

**Update on Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Inc. (Whispering Maples)
May 13, 2016**

Thank you to the many residents that have contacted the Whispering Maples offices to provide contact information for family members with ownership interest in the mausoleums. If you have not done so yet, please do call the cemetery offices in Ellenburg (518-594-7500), so that we may be able to share information with you directly as developments in the restoration of these facilities occurs.

Currently, the preliminary structural engineer's report is being completed and is being supplemented by additional items to be addressed at the facilities. These actions will allow the towns of Plattsburgh and Ellenburg to submit a formal application to the State of New York for the restoration costs of the mausoleums.

The current June 2016 completion date of the cemetery receivership is being reviewed by all parties with the expectation that the volunteer receiver would need to continue for an extended period to allow for the appropriate transfer of these buildings to the towns.

Our receiver, Ms. Goedert, is currently providing for the processes of the transfer of records, assets and personnel to the towns. This is a time consuming process that is combined with the monitoring of regular operations at the mausoleums and crematory.

Our retained consultants are also reviewing the extension of the court ordered receivership; preparing new proposals for rules and regulations for the cemetery operations; drafting a proposed list of the rates and charges for the crematory and mausoleums; outlining an inter-municipal agreement related to entombment activities; drafting standard contract materials; and working with the towns and state officials on the process for a formal transfer and application of funds for the towns.

There are several other items that will need to be addressed once the full extent of the cost for complete repairs of these facilities are known. These issues will be addressed on a continuing basis and we will be keeping you updated on our efforts.

The Receiver has requested that we inform family members that mementos and other items placed at the mausoleums should begin to be removed in advance of construction activities. Once construction begins, all loose items will need to be removed so that they are not damaged. If families prepare to address these keepsakes now, it will save time as the process continues.

Thank you.

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