



# BURLINGTON CITY CEMETERIES

GREENMOUNT, ELMWOOD, AND LAKEVIEW

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# HISTORY



Greenmount – Established ~1764

Elmwood – Established between 1794-1804

Lakeview – Established 1871 (burials as early as 1868)

Louisa Howard Chapel – opened 1882

Multiple prominent residents/residents of historical significance in all three cemeteries

Lakeview contains multiple areas purchased by or dedicated to the burial of specific groups – Military, Home for Destitute Children, Home for Friendless Women, Freeground, Temple Sinai, Somali-Bantu Society of Vermont/Islamic Society

# STAFF

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Cindi Wight – Cemetery Superintendent

Steven Bachand – Parks and Cemetery  
Grounds Manager

Paul Morris – Working Foreman

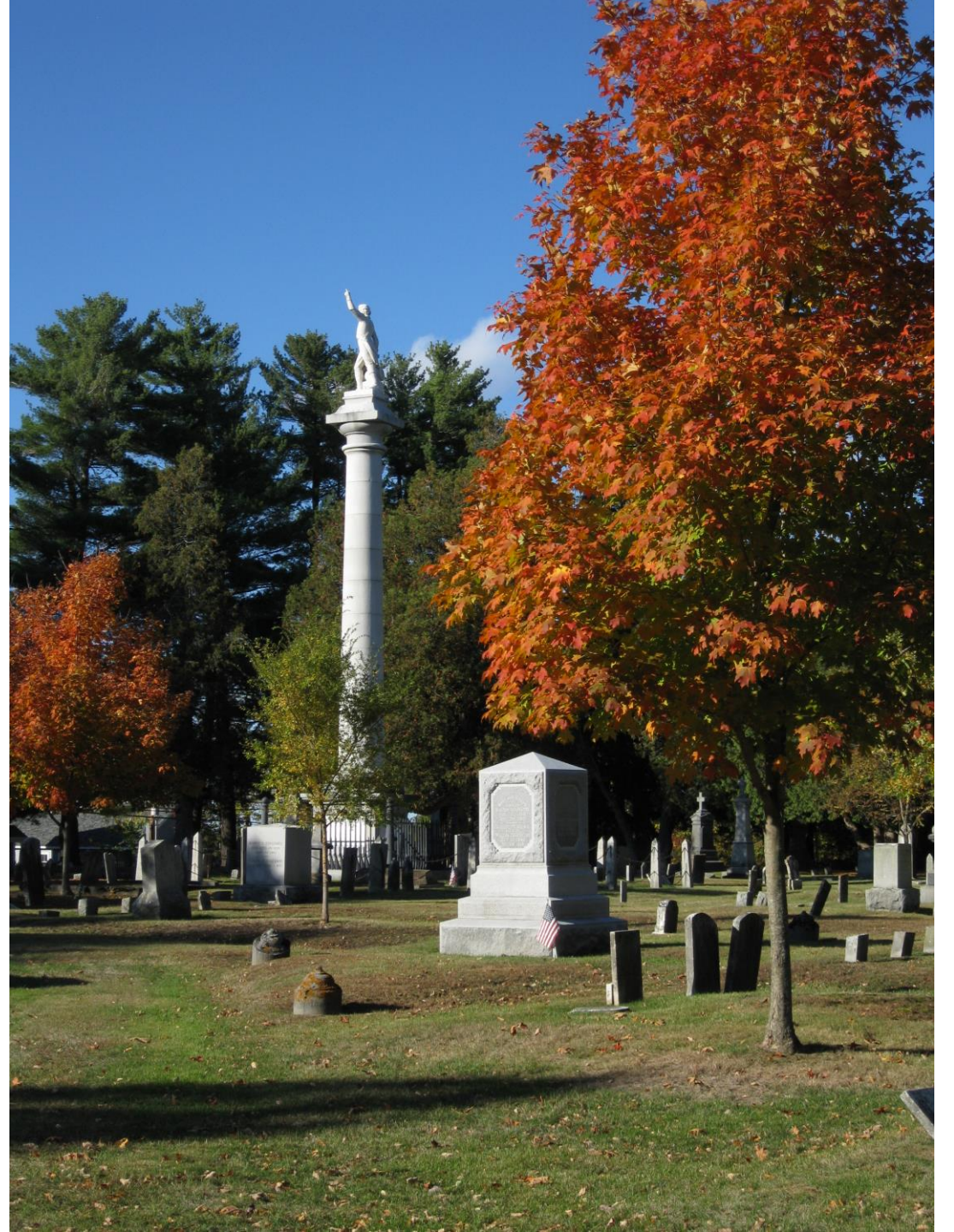
Sherman Woods – Cemetery Worker

Holli Bushnell – Office Assistant

Jason Howard – Seasonal Grounds Worker

4-6 Seasonal grounds workers

(Due to budget shortfall we will only be able to hire Howard for the spring months, will add additional seasonals after 7/1/2024)





