

## THE OLD FRONTENAC CEMETERY

A brief history: Old Frontenac's public cemetery was established in 1867 by Israel Garrard for burials of village inhabitants. It was managed by local residents until 1961, when the Florence Township Board of Supervisors assumed management. In 1976, the Town Board established the Frontenac Cemetery Association and transferred governance to it.

The association is a volunteer board that manages the cemetery's finances and records, develops and maintains cemetery policies and property, and manages burials. Its members are:

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Burial plots are available. For information about pricing or to purchase a lot, contact an association member.

## GROUNDS/FLORAL POLICY

In 2019, the first Frontenac Cemetery grounds/floral policy was approved and posted online and throughout the cemetery. It is meant to preserve the dignity and natural appearance of this historic cemetery for all visitors. It also reflects the need for the cemetery's grounds crew to properly, safely and efficiently mow, trim, and otherwise maintain areas around each gravesite. Given limited maintenance funding and staffing, your help in caring for the grounds is greatly appreciated.

Seasonally appropriate floral arrangements may be placed aside tombstones in standalone urn stands not exceeding two per lot. Floral arrangements will be removed when they become faded, moldy, unsightly, or within a week following the given season's conventional end. Small American flags on

veterans' graves are permitted from May 18 (Armed Forces Day) to 10 days after July Fourth, and 10 days before to 10 days after Nov. 11 (Veterans Day).

The following are not permitted on or near gravesites: permanent plantings, statues not incorporated into a monument, vigil/solar lighting, breakable objects, figurines, bird feeders, pinwheels, balloons, toys, stuffed animals, rocks, pictures, wind chimes, windsocks, banners, shepherd's hooks, wreaths, flags other than flags of country or MIA flags, food/perishable items, and similar commemorative items. Exceptions are made for days (24 hours) celebrating commonly known special occasions (examples: birthdays, Mother's and Father's Days.) Christmas wreaths may be placed on graves between Thanksgiving and Jan. 20, after which time they will be removed.

Storage of water pitchers is discouraged, but they may be placed out of public view directly behind a monument if they are regularly used to water fresh flowers.

Nonconventional monuments and gravesite designs must be submitted to the Cemetery Association for approval before installation or development. They will be evaluated according to how they may impact the dignity, natural appearance, and historic nature of the cemetery.

Parties interested in washing/cleaning monuments should first contact the Cemetery Association for information regarding cleansing procedures that will not damage the monuments.

Thank you to all who appreciate and respect our historic cemetery!