

Whispering Maples Update
October 14, 2016

We are pleased to report that the \$300,000 state budget money allocated for the long term operations of Whispering Maples mausoleums has been received. This initial contribution will be divided between Plattsburgh and Ellenburg. We thank Senator Little and Assemblywoman Duprey for their efforts in securing these funds.

The time consuming work related to the reconstruction of operations and files of the cemetery organization continues. Our court-appointed receiver, Ms. Connie Goedert, has continued her role in assisting in this transition and managing the day to day operations of the crematory and mausoleums. She serves in this role for no pay and we thank her for her dedication and service to our communities.

At the end of September, the Attorney General submitted an extension of Ms. Goedert's receivership to at least until December 31. This extension was recently approved by the Court.

Engineers have been working with the Receiver and our consultants to finalize the construction and bidding documents for the restoration of the facilities. A meeting was held this week to finalize the bidding documents scope of work and timetable for the project. Those documents are expected within the week for submission to the state for preliminary review for funding of the project. The bidding for the project will be for a period of three weeks. After that time, consultants will work with the Receiver in the bid review and award. Work will then be scheduled to commence.

In advance of this effort, if there are any personal items you or anyone you know may have left at one of the mausoleums, please retrieve them as soon as possible. As soon as restoration work begins all personal items will be removed.

If you have any specific questions regarding operations and removal of personal items, please contact the Whispering Maples offices. Thank you.