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Town of Sherman Residents,

This newsletter is to let you know about changes to the Sherman Cemetery operation, rules, and costs. The Wisconsin laws require owners of cemeteries to write an ordinance, which we have done, and is located on the town website. This newsletter has some of the changes that may affect you if you have, or want, a burial site in the cemetery. Please read the entire ordinance, but this newsletter will give you a summary.

*The Town Board wants to ensure proper maintenance and beauty for all our residents and the loved ones who are in the cemetery and to prevent abuse and destruction of the cemetery.*

*The Town of Sherman website is at <https://www.townofshermaddunn.com/community/cemetery>. If you would like a hard copy of the ordinances, please contact Ashley Score, Town Clerk/Treasurer at 715-702-1413 or [shermanclerk@live.com](mailto:shermanclerk@live.com).*

*Please contact Sherri Vodinelich, cemetery sexton, if you have any questions or need assistance.*

*Email: [shermancemetery@gmail.com](mailto:shermancemetery@gmail.com)*

*Phone: 715-505-2830*

- The fee to purchase a burial site has been increased to \$400. The price includes perpetual care consisting of maintenance of the entire cemetery grounds including mowing and maintenance of the lawn, leaf disposal, trimming trees and shrubs, cleanup of debris, cleanup of a burial site area before and after a burial, maintenance of the cemetery parking lot, and caring for avenues, alleys, fences, buildings, and grounds in general, *continuously, into the future*.
- The cemetery sexton will issue a cemetery deed for each burial site purchased, so you will have written documentation of what site you purchased. Only persons whose names appear on the deed will be recognized as owner(s) of the burial site(s). You may transfer (but not sell) your burial site to someone else. Also, in case of the death of a burial site owner, the owner of a burial site can transfer ownership to someone else in his/her will. Please contact Sherri so she can create the new deed to show the change of ownership.
- We realize that in the past there may not have been written documentation of what site you purchased. You can contact Sherri to confirm if your records are correct, if you need records corrected, or if you would like to have a deed created for burial site(s) you already own.
- Visiting hours are sunrise to sunset. The following is not permitted in the cemetery:
  - Dogs and other domestic animals, other than service animals
  - Recreational activities, such as snowmobiling, ATV riding, or bicycles
  - Weapons (except in conjunction with military funerals or specific memorial events)
  - No structures, hedges, fences, railings, embankments, depressions, containers for flowers or plants, or other enclosures of any kind are permitted on or around burial sites. If they already exist, they do not need to be removed.
- All burial site items are to be placed on the side or on top of the monument/marker/stone/bench or on the foundation of the monument so that lawn equipment may pass by. Standing items, including wreaths, must be stake driven or pedestal supported. Flowers, potted plants, or artificial flowers/plants are to be planted in

pedestal planters. Fresh cut flowers or bouquets can be set on the foundation or monument. Annually, all pots, flowers, and items in and around burial sites:

Summer/Fall Flowers/Items	Remove by October 15
Christmas Flowers/Items	Remove by January 15
Potted Plants	Water and care for regularly or remove after 10 days
Funeral Flowers	Remove two weeks after burial
Flags	Remove when they become torn and faded

- The care of monuments, markers, footstones, and burial sites is the responsibility of the family members and loved ones. This includes fixing the deterioration of foundations, collars, monuments, markers, and foot stones, filling sunken burial sites, raising markers, and cleaning monuments. Please notify the sexton before repairs, replacements, or releveling occur.
- Each burial site may accommodate up to 1 traditional burial, or 1 traditional burial and 1 cremains, or 2 cremains.
- To assist with maintaining the cemetery grounds and to keep a uniform appearance, all monuments, markers, and foot stones must be set on a cement or granite foundation/collar. Foundations and collars must be set at ground level with a minimum of a 5-inch margin from the outer edges of the monument, marker, or foot stone. Monuments, markers, foot stones, foundations, and collars must be set by a monument company.
- No individual may open or close a burial site in the cemetery. It is the responsibility of the cemetery sexton to oversee the preparation of the burial site by an excavating company for a traditional burial, or for the sexton to prepare the site for a cremains burial.

If families wish to make a contribution designated for cleanup and care of the cemetery, we welcome donations in any amount. Please make a check payable to the Town of Sherman and mail it to the clerk/treasurer.