

# ALBANY RURAL CEMETERY

## RULES & REGULATIONS

**Welcome to the historic Albany Rural Cemetery. The Cemetery is both private property and a final resting place, so please respect all gravesites in the Cemetery.**

### GENERAL

To promote and maintain the beautiful resting place of the departed, the following Rules & Regulations have been established and are intended to benefit the safety of our patrons and visitors, as well as the care and permanent maintenance of the Cemetery. All Cemetery business must be transacted at the office. Persons other than Cemetery officials are not authorized to conduct business for the Cemetery.

### LOT OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is the responsibility of every lot owner to keep the Cemetery informed of any change of mailing address. Correspondence sent to the last address on file with the Cemetery shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notice when necessary.
- The transfer of ownership, title or interest in any lot shall be made only after being approved and recorded by the Cemetery and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New York State Cemetery Board
- NYS Division of Cemeteries specifies that, upon the death of the owner of the lot (per the deed), ownership follows the bloodline using a consanguinity chart unless the lot is specifically designated to another person in a will. If a lot owner wishes to transfer the lot to another individual, it is important to note that residuary clauses in wills do not cover a cemetery lot unless it is specified and bequeathed to someone designating the exact lot. This information is not to be construed as legal advice; please consult your own attorney

### LOT MAINTENANCE

ALL PLANTING AND DECORATIONS MUST BE PLACED **AT THE HEAD OF THE GRAVE** NEAR THE MONUMENT OR MARKER.

<b>PERMITTED:</b>	Planting of annuals Fresh or artificial flowers Evergreen wreaths Tulips and daffodils	<b>NOT PERMITTED:</b>	Glass or ceramic containers Vigil lights/candles (no flames) Perennials Balloons
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- Lot owners are responsible for the maintenance of their monuments and any plantings
- Lot owners may not install foundations for monuments, foundations must be installed by monument companies or authorized contractors
- All benches must be approved by the Cemetery

- Any object placed on a lot is placed at the owner's risk and the Cemetery is not responsible for damage done to monuments, markers, flowers, or any other tokens or mementos. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove items at any time without notice
- The Cemetery reserves the right to restrict the planting of shrubs or trees and to remove shrubs or trees upon due notice to the lot owner. All shrubs and trees planted must be approved by the Cemetery management prior to planting
- The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, and other decorations from lots if they become unsightly, hazardous, or interfere with general maintenance

## **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

Two Cemetery-wide clean-ups are conducted during the year. Spring clean-up begins on or around March 15 and Fall clean-up begins on or around October 15. Signs are posted at each entrance prior to clean-up and notice is also posted on our social media sites.

## **MAUSOLEUM/CHAPEL**

The Mausoleum is open to the public daily. The Chapel is open for special events and may be rented.

- NO SMOKING policy enforced in the Mausoleum and Chapel
- Flowers are allowed in designated areas
- Remembrances must not block walkways within or around the Mausoleum
- Use of the Chapel for services and events must be approved by Cemetery management and a set charge will apply

## **PET POLICY**

Dogs are allowed in the Cemetery, but **MUSE BE KEPT ON A LEASH AND UNDER THE PHYSICAL CONTROL** of their owners at all times for the safety of all visitors and employees. Your privilege to visit the Cemetery may be revoked for non-compliance.

- Dog owners are required to keep their dogs at a respectful distance from funeral services and people visiting gravesites
- Dogs are NOT permitted to urinate, defecate, or climb on monuments
- Owners are **REQUIRED** to clean up after their dogs; dog waste bags and dog waste disposal receptacles are provided in Sections 100, 100A, 116, 118, and near the spillway of Cypress Pond
- **SERVICE DOGS** are permitted in the office, the Mausoleum, and in all other areas of the Cemetery

## **OTHER RULES**

- No BBQ pits, grills, open flames, or fires of any kind
- No broadcasting loud music or music with profane language
- No temporary structures such as unattended chairs or benches
- **Please respect any burials or other services in progress, as well as those visiting graves**