Cemetery Board reserves the right to move gravesites to remedy past errors in Gravesite locations. Before making any change to Gravesite positioning, the Cemetery Board will make every effort to contact the heirs of the deceased to inform them of the move. In such situations the Cemetery Board will make every effort to be as minimally invasive as practical, and in no instance shall the Cemetery Board move a Gravesite outside of the Cemetery boundaries.

All costs associated with the movement of a Gravesite required by the Cemetery shall be borne by the Cemetery.

Monuments and Memorials

Ownership and Responsibility

Headstones are personal property. All monuments within the Cemetery are the property of lot owners, their heirs, or the responsible party that ordered and placed them. All care and upkeep of the monuments are the responsibility of the owner. The Cemetery is maintained by crews or contracted labor who exercise great care in keeping the grounds groomed. The Cemetery Board will not be responsible for inadvertent scratches and chips that occur from routine maintenance. Such happenings are a condition that go with the privilege of placing markers in the Cemetery.

Requirements

All headstones or markers must have a concrete border six inches wide installed flush with the surface of the lawn. All permanent vases must be attached to the monument, stone base or cast into the concrete border. No open holes in the concrete base will be accepted as flower vases. No vases separate from the memorial will be permitted. Memorials will be placed in an orderly manner in pre-designated rows as directed by the Cemetery Board. Flat markers, level with the ground, with approval of the Cemetery Board, may be installed between established rows. No flower vases or containers, permanent or otherwise, will be permitted per grave. Family monuments must comply with this section.

Size of Monuments

A monument must be placed within the boundary of the grave or graves of the owner in conformity with established rows. Raised markers on a single plot must not exceed 36" including the base. Raised monuments in adjacent rows must be a minimum of six and one half feet (6'6") apart unless special arrangements are made with the Cemetery Board. If the Cemetery Board determines a newly placed monument is oversized and interferes with sprinkling irrigation, the owner will be charged for the necessary modifications to the sprinkler system.

Interface with Excavation

The owner or responsible party is responsible for the removal and replacement of a marker that must be

moved for the excavation of a grave, or for the expenses of such service.

Recommendations

Consult with a monument manufacturer on monument materials suitable to handle the conditions at the Cemetery. Markers are subject to temperature extremes, snow, ice, sprinkler irrigation water and occasional nicks and chips from mowing equipment. It is recommended that raised markers have a rough nosed

Veterans Crosses

Veteran crosses are available from local veteran or civic groups to be installed. Upkeep and maintenance are the responsibility of the monument owner.

Planting of Flowers, Trees or Shrubs

Cemetery ordinance prohibits the planting of any trees, shrubs, or flowers in the Cemetery without the permission of the Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board will designate an appropriate planting area for any such donation or gift.

Obstructions

No fences, foot markers or other obstructions or installations, except a headstone or monument will be permitted in the Cemetery.

Except as provided by the rules and regulations of the Cemetery Board, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect or maintain any fence, corner post, coping or boundary of any kind, to plant any vegetation upon any lot or lots, street, alley or walk in the Cemetery or to grade the ground or land thereof.

Cemetery Board shall, whenever required, furnish the true lines of any lots according to official survey, shall prevent and prohibit any markings of the same except by official landmarks, and shall prevent and prohibit any grading thereof that might destroy or interfere with the general slope of the land.

Decorations

Flowers on Graves

The Cemetery crew will remove decorations or flowers on new graves after seven (7) days or holidays. Special mementos should be removed at the conclusion of services by the family. After the grave is closed, the casket spray is placed at the center of the grave. Other flower containers and wreaths are laid down in an orderly fashion around the spray.

Flower Policy

Properly displayed flowers add to the beauty and character of the Cemetery. Flowers are allowed throughout the year. The Cemetery staff will not be responsible for flowers or other personal property left in the Cemetery. Be aware that on occasion uncaring individuals have removed expensive flower arrangements without patron or staff knowledge or consent.

Flower Regulations

All flowers, real or artificial must be placed in a container or attached to the monument. Flowers in movable containers must be placed on the headstone or base to ensure easy access for grass cutting. NO glass containers are permitted. Any objects, such as wires, irons, sticks, or pegs, driven into the ground are not permitted unless placed immediately adjacent to

headstone or base. Any object or decoration not in compliance will be removed immediately upon discovery. Flowers on monuments between designated rows are not permitted except on Memorial Day.

General Clean Up

Throughout the year unsightly or wilted decorations will be removed to maintain the beauty of the Cemetery. This includes all flowers and decorations not in permanent containers and those that are wilted or damaged in permanent containers. All flowers and decorations picked up are disposed of.

Memorial Day

Cemetery crews will begin preparation for Memorial Day prior to the holiday. Sprinkler irrigation is stopped from Friday afternoon through the end of Memorial Day to allow for the placement of decorations. Flower regulations as listed above will be strictly enforced. Clean up of the Cemetery will begin seven (7) days following Memorial Day. Anyone desiring to pick up their wreaths or decorations should do so prior to the Monday following Memorial Day. Any person or persons picking up decorations that are not their own property will be reported to the police.