# FY24 BUDGET

## Revenue

Perpetual care income	\$	20,000.00
Louisa Howard Chapel	\$	4,000.00
Lot sales	\$	78,000.00
Burials	\$	70,000.00
Fees for services	\$	2,000.00
Foundations	\$	350.00

## Expenses

Staffing	\$	222,349.00
Dues & subscriptions	\$	1,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$	13,761.00
Utilities	\$	13,400.00
Capital Leases	\$	820.00
Misc	\$	410.00
	\$	251,740.00

## Special one-time funds

Remainder FY23 assigned Fund balance	\$	18,000.00
Bond - design section 8	\$	50,000.00



# GREEN AND EQUITY PRACTICES

## BURLINGTON CITY ORDINANCES REQUIRE A CONCRETE VAULT FOR FULL BURIAL

Full (casket) burials can use a vault with holes drilled in the bottom

- Green caskets can be used (pine box, wicker, board and shroud)
- Embalming is not required

Staff has worked with the Conservation team and Grow Wild to develop low mow area and pollinator gardens

Vermont has legalized both alkaline hydrolysis (green cremation/aquamation) and human composting

The city has standard rates for all lot purchases and burials

The State of Vermont does provide assistance to those who cannot afford to dispose of their loved one's remains





# PRIVATE VS PUBLIC



There really isn't much of a difference between private and public cemeteries

## Private Cemeteries in Burlington

Mt. Calvary (Old and New) and St. Joseph's are under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese

Ohavi Zedek has a small cemetery in the New North End

All three are still required to abide by Burlington City Ordinances

## Home Burials

According to state statute and a 1973 Attorney General's opinion, families in Vermont may care for their own dead. This includes transporting the deceased, burial on private property, and/or cremation.

Vermont law provides that a private individual may set aside a portion of land he or she owns to use as a burial space for immediate family members, so long as this use does not violate the health laws and regulations of the state and the town in which such land is situated



# PRIVATE VS PUBLIC RATES:



## Burlington City Rates:

**Burials** (*no Burials on Sundays*)\*

**Type of Burial:**

Casket Burial or above ground interment: \$990.00, **\$1,650.00**, \$1080.00

Urn Burial or above ground interment: \$550.00, **\$770.00**, \$600.00

Child Casket Burial or above ground interment: \$500.00, **\$700.00**, \$500.00

**Lot Purchase:**

Single Grave Lot, Single Section 1: \$770.00 or **\$1,320.00**

Single Grave Lot, all Lakeview lots except Single Section 1: \$1,100.00 or **\$1,750.00**

Single Urn Lot, Howard Cremation Garden: \$385.00 or **\$495.00**

Two-Urn Niche, South Columbarium: \$2,475.00 or **\$3,300.00**

Baby Lot in Baby Section of Section 4: \$250.00 or **\$350.00**



# PRIVATE VS PUBLIC RATES (CON'T)



## Catholic Cemeteries (Holy Cross)

### Sale of Lots –Burial Rights:

Single Grave for Casket or One Cremation \$500.00

Two Grave Lot – for One Casket or One Cremation \$1,000.00 Each

Second Burial Right in a Grave \$250.00

### Interment Fees – Opening and Closing Fees:

Casket \$150.00

Cremation \$100.00

### Sale of Columbarium Niche:

Any One Niche with One interment Right: \$1,500.00

With Two Interment Rights: \$1,800.00

Columbarium Opening and Closing Fee: \$75.00

## Ohavi Zedek

### OZ Cemetery Fees

November 1, 2017

		Members	Non-Members	
B U R I A L	Right to be Buried	No Fee	\$5,000.00	
	Each Plot	\$1,500.00		
	Perpetual Care (Each Plot)	\$1,500.00		
	Gravestone Cleaning	Included in Perpetual Care For New Plots Only		
	Grave Opening	\$700-\$1,200 (fixed-cost contract)		
	Rabbi Officiates At Funeral	Donation of \$600.00 Encouraged	\$600.00	
	Bereavement Meal	Donation of \$180.00 Encouraged	\$220.00	
	Use of Shul Chapel	No Fee	\$500.00	
	Refrigeration	No Fee	100 per day	
C H E V R A	K A D I S H A	Taharah	No Fee	\$500.00
		Shroud	\$200.00	
		Shomer	\$100.00 per night	
		Jewish Sacred Society Chapel	No Fee	\$100.00 per night



# VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES



Placing Flags on Veteran's Graves for Memorial Day

VOCA (Vermont Old Cemeteries Association) restoration of Home for Destitute Children and Elmwood

Old East End Neighborhood Coalition cleaning graves and caring for Greenmount – Jason Stuffle

Keurig/Dr. Pepper team cleaning graves

Working with Lacey-Ann Smith/restorative justice

Work with conservation team and Grow Wild to develop low mow areas and pollinator gardens

Multiple contacts from general public wanting to clean stones or do other volunteer work. Need for coordinator.



# THE FUTURE

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- Section signage
- New section development
- Expanding Islamic Section
- Continued data entry of Burial and Lot Cards

