

Salem Cemetery 2020 Newsletter

As you are well aware, our world is changing fast and we must change along with it. This year, we will no longer be holding a formal service on Decoration Day. We do, however, welcome you to visit the graves of your loved ones as usual on Sunday June 21st. (according to the guidelines governing COVID-19) and to place flowers. We would ask that you do not use artificial flowers or glass ornaments placed into the ground around a monument, as they are in way of the lawnmower and will likely be damaged. Also, arrangements that are placed on top of monuments should include a name, as they often blow off; making it hard for us to tell which grave they came from. We appreciate your assistance with these matters.

To keep yourself up-to-date and find the answers to any questions you may have, we invite you to take a look at our new website <salemceemetery.ca> where you will find our history, by-laws, contact information, lot costs, columbarium information, and burial expenses etc.

As always seasonal maintenance is initiated by members of the current board on an unpaid, voluntary basis. Cemetery grass cutting is contracted out, and remains our biggest single expense. Last fall we hired a small backhoe and three of us spend almost a full day filling all the depressions in the entire cemetery with topsoil. This spring we raked and seeded all areas. The restoration of older monuments, initiated several years ago, has been started for a new season. It would appear that the end is in sight for monuments that need to be straightened, spliced back together or set in a new footing. This year we will begin pressure washing monuments, which we anticipate will turn into a multi-year project.

We are also asking for your **e-mail address**, to make communicating faster and much more economical. To facilitate this, our new website, salemceemetery.ca in the **contacts section**, has an area entitled “**Contact Salem Cemetery**”. In the **Request or Comment box** please add your mailing address to allow us to connect the two addresses. Please note that if you are unable to avail yourself of the above option you will always be able to receive our newsletters by Canada Post.

SALEM CEMETERY BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Lenna Broatch - President; Ruth Nodwell - Secretary; John McKnight - Treasurer; Laura Haferkorn; Micki McLean; Doug Simpson; Lyn Ventress; Howard Whaley; Allan Broatch.

(Please see reverse for Financial Information)

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As a result of societal changes over the past 5 months, particularly in the banking sector, donations toward the work of the Cemetery Board can:

- Still be mailed to our Treasurer John McKnight, using the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Note: any cheques should be made payable to the **Salem Cemetery Board**, or
- If you prefer, via bank e-transfer – please notify our Treasurer at mcknight_jr@sympatico.ca.

As in the past all donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be issued in early January 2021.

The following represent the financial highlights for the past 3 years:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Assets			
Trust Account (Book Value)	91,227.00	88,512.00	89,569.00
Cash in Bank & Investments	70,280.84	59,641.62	47,635.45
Total Assets	161,507.84	148,153.62	137,204.45
Income			
Donations	10,775.00	9,763.00	8,335.00
Burial Fees	1,250.00	3,250.00	2,750.00
Sale of Graves/Corner Markers	1,965.00	1,660.00	300.00
Sale of Columbaria & Inscriptions	-	2,300.00	-
Interest: Care & Maintenance	3,095.41	2,698.28	1,430.13
Total Income	17,085.41	19,671.28	12,815.13
Expenses			
Insurance	1,151.20	664.20	664.20
Maintenance - Grass cutting Contract	2,056.60	4,384.40	5,627.40
Additional Maintenance	795.14	1,282.70	831.07
Computer & Software	189.84	1,649.79	-
Incorporation Expense	-	-	2,955.15
Legal Expenses	-	41.90	1,753.57
Decoration Day	178.25	106.00	175.94
Office Expenses & Bank Fees	448.36	786.10	724.60
Hall and Church Rental	300.00	300.00	300.00
Transfers - Care & Maintenance Fund	850.00	1,200.00	-
Cemetery Fees & Corner Posts	476.80	441.50	305.00
Total Expenses	6,446.19	10,856.59	13,336.93
Excess - Income over Expenses	10,639.22	8,814.69	-521.80

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT ENSURES THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE MAINTAINING THE CEMETERY AT A HIGH STANDARD.