

# NEW BELLEVILLE RIDGE JOINT CEMETERY

## Rules and Regulations

### Effective November 2023

It is essential that certain guidelines exist to ensure the integrity, beauty and maintenance of the cemetery. In order to perpetuate the beauty and continuity of the cemetery, the Board reserves the right to enforce all rules and regulations here set forth and others that might seem necessary for a particular situation.

New Belleville Ridge Joint Cemetery is governed by an appointed Board consisting of two (2) Trustees from Perrysburg Township and one (1) Trustee from Middleton Township or their appointees.

These rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board.

#### GENERAL

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- Visitors are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that accords due respect to the deceased.
- Persons desiring to bury in the cemetery are required to obtain permission from the Cemetery Board Clerk and/or the Cemetery Sexton before doing so, also before removal of any remains. Burial services will be paid for by the funeral home of record, and paid to the sexton on duty at the time of service unless other arrangements are made with the Clerk.
- Residents are considered those who reside in Perrysburg Township or Middleton Township.
- Grave purchases and burial fees are handled on a resident / non-resident rate structure.
- No person or persons not employed by the cemetery shall excavate any earth, lay or remove sod, alter the grade of any grave within the Cemetery either on or about his own grave or the graves of others.
- Any and all work done in the cemetery is to be done under the direction of the Board.
- The Board reserves the right to modify the layout of the cemetery as appropriate
- Any person desiring to dispose of their lot must convey same back to the Board of Trustees by release of interest. The owner of said lot will be paid the original purchase price.
- Remnant lots, lots that are not large enough for a full burial, will be sold at half the cost of the published rates for residents or non-residents for one decedent cremated remains.

## INTERNMENT

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- One full burial and one cremation burial will be allowed on the same grave space providing the cremains are in an approved crematory container (see below), or no more than two cremation burials will be allowed on the same grave space.
- Cremation ashes must be contained in a non-decomposable, non-porous, rigid container; subject to approval of the sexton.
- In the event a dedicated burial location is deemed not able to accommodate the burial of the members designated, an alternate location will be found on the cemetery grounds at no charge to the owner. The owner may elect to release interest of the original graves back to the cemetery board or purchase the original graves at two-thirds of the current cost or the original value, whichever is less.
- Indigent burials will be handled as cremations only and will be identified with a marker.
- The following areas have been reserved for indigent burials:  
Section E: Lots 503, 586, and 587.

## MONUMENT SPECIFICATIONS

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- Monuments and memorials may not be set without prior approval of exact grave location by the Board. Any unauthorized memorial work will be removed from the grave until proper arrangements have been made with the Board and will be at the expense of the owner.
- Only marble, granite and bronze will be permitted in all memorial work.
- Burial stones or any form of monument shall be approved as to material, design and location as proper by the Sexton and/or Board upon application for same.
- No stepping stones will be permitted without approval.
- Veterans plaques are exempt from the stepping stone rule noted above.
- The Board reserves the right to exclude from any lot, any headstone, monument, or other structure, or other object, which may conflict with the regulations, or which may be considered hazardous or offensive to the public or injurious to the general appearance of the grounds, lawns or graves.
- All monuments shall be placed on a concrete foundation. Only the cemetery sexton shall prepare these foundations.
- Any monuments spanning over two graves shall require approval from the Sexton and Board.
- All monuments must be placed at the head of the graves. Only one monument, stone, or marker allowed on one grave space.
- Foundations for all monuments or markers are to be built by the sexton of the cemetery. The foundations will be poured twice a year, (spring and fall) weather permitting.

## CARE OF GRAVES / GROUNDS

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- All graves are to remain sodded.
- Any tree, shrub or any article that becomes a detriment to the general appearance of the grounds or hinders upkeep of same may be removed by order of the Board of Trustees.
- No person will be permitted to plant any unauthorized tree, shrub, vine or flowers.
- No person shall write on, cut, break, discolor or otherwise deface or injure any stone, monument, fence or other structure within the cemetery.
- No fence or border will be permitted around any lot or stone foundation.
- Foundation bases will be poured to match the width of said grave per the foundation order provided to the Sexton.
- Cut flowers (fresh or artificial) are the most satisfactory form of above-ground decoration during the grass cutting season.
- Burial service flowers will be removed when they become unsightly, discolored or wilted. All items should remain on the foundation and/or grave when possible.
- Potted plants should be placed at the front and/or rear of the monument or on the foundation base so that they can be easily removed if/as needed.
- Extraneous decoration will be limited to one at said monument or head of grave.
- Decoration will be allowed to the side of a monument provided said item(s) fits on the monument proper or its base.
- Should any memorial become unsightly or a hazard, the Board shall have the right to either correct the condition or remove same.
- Glass of any kind is prohibited.
- All fall/winter grave decorations are to be removed by April 1. New seasonal decorations can be placed beginning April 15.
- All spring/summer decorations are to be removed by September 30. New seasonal decorations can be placed beginning October 31.

## CONDUCT

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- Loud noises, loud, boisterous and/or profane language will not be allowed.
- Intoxicating beverages and/or illegal drugs will not be allowed.
- No vehicle shall be driven faster than eight (8) miles per hour while within the gates of the cemetery and shall keep on the driveways. ATVs are not permitted on cemetery grounds.
- No person shall discharge any firearms within the cemetery except at military funerals.

## RESTRICTIONS

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- The Cemetery shall be closed after dark to the public, violators will be prosecuted under ORC 2911.21. The Board, Sexton, Perrysburg Township Police or the Wood County Sheriff's department have authority to remove any violators (person, pet or unwanted animal) observed to be in violation.
- The Board discourages burials on holidays.
- The grounds are open from dawn to dusk.
- The grounds are monitored by the Perrysburg Township Police Department.

New Belleville Ridge Joint Cemetery is intended to serve as the final resting place for eligible persons and it is essential that certain guidelines exist to ensure the integrity, beauty and maintenance of the cemetery not be interrupted. All owners, visitors and contractors who perform work within the cemetery shall be subject to these said Rules and Regulations. While comprehensive in scope, they are not all encompassing. It is recognized by the Board that situations not addressed may arise. The Board will review issues and handle disposition of same. The decision of the Board is final.

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