

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Fencing of any kind, steps, structures of wood or equally perishable material are prohibited.

All decorations and other floral arrangement permitted may be placed on a grave site starting on May 1st and remain until September 19th which starts the fall clean up period. If not removed by the 19th of September the items shall be considered abandoned and will be disposed of by the City.

Winter decorations may be permitted starting October 15th, if fall cleanup is finished, and may remain on the graves until April 1st. If not removed by the 1st of April they shall be considered abandoned and will be disposed of by the City.

Decorations are limited to one per lot.

The use of glass jars or bottles as receptacles for cut flowers is strictly prohibited. Artificial flowers must be confined to receptacles intended for cut flowers.

No placing/planting of trees, shrubs or plants upon a lot.

The Chapel may be used for holding services and gatherings.

Pets are not allowed in the Cemetery grounds. Service dogs are allowed but the owners must clean up after their animal.

Hours: April 1st thru September 30th
6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
October 1st thru March 31st
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please see City website for a full list of Cemetery Rules & Regulations and forms.

ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS AND NEEDS OF THE CEMETERY

Through the work of the City of Columbus and Hillside Cemetery Association the following improvements have been made at the Columbus Hillside Cemetery.

In the older section of the cemetery many of the older monuments toppled over and needed serious repairs. Over the last several years the city has been restoring these older monuments, setting new footings and straightening.

A new flag pole has been erected with a solar light to light the flag.

Landscaping around the Chapel, flag pole and the Hillside monument are complete.

Repairs to some of the roads in 2013 continuing in 2014.

There are always more repairs and maintenance that needs to be done to keep the cemetery looking its best. If you are interested in taking part of the continuing effort to restore and beautify the historic Columbus Hillside Cemetery, please send donations to the address listed below: *(donations are tax deductible)*

Columbus Hillside Cemetery

Beautification Projects

105 N. Dickason Blvd.

Columbus, WI 53925

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
229 E. SCHOOL STREET
COLUMBUS, WI 53925
(920)623-5908
FAX: (920)623-5924**

COLUMBUS HILLSIDE CEMETERY

A LITTLE HISTORY AND A FEW

FACTS ABOUT THE

COLUMBUS HILLSIDE CEMETERY COLUMBUS, WISCONSIN



Dept. of Public Works: (920)623-5908

Hillside Cemetery Association Secretary:

(920) 210-3557 or (920) 623-3362

Website: www.cityofcolumbuswi.com

Public Works Department

HISTORY OF THE HILLSIDE CEMTERY

In **1846** the upper portion of the present cemetery—two (2) acres—was laid out. The land was given to the then township by Lewis Ludington and was surveyed for the cemetery by Squire Topplif and *James T. Lewis* who later served as the *Governor of the State of Wisconsin*.

In **1872** the then township purchased eight (8) acres from Robert W. Earl in the amount of \$1,800.00 to add to the Cemetery.

In **1874** the City of Columbus was incorporated.

In **1904** a Cemetery Improvement Association was created.

In **1911** the Hillside Cemetery Association was organized & combined with the Cemetery Improvement Association. Rules and regulations were drafted, trees & shrubs planted, pillars erected, roadways and water pipes were installed.

In **1914** sixteen (16) more acres were added by the City purchased from G.C. Holtz at a cost of \$2,500.00.

In **1919** the first concrete vault was used.

The Cemetery now consists of 39.4 acres.

Trivia Fact: The first known burial was Hiram Allen in **1845**. Because people were buried before any type of official records were kept, many of the remains of the early City's deceased lie in graves that are unmarked to this day.

THE HILLSIDE CEMETERY MEMORIAL CHAPEL



In **1921** Mr. A.H. Whitney proposed to build a chapel with receiving vaults. Mr. Whitney engaged a Milwaukee Architect by the name of Mr. A. Class to design for him an exact duplicate of an old English chapel. The building was 22x34 feet in size.

The building was built by Hasenfus and Ibsch. Constructed of red brick in the Flemish style with beamed ceilings, stained glass windows and furnished with a speaking lectern/pulpit. A bronze plaque appears at the entrance with the inscription:

"In Memory of Henry A. and Helen M. Whitney, erected by their son, A.H. Whitney".

Over the years the Hillside Cemetery Association and City have made the Chapel available to the public on Memorial Day. However, arrangements for a specific use should be made by contacting either the City of Columbus Public Works Department at 623-5908 or the Hillside Cemetery Association Secretary at 623-3362. A rental agreement is required.

HILLSIDE CEMETERY FEES AND CHARGES

GRAVE SITES: (PER SITE)

RESIDENTS	\$600.00
NON-RESIDENT	\$700.00

PERPETUAL CARE: \$200.00 - PER GRAVE SITE

GRAVE OPENINGS: \$200.00 PER GRAVE

MONUMENT STAKING: \$100.00— PERMIT IS REQUIRED

GRAVE STAKING: \$75.00

DISINTERMENT: \$200.00

CHAPEL RENT: \$100.00 PER DAY— RENTAL AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED.



The Cemetery Association, Cemetery Board or City of Columbus City Council shall not be held liable for any injuries to persons or property which occurs on the Cemetery premises regardless of cause.

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827 North Lewis Street
Columbus, WI 53925
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