

LOTS AND OWNERSHIP

Burial plots are sold only by the Association with the entire purchase price going toward the maintenance and upkeep of the Cemetery.

An owner desiring to sell his/her plot must first offer it back to the Association. Should the Association choose to repurchase the lot, it may do so at the original sales price to the original owner. No sale or transfer of a lot is valid without the consent of the Association and will not be recognized.

Prospective purchasers of burial lots may secure a reservation for a lot with the understanding that it cannot be used until the full purchase price is paid; no interment will be allowed until the full purchase price has been paid.

All caskets must be enclosed in a vault which complies with industry standards.

No interments are allowed on Sundays or holidays without special permission from the Superintendent...

Only one interment in each grave will be allowed except when special permission is obtained from the Superintendent. However, two cremated remains may be interred in a single burial plot.

When designating the location of graves prior to burial, it is important that the lot holder or his or her authorized agent gives personal attention to this issue. The Association will assume no responsibility or liability for errors in location designation. Confirmation of ownership and gravesite location should be established with the Superintendent.

RESPECTING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

No maintenance activities are to take place during a burial service.

The speed limit within the cemetery is 15 miles per hour.

All wheels of a vehicle are to remain on the hard surfaces of the roadways at all times.

No dogs are allowed on the cemetery premises.

Your thoughtful consideration in observing these rules will be appreciated by all.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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HISTORY

According to available Town records, the first burials at Central Cemetery likely took place around 1796. The exact date is not known, however, because many records were destroyed by a fire at the Town Hall in 1882.

According to surviving records, on January 17, 1887 the Central Cemetery Association of Brookfield, Connecticut, Inc. was officially formed with the following purpose:

- To keep in order, maintain, improve and enlarge the burying ground or place of sepulture in the Town of Brookfield, County of Fairfield, Connecticut, known as the Central Cemetery in this Town;
- To purchase, lay out, maintain in good order, ornament, adorn, sell, dispose and convey suitable lots for burial purposes in the same;
- To do all and every act necessary or proper for the well ordering of the business of said Cemetery and the transaction of the affairs of the Association.

In keeping with the spirit of the original purpose and to accommodate the current needs of the community, the Board of Trustees has adopted the following Regulations.



GENERAL REGULATIONS

The following regulations are subject to reasonable revision and amendment by the Board of Trustees. The observance of these regulations is an important element in the proper development and maintenance of the property and full cooperation on the part of the lot owners is essential. The management will be glad to discuss any questions that arise.

Other than approved memorials and planting, no objects or structures may be placed on the lots or gravesites except small urns, flowerboxes and flower holders.

It is the desire of the Association to protect such decorations and improvements as may be placed on lots and graves in accordance with the regulations, but it does not assume responsibility for loss through theft or damage.

It is requested that rubbish be placed in the containers provided throughout the cemetery: old and unsightly decorations will be removed at the discretion of the Association management.

No advertising or solicitation of memorial business is permitted within the cemetery.

The cemetery is accessible daily to the public from 7:00 a.m. to sunset. The cemetery is officially closed for burials from December 1st to April 1st.

FLORAL DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS

Artificial decorations are to be removed from gravesites no later than December 1st of each year, while Christmas ground coverings may be used as decorative grave coverings during this time of year, *but these must be removed before April 1st*. Please remove your own decorations and gravesite coverings and dispose of them yourself. This will help minimize the cost of Cemetery maintenance.

Natural decorations are limited to cut flowers, potted plants and winter evergreens not to exceed 18 inches in height and must be in a container that will not tip over under windy conditions. Flowers must be placed in suitable holders – glass jars and cans are not permitted.

Since cemetery lots are small, simplicity of treatment is important. In general, plantings are limited to an arrangement at the monument. No grave plantings or mounds are permitted. Overgrown plantings may be removed or trimmed at the discretion of the Association.

Small gravesite evergreen plantings are permitted but are limited to dwarf albertus spruce (*Picea Glauca Conica*) or “Johns Dilly”.

Trees or shrubs growing on a lot before it is acquired remain under the control of the Association, and may not be cut down or disturbed without its consent.

A water supply tank at the vault at the north driveway entrance is provided for watering plants. Please note that the water is not suitable for drinking.

The general maintenance of the Cemetery is the responsibility of the Association with no additional fees being charged to family members. Funds for maintenance of the Cemetery come from the sale of burial plots and interest from a trust fund maintained for this purpose. Contributions from family members and friends are appreciated.

MEMORIALS

Memorials are subject to approval by the Association with respect to size, design, material, inscription and location. No improper memorial or inscription will be permitted. Plans should be submitted to the Superintendent before final configurations and wordings are established by the memorial owner.

All memorials must be of natural stone of approved quality or of standard bronze; granite is recommended.

Markers for single graves must be placed at the head. They must conform to a uniform standard of dimensions and material established by the Association. The width of a monument may not exceed forty percent of the width of the lot or three feet, whichever is greater. The face area of the front of the stone may not exceed in square feet the width of the lot in linear feet.

In cases of cremation special provision may be made depending upon the type of marking that is contemplated. Cremation burials are limited to two per lot.

American flags which honor military veterans are approved memorials and must not exceed eight by ten inches, shall be affixed securely to a staff not to exceed eighteen inches in height, and not more than one per grave.

All inscriptions upon a face of stone must be in English.

Mausoleums are not permitted.