



“The shadows have fallen and they wait for the day”

THE
FRIENDS
OF
OAK GROVE
CEMETERY

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THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION
EFFORTS OF
THE FRIENDS OF OAK GROVE CEMETERY
HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE
FALL RIVER BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

FRIENDS OF OAK GROVE CEMETERY
96 COLFAX STREET
FALL RIVER, MA 02720
(508) 642-9636

MISSION:

The Friends of Oak Grove is comprised of a group of volunteers dedicated to the preservation of Oak Grove Cemetery's historic urban park setting. Our primary goal is to rejuvenate Oak Grove through the planting of new trees and the installation of new path markers that are indicative of the cemetery's original design.

Our mission is multifaceted:

- To foster historic preservation
- To honor the memories of those who have passed on and are interred at Oak Grove
- To reap the environmental benefits inherent in the planting of new trees.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Inspired by Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Oak Grove is one of the earliest cemeteries to embrace the concept of the "garden cemetery". Established in 1855, the cemetery was designed by architect Josiah Brown. During the Victorian era, Oak Grove was often used for recreational activities where families gathered and walked along winding paths which offered dramatic vistas of the cemetery. Monuments represent numerous architectural styles including Greek Revival, Gothic Revival and Egyptian Revival.

Some of the many notables buried in Oak Grove include Lizzie Borden, E.P. Charlton, and Louis McHenry Howe.



TODAY:

Disease and insect infestation have caused considerable damage to the historic plantings throughout Oak Grove, destroying trees that are well over 100 years old. It is clear that this destruction will continue at an accelerated rate within the next few years as trees currently exhibiting signs of decay will be cut down. With the limited funds available to the Fall River Parks Department, preservation of the existing plantings is not possible. The Friends of Oak Grove works closely with the Parks Department to develop a plan for restoring cemetery plantings.

Established in early 2007, the Friends planted their first trees in May of that same year.

HELP!

We can't do it alone! The Friends of Oak Grove is comprised of dedicated volunteers. We hope to expand our mission in the future to include, among other objectives, the restoration of damaged and deteriorated monuments. With your help today, we can work to achieve our immediate and long-term goals.

For more information please contact us at:

Email: friendsofoakgrove@yahoo.com

Phone: (508) 642-9636.

JOIN OUR CAUSE TODAY!



THE FRIENDS OF OAK GROVE CEMETERY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Annual Membership:** \$25
Members will receive a subscription to our newsletter.

- In Memorium/Celebration of:** \$175 (non-members)
\$160 (members)

I would like to donate a tree in memory/celebration of:

Please accept my additional contribution of:

Volunteer Today!

YES! I would like to volunteer a small amount of my time to assist with future projects. Please keep me informed!

- Dissemination of material and updates via the internet is more cost effective and eco-friendly. Please consider providing your email address below so that we may send information to you electronically.

Member Contact Information:

Name Street

City State

Phone Email

Please make all payments out to:

The Friends of Oak Grove Cemetery
96 Colfax Street
Fall River, MA 02720

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please note: The Friends will work closely with the Parks Department to determine a proper location for your tree that will not interfere with existing burial plots. We cannot guarantee that your tree will be planted in the exact location requested.