

# RJC Cemetery Committee Report January, 2023

## Summary

**Monthly Inspection** reports are found on the RJC website in the members-only section under Committee Notes/Reports in the Cemetery files.

1. **Grounds** — the old section remains in good shape. Part of the fence does still need to come down as it has been cut and is a hazard. The grass mowing began as soon as the grounds were dry and ended in October. The land has been cleared for the new section. Waiting for snow to burn the debris piles.
2. **Road** — has held up well.
3. **Burial Sites** — The plans for the new section are being worked on and we hope to have gravesites available for purchase soon. Available burial sites in the old section are very limited. Several individual gravesites will need soil and grass seed in the Spring. Families should contact Mj if they wish to be included in the landscaping work. There has been a huge increase in the number of genealogical inquiries. I continue to upload headstone photos to Find a Grave. Anyone wishing to assist me please give me a call.
4. **Monuments** — Intact. A few need to be repositioned to the proper place, mostly due to soil erosion. A few monuments need “spot” cleaning. More details about this in the Spring.
5. **Flagpole** — Repair is still under investigation.

## Current Plan:

1. **The design of the New Sections of the Cemetery is the current work in progress.** A sketch of the area is on the website. Continue to visit the website for updates.
2. **Phased Expansion Plan**—we will determine these planned improvements, to be carried implemented in phases. This is anticipated to be an expensive effort. Your continued support is needed.
3. **Update of Fees and Policies**—Our Fee Schedule and Cemetery Policies, as well as the process for Gravesite Reservations need to be updated. Currently, individuals may reserve a plot for \$50.00 and hold onto that reservation for many years before actually purchasing them. Most of the reservations are over 25 years old. This is not a sustainable practice.
4. **I continue to search for obituaries, death certificates, etc. for our records.** Updating and digitizing our Cemetery records remains a primary focus. All known Yahrzeits are on the RJC Website in the Members Only section. If you need a new login to access that please contact Mj. With the increase in genealogical research this past year, it has highlighted the need to document what we know. Anyone wishing to assist in this endeavor is welcome. Please contact Mj Hochberg.