

Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Assoc. Inc.

Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association, Inc. provides for restoration projects and ongoing maintenance of the cemetery and helps to sustain a part of the history of the City of Milwaukie's people into the future.

Newsletter



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Contacting Our 2009 Legislature...

We have discussed the \$50 annual tax levied by the Oregon State Corporation Commission with the Oregon Historical Cemeteries Association and they have agreed to supply us with the names and addresses of other historical cemetery groups around the state. They also suggested that we draft a universal letter, to be mailed by the other cemetery groups besides ours, to the 2009 legislative representatives voicing the need to drop the Corporation Commission tax to non-profit groups such as ours.

We will be drafting that letter so that it may be signed and forwarded to representatives shortly into the future.

We intend to site the following reasons why this tax is unfair to groups such as ours:

1. The expense takes valuable dollars (five membership dues annually!) away from our goals to maintain, preserve and restore our historical cemetery;
2. Historical cemeteries serve as a huge and integral part of cities', towns' and rural areas' history and must be preserved; and
3. Since there are numerous people who travel around visiting old cemeteries as a part of their vacation or outing, historical sites such as pioneer cemeteries contribute in some measure to tourist dollars, even though that contribution may not be quantifiable.

If you have additional thoughts or suggestions as to what else we should voice in the aforementioned letter, please contact Dolly before the end of February (see right or e-mail to info@MilwPioneerCem.org). Thanks!

Clean-up Get-Togethers at Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Scheduled, 2008... (weather permitting)

March 15—9AM-Noon

April 5—9AM-Noon

April 12—9AM-Noon

April 26—9AM-3PM

May 17—9AM-Noon

Bring your gloves and simple yard tools such as plastic rakes, trimmers, etc.

Other dates to mark on your calendar:

February 9—Annual membership Meeting, Milwaukie Museum—11AM

May 26—Memorial Day

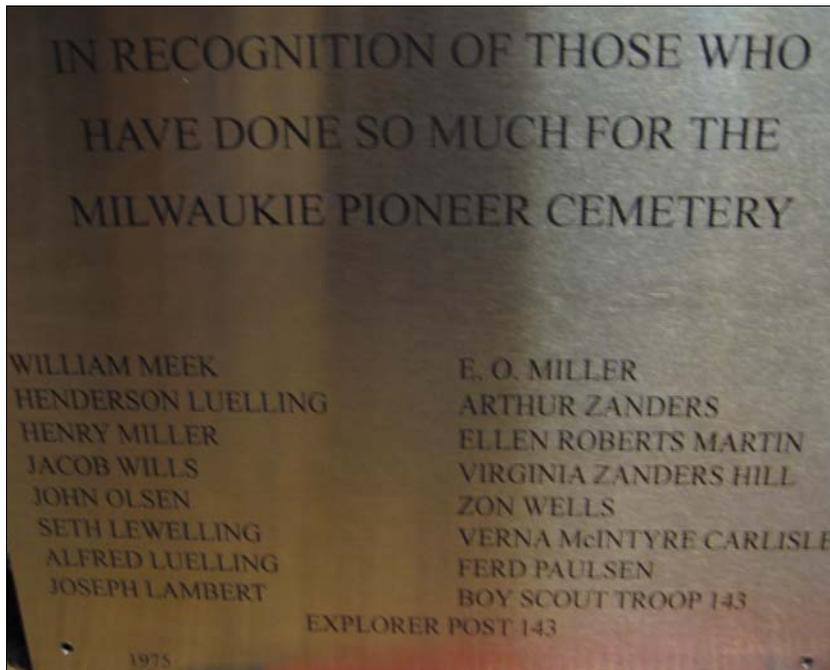
Folks from your Association will be on hand all 3 days of Memorial Day Weekend to answer questions. Stop by!

Historical Significance...

Some months ago we were contacted by Katie Mangle, Milwaukie Planning Dept., as to whether the cemetery should be re-classed to the city-wide historical designation of "Significant". Since this change will give the Association more "clout" when it comes to applying for grants and other outside help, we agreed with Katie to move this designation forward. As we hear updates on this "new status" we will keep you advised.

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Plaques To Be Placed In The Future...

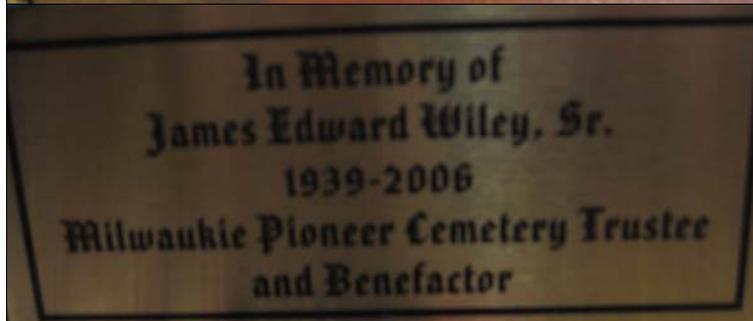
Even though these pictures don't do them justice... we have spent this foul weather time getting these engraved plaques completed so we may move forward with projects when the good weather returns.

The largest plaque is to replace the totally illegible brass plaque placed in 1975 by Boy Scout Troop #143, the Wiley Memorial plaque is destined to be placed on the refurbished picnic table and commemorates Jim Wiley's help and commitment to the Cemetery and the Association, and the Smith plaque/marker

was done thanks to funds from the granddaughter of the couple named and will be placed on their currently unmarked graves.

Each plaque has been laser engraved on stainless steel and will be mounted so as to be as tamper-proof as possible.

We will, of course have better pictures and more information as each of these projects comes to completion.



Last year during Memorial Day Weekend your Association placed several signs around the grounds that gave information about the person, his/her family, community service or organization, solely at random, and as we had information available.

We intend to continue providing signs for 2008 on Memorial Day Weekend, and have decided to include information about some of the symbols found on some of our markers, as well.

Come visit, share your family story and see your cemetery on May 24-26!

And thanks to those who have paid for 2008!

Please remember annual dues!!!

Annual dues \$10/YEAR
 Lifetime membership \$200
 make check payable to, and mail to:
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