Ivy Hill Cemetery
Historical Preservation Society

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Cemetery Preservation: It's a Huge Undertaking

By Catherine Weinraub

The Ivy Hill Cemetery Historical Preservation Society, founded in 2006, is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and promoting the cemetery's tombstones, along with its diverse flora and fauna. Our work includes cleaning grave markers, repairing fences and monuments, and carefully managing vegetation to protect tombstones and structures from potential damage. It's essential to assess the health and impact of trees, landscaping elements, pathways, and other features to ensure the long-term preservation of this historic site. When a marker is lost, the stories and identities of those buried beneath it are often forgotten. By preserving gravestones, we enhance the cemetery's aesthetics and demonstrate deep respect for the departed and their families. Through our efforts, we honor the deceased, safeguard our shared history, and create a valuable resource of information for future generations. Together, we can actively preserve and enhance this important legacy.

Engaging family members and volunteers is vital for the preservation of our history. This spring, the cemetery successfully collaborated with the descendants of the Leadbeater family and staff from the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary, highlighting the importance of community involvement in our historical efforts. The group dedicated several productive hours at the cemetery, working diligently to rake and clear their designated lot. The beautification of the lot has not only enhanced its appearance but has also enabled the Historical Preservation Society to engage with the public and foster meaningful connections within the community. This initiative is a positive step towards strengthening community ties and promoting historical awareness.







SPRING HAPPENINGS





Thank you to the many friends and neighbors who helped place flags at the 1100 Veteran gravesites. We are happy to honor our Veterans in May for Memorial Day, and could not accomplish this without volunteer assistance!





Ivy Hill is so thankful that we were the beneficiary of Jack Major's Eagle Scout Project. Jack, along with his troop members, replaced a broken bench near the King Street fence, installed a new gravel walkway, and planted new bushes along the fence. He also tackled repairing and painting the information station across from the office. We are fortunate to partner with our local Boy Scout troops.

SPRING CELEBRATION

Being included in the National Recording Registry is such an amazing honor! It really shows that our work is valued for its historical significance, and it will be preserved for future generations to enjoy. This recognition is a wonderful reminder of the unique contributions we've made and the positive impact we've had on our community.





Thank you all for all your donations to Ivy Hill Cemetery Historical Preservation Society! All of your donations, big or small, help us to continue repairing and maintaining historic headstones, assist in research, support volunteer projects, and sharing Ivy Hill's history with you all.

Stay tuned for the unveiling of our National Register of Historic Places Plaque! We will post pictures on our social media platforms when it is installed.

Please contact us if you are interested in a tour with our Historian, Catherine.

Please email me with any changes of address or if you have time to volunteer.
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