

# FLAG SPRING CEMETERY

## Rules and Regulations

3541 Round Bottom Road, Newtown, OH 45244  
Cemetery Sexton (office) 513.271.2009 or (cell) 513.673.4461

**Hours:** Cemetery visitation hours are from sunrise to sunset. Visitors must enter/exit through designated gates.

### History

The Village of Newtown owns and maintains Flag Spring Cemetery, since taking over its operation from the Odd Fellows Lodge in 1980. In the past, the cemetery may have been referred to Newtown Cemetery, Flagstone Cemetery and Flag Spring Lodge.

Flag Spring Cemetery has graves dating back to the early 19th Century. Many of those buried were the first settlers in this area who founded Newtown, formerly known as Mercersburg.

### Operation

The cemetery is operated in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and in accordance with the appropriate principles of good conduct which the Cemetery Committee and Board of Trustees believe should govern the operation of the cemetery.

Cemetery Sexton Ron Dickerson maintains cemetery records; you may reach Ron at the above phone numbers for information and assistance regarding burials, deeds, transfers, etc.

### Bequests/Donations and Selling Cemetery Plots

- Bequests and donations may be made to the Cemetery Fund; call Town Hall 513.561.7097 (x12) for further information.
- If interested in selling your burial plot(s), please call Cemetery Sexton at 513.271.2009.

### Burials

1. Persons applying for a permit to bury a deceased person must be able to provide the following information:
  - a. Name and address of the deceased
  - b. Name and address of the party authorizing the burial
  - c. Name of the lot owner and his/her relationship to the deceased
  - d. Cemetery deed or other proof of ownership
  - e. Section, lot, and grave number
  - f. Name and address of the funeral director
2. Funeral arrangements must be coordinated with Cemetery Sexton at 513.271.2009 (office) or 513.673.4461 (cell). The Village must be notified a minimum of 48 hours before interment. Burials must be scheduled no later than 2:00pm.
3. All internments must be placed in a concrete vault. The Village requests the use of top-seal vaults.
4. Cremains (cremated remains) may be buried in one grave or one grave may hold several containers of ashes. Cremains also may be buried in an occupied grave.
5. Only contracted personnel, Village employees under the supervision of the Cemetery Sexton, are permitted to dig graves or perform related labor on the cemetery grounds.
6. Fees for grave opening and burials in the Flag Spring Cemetery located in the Village of Newtown are hereby established as follows:

#### **Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Vault and Casket burial \$ 650.00  
Cremains burial \$ 200.00

#### **Saturday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Vault and Casket burial \$ 1,000.00  
Cremains burial \$ 400.00

7. Infant burials (baby vault and casket) shall be one-half of the above charges.
8. There shall be no burials on Sundays or holidays or weekends that contain a holiday or have a holiday the Friday prior or the subsequent Monday.

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#### **Foundations/Markers**

1. All graves are required to have a permanent commercially-marketed grave marker.
2. The cost of foundations is shown on the rate schedule and is subject to change. Payment must be made at the time of foundation is ordered.
3. Foundations are installed by Village employees and are placed in line to conform to existing markers.
4. Foundations for new graves are not poured until six months after burial to allow the ground to settle. Foundations for established graves are poured periodically, based on scheduling conditions.
5. Vases or urns are permitted with permission from the Village. A foundation is required.
6. The Village is not responsible for damage to monuments, markers, or stones in the cemetery, caused by the ordinary care of the cemetery.
7. Foundations are poured without charge for Veterans, whose grave stone or marker has been provided by the Federal Government. Foundation charge will be \$25.00 per cubic foot (\$50.00 minimum), subsequent to change.

#### **Visitation**

1. Pet animals are not permitted in the cemetery unless they remain confined within the owner's vehicle. The only exceptions to this rule are animals used to assist the visually impaired or hearing impaired persons.
2. Visitors must enter and exit the cemetery only through the gates designated for those purposes.
3. No one is permitted to drive, ride, or park on any of the cemetery grounds except roadways provided for those purposes.
4. Receptacles are provide and marked for visitors to discard and deposit trash. Your cooperation is respectfully requested to help keep the cemetery neat and clean.
5. All persons are prohibited from picking any flowers (wild or cultivated), breaking or injuring ay tree, plant or shrub.
6. The Village of Newtown is not responsible for any accident which may occur on the cemetery property.

#### **Decorations**

1. No planting of flowers, shrubs, or any vegetation (except spring bulbs) is permitted on the grave.
2. Flowers and other decorations placed on the graves are periodically removed for grass mowing and other maintenance.
3. Arrangements designed for attachment to markers are permissible, but are subject to removal when they detract from the general appearance of the cemetery.
4. Boxes, shells, toys and similar objects placed on graves or lots are inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds and are not permitted.
5. Glass containers or fencing are not permitted.
6. The Village does not assume responsibility for flowers or other decorations on a gravesite within the cemetery.
7. Any headstone, marker, monument, stone, picture, depiction, engraving, decoration, or any other item placed upon a gravesite in the cemetery must be in keeping with the respect, dignity, and solemnity of the cemetery. Any items placed upon a grave within the cemetery that, in the sole opinion of the Village, is not in keeping with this requirement is subject to removal without notice to any party.