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*A Newsletter from Oak Grove Cemetery Association
1407 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601
A not-for-profit cemetery*

Fall 2013

Dear Friends of Oak Grove,

Please take a moment to catch up on what's happening at Oak Grove.

Upcoming Events

13th Annual "A Light to Remember"

Whether you have lost someone recently or years ago, we invite you to join us for a special event to remember those who have passed away.

Date: **Tuesday, December 3, 2013**

Place: Oak Grove Cemetery Chapel, 1407 La Crosse St., La Crosse, Wisconsin

Time: 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Customize a holiday ornament for your loved one.

Program: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m

After the program enjoy warm beverages and holiday cookies. Throughout the event enjoy holiday music by the wonderful Apple Annies. The public is welcome. For more information, please call (608) 782-6956.

Event Recap

Our 14th Annual "Discover the Silent City – Oak Grove Cemetery Tour" was held on Saturday, September 14th. Over 250 people attended this year's tour which focused on "La Crosse – The Civil War Years Part III". In addition to our public tour, Oak Grove Cemetery is host to over 600 middle school students during the tour week. They participate in a student version of the "Discover the Silent City" tour. Plan to join us next year when "Discover the Silent City" continues on with "The Civil War Years – Part IV". The event date is: Sept. 13, 2014.

News

*A **new website** is being developed for Oak Grove Cemetery. The target date for completion is December of this year. In the meantime, you can still access our current website at:

www.oakgrovecemetery.com

***As many of you know**, the Losey Memorial Arch is over 100 years old and was in need of restoration. The cost to restore the arch to its original appearance was astronomical. Therefore, Oak Grove Cemetery chose to "preserve" the arch in its present state. The project was completed in the summer of 2013. The preservation process slows down the effects of Mother

Nature dramatically. Though the project is now completed, we are still accepting donations to offset the cost of this process. If you would like to donate towards this project, please make your check payable to: Oak Grove Cemetery – Losey Memorial Arch.

***A bit of sad news ...** Oak Grove Cemetery was struck by vandalism in August of 2013. A total of 60 monuments were pushed over. Due to granite being a very hard material, the majority of the monuments weren't damaged, but the work involved by the Oak Grove Cemetery crew to reset all of these monuments was tremendous. The vandalism was reported to the police and the local news media did a great job of telling our "story". If anyone has information regarding this vandalism, it can be reported to the La Crosse Police Dept. "Crime Stoppers" division.

Seasonal Décor

Spring flower vases cared for by Oak Grove were picked up the week of Sept. 23rd.

For the holidays, Oak Grove offers wreaths for cemetery gravesites and artificial holiday bouquets for niches and crypts. Orders will be taken starting October 1st.

Are you considering the purchase of a monument or marker?

Keep Oak Grove in mind when considering the purchase of a monument or marker for placement in our cemetery. Our staff will work with you to create a lasting memorial for you or your loved one. When purchasing through Oak Grove Cemetery for placement in our cemetery, you will receive a 10% discount off of the listed retail price and sales tax will not be charged.

Thank you

Oak Grove extends *special thanks* to the generous people who have made donations to the Oak Grove Cemetery General Fund and the Losey Memorial Arch Fund. Also, we would like to thank the kind people who have donated money when requesting genealogy information or planning guides from the cemetery.

We are grateful for the donation of trees to our cemetery and were fortunate to be able to plant trees this year in memory of Eric Schermerhorn through a gift from his parents, Richard & Nancy Schermerhorn, and in memory of Ernest Hanson through a gift by the Ernest & Grace Hanson family. Trees play a very important part in the beauty of Oak Grove Cemetery and we welcome them.

Consider a gift to Oak Grove Cemetery

With end of the year tax planning, please consider Oak Grove Cemetery when making decisions regarding charitable giving. We truly appreciate donations and charitable gifts to help offset the cost of improvements and the maintenance of our park-like 80 acres. Oak Grove Cemetery is a 501(c)(13) not-for-profit cemetery. Therefore, your donation is tax deductible up to the extent allowed by law. For further information on gifting options, please contact us.

From Your Friends at Oak Grove Cemetery *Trish, Adam & Linda*