

WOODLAWN CEMETERY



FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER AND APPEAL



Dear Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery,
The Woodlawn Board of Directors would once again like to extend greetings to all our faithful supporters as well as any new ones. We send our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions that are essential to keep our beautiful 140-year-old cemetery operating.

**Please share this letter with family and friends
who may be interested in Woodlawn.**

Please Donate

We depend on all of you, and urge you to make a tax deductible donation in one of two ways: via PayPal at **woodlawncemetery.com** or by completing the enclosed donation slip. Donations historically comprise the majority of our annual budget. Bequests and memorial gifts are more than welcome at any time, which often provide us with the financial means to accomplish special projects, such as...

Section Markers! *pictured top right*

Thanks to two bequests that were made a number of years ago, the cemetery is excited to announce that we recently purchased and installed 31 new section markers! This upgrade more clearly defines each section, allowing specific lots and headstones to be located more easily. Thank you to Don Marcellus who took care of the installation.

**On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, thank you for your generosity
and for being part of a truly special place.**

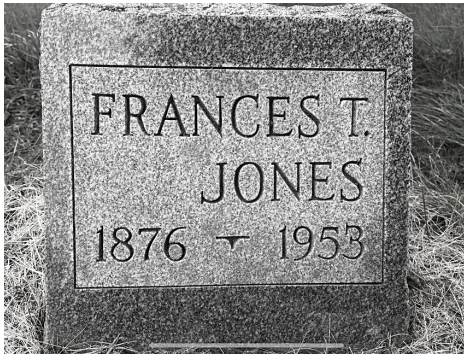
**We would also like to thank the anonymous donor who
offset the cost of this newsletter.**

Lots for Sale

Lots are available and can be purchased by contacting our lot salesperson, Donna Foster, at 315-750-9443, during the months April-October.

Current Financial Situation

We depend on donations now more than ever to help cover the vast deficit in our budget. Costs for upkeep, utilities, salaries, insurance, and maintenance items greatly exceed our income. The current unstable market has decreased the quarterly revenue we receive from our permanent maintenance fund. We are continually looking for ways to increase our income and are hoping to include local fundraising this year. If you are interested in receiving a copy of our 2023 budget, please email us at woodlawnnny@gmail.com



Headstone Cleaning

We do not provide cleaning and care for the headstones, but we do have numerous resources and people we can direct you to if you are interested. Email us for further information at woodlawnnny@gmail.com. A local teacher who is interested in history has recently restored the condition of headstones belonging to Frances Taylor Jones and her family. Frances was an African-American teacher at the turn of the century who taught at the all-white Hubbardsville one-room schoolhouse (the building itself is at Americana Village). These stones are at the beginning of Special Section 1 if you are at the cemetery and would like to stop and take a look.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is held each year in January or February and is open to lot owners and their families. We present updates, share our budget, introduce new board members, and answer questions. If you'd like more details or a copy of the Annual Meeting minutes, please email us at woodlawnnny@gmail.com. The exact date of the 2024 meeting will eventually be posted on our website.

Tree Fund

For those of you who have not heard, we have a fund specifically designed for tree maintenance. The upkeep of our large, beautiful trees is ongoing due to both safety concerns and aesthetics. If you are able, please add an extra amount to your donation.

New Board Member

The Woodlawn Board would like to welcome Kristen Gillmore as our newest member. Kristen grew up in Hamilton and, after being away for many years, felt the need to reconnect with this special community. She says that being a Board member is a service she can perform that strengthens her connection to her parents, who are buried at Woodlawn.

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