

RJC Cemetery Committee Report January 7, 2024

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The RJC Website is under construction as many links no longer work after the takeover of the website host *Weebly* by *Square*. Please bear with me as I recreate these pages and links.

The Cemetery Committee is **delighted with the “Expansion” and the work that has been done** to date. If you haven’t checked it out, please do so, especially as there is no snow on the ground yet [at the time of this report]. **Donations to the Cemetery are needed to replenish the endowment fund.** Our income from burial plot sales, donations, and interest from the Israeli bond was \$7,322.34. Thank you for your continued support.

The Committee has met several times, and those notes and minutes are available on the members-only section of the website.

Monthly Inspection reports are also found on the RJC website in the members-only section.

1. **The Cemetery Grounds** —are looking good. **Save the Date**—We will have another Cemetery Workday on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Our expenses for mowing, etc., this last season were \$3565.
2. **Cemetery Roads** —The old and new roads have held up well. The cost for the work on the new road and cleanup of the grounds after the fire was \$26,234 in 2023.
3. **Burial Sites** —The new section is mapped out and is ready to sell. We sold two cemetery plots in 2023. The final Invoice for the survey and mapping of the sites was \$4K.
4. **Monuments** —**Don't hesitate to contact me** if you wish to clean your family’s headstones. I have the proper solution to use [D2] and am happy to provide instructions on cleaning **headstones properly**.
5. **Flagpole** — Repair is still needed.

Current:

1. The **New Cemetery Fees** are posted, and letters have been sent. If you hold a **current** Cemetery Plot Reservation, you have until February 17, 2024, to purchase your plot(s) at the previous rates.
2. **The mapping** of the new cemetery grounds is completed, and plots are ready to sell.
3. All known **Yahrzeits** are on the RJC website in the **Members Only** section. Contact Mj if you need a new login. If you have loved ones buried in our cemetery, please send the obituaries, photos, and memories to Mj.

Future Work:

1. Update of **By-Laws and Policies and Procedures**—Our Cemetery Policies must be updated and documented.
2. **Spring Plantings** to beautify the new entrance and road will be planned for Spring. Your assistance is needed to accomplish this. Please contact Mj if you would like to help with this.
3. **Records**—**We continue to search for obituaries, death certificates, etc., for our records.** This past year, the increase in genealogical research has highlighted the need to document our records. Anyone wishing to assist in this endeavor is welcome.