



White Haven Memorial Park & Canandaigua Lakeview Cemetery



Fall/Winter 2016 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Saturday, November 5– All flowers must be removed from graves to allow for fall cleanup.

Tuesday, November 15– First day to place wreaths on graves.

Thursday, November 24– Thanksgiving Day. Office closed, cemeteries open.

Saturday, December 3– Holiday Service of Remembrance– 4 PM All Seasons Chapel.

Saturday, December 24– Office closed at noon, cemeteries open.

Monday, December 26– Christmas Day observed. Office closed, cemeteries open.

Saturday, December 31– New Year's Eve. Office closed at noon, cemeteries open.

Monday, January 2– New Year's Day observed. Office closed, cemeteries open.

Holiday Service of Remembrance

Saturday, December 3, 4-5:00 PM
All Seasons Chapel

Be a part of the White Haven family as we gather to enjoy some of our area's most talented musicians performing lovely and inspiring music as we remember those we've lost. This service also includes seasonal readings and a photo presentation with pictures of our loved ones along with our traditional reading of The Prayer of Names.

This year, we are thrilled to announce that the *Madrigalia* chamber chorus will grace us with their lovely music as they did in 2011, this time under the direction of Cary Ratcliff. Now in its 41st concert season, Madrigalia delights audiences with its diverse choral repertoire. Join us to hear their rich, vibrant musical offerings that are woven throughout the service.

If you plan on attending this Holiday Service and wish to have your loved one's name read aloud as part of The Prayer of Names, please call or email Donna in the chapel office and let her know. If you would like your loved one's picture included in the photo presentation, you can drop off, mail or email a jpeg picture file to her. If you send a picture by regular mail and you would like to get it back, please write your loved one's name clearly on the back of the photo. The picture will be scanned and returned to you if you include a self-addressed and stamped envelope for this purpose. If you have submitted a loved one's photo before and

would like it included in the service, let us know and we will add it to this year's PowerPoint presentation.

***The Cut-off date for pictures & names to be added to the Holiday Service is
Wednesday, November 30th.**

**Contact Donna Miller at 585-586-8232 or send an email to
"donna.whitehavenmemorialpark@gmail.com".**

Tree of Remembrance

White Haven's Tree of Remembrance will be in the All Seasons Gathering Room beginning on Friday, November 25th. You are welcome to bring an ornament in memory of your loved one to hang on the tree as of this date. Or, if you wish, you may bring your ornament when you come to the December 3rd Holiday Service and hang it on the tree before, or after the service. Please remove your ornaments from the Tree of Remembrance no later than Sunday, January 15th, 2017.

Flower and Wreath Reminders

Mon. November 7 we will begin turning off all water in the Park as overnight temperatures begin to dip below the freezing point.

Sat. Nov 5 is the LAST day for floral arrangements on graves. Starting on Nov. 7, we will remove any remaining flowers and turn the vase cups upside down to lie flush with the ground to get ready for the winter season. We have to be ready to clear any snow away with snow blowers when we need to make a burial and, if the vases are not turned over they can be hit, causing damage to both the vase and the snow blower.

Fri. Nov 11 is Veterans Day. As the one exception to the limitation on grave decorations after Nov. 5, you may place an American flag on the grave of a veteran on Veterans Day. For this one holiday, please place the flag directly in the ground rather than using the vase cup.

Tues. Nov 15 is the FIRST day that wreaths are permitted on the grounds. We need the time between the 5th and the 15th of November to clear all of our grounds of all decorations and leaves before the snow starts to fall. We appreciate your cooperation by not bringing flowers or other grave decorations during this time.

White Haven Wreath & Flower Programs

If you would like to purchase a wreath from White Haven, we will place the wreath for you in early December and remove it next spring. Please use the order form you received in the mail or call our office at 585-586-5250 to order or to receive further information.

All White Haven wreaths will be tagged with the grave location to help our employees return a wreath to its proper location if it needs to be moved for a burial. If you purchase a wreath from another source, please tag your wreath with the grave location so that it, too, may be returned to its proper location. Please note that all wreaths are to be green, no larger than 24" in diameter and placed on a metal tripod stand.

If your loved one is in one of our mausoleums, please do NOT bring a wreath to place outside the buildings. If you have an exterior crypt with an in-ground vase, you are welcome to place a holiday spray in your vase. For all other crypt or niche owners, we encourage you to participate in our holiday flower placement program. If you did not receive a notice of this program in the mail, please call our office at 585-586-5250 for details.

Canandaigua Corner

Do you enjoy seeing the bluebirds flitting about the cemetery each spring? If so, you may have noticed that the bluebird nest boxes at Canandaigua Lakeview are in sad shape. They can no longer be safely or happily used by our regular nesters. If you would like to help, please consider a donation to our Memorial Gift Fund. For a gift of \$300 or more, we will replace a nest box and place an aluminum sign nearby showing that the box was donated in memory of your loved one. Your gift will also be tax deductible. For more information or to arrange for your donation and plaque, please call Michelle at 585-586-5250.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BIG TREE AT THE ENTRANCE TO WHITE HAVEN???

For over 70 years, two twin Copper Beech Trees have welcomed every visitor to the Park. Like two light houses marking the entrance to the harbor, they have been a comforting presence telling us we have arrived at the home of our loved ones.

Tragically, lightning struck the one on the right about five years ago. A huge section of the tree came down in that strike, but our tree care experts carefully removed that section and pruned and wired what was left, balancing it for both safety and aesthetics.

Unfortunately, the loss of several large limbs further exposed the central trunk, which began to collect water. That situation caused several other large limbs to rot at their base. Eventually, another huge limb came down in a wind storm, leaving the tree a mere shell of its former, glorious self. For the safety of



everyone walking or driving beneath the remaining limbs, it was determined that the tree needed to come down.

An examination of the remaining Copper Beech Tree at the left side of the entrance revealed that it is diseased and may also need to come down within the next few years. In the next issue of the newsletter, we will discuss the treatments that could help to prolong its life.

Both the removal of the first tree and the preservation of the remaining tree are costly items that are not included in our regular tree maintenance budget. If you would like to help with the cost in memory of a loved one who also admired these stately trees, please consider a donation to the White Haven Preservation Foundation at 210 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY 14534. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and it will also be tax deductible. Many thanks for your consideration!

PRESERVATION FOUNDATION DOBNATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>In Memory/Honor Of</i>	<i>Gift</i>
Mr. and Mrs. James Holland	Oliver & Irene Stiewe	General Fund
Mrs. Geraldine Arno Machado	Family	General Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAvinney	Edward AJ & Freda (Maroon) Nassar	General Fund
Mr. Harold Strassner	Patricia Strassner	General Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peck		General Fund
Mr. and Mrs. James G Vandenberg		General Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Allan J. Vittum	Our Parents	Fountain Fund
Mork Mausoleum Constructors		Wildlife Fund
Ms. Judith Heagney-O'Hara	Edward Heagney, Jr.	Trees and wildlife Fund
The Landmark Group		General Fund
Mrs. Margot Hughes	Donald J. Hughes	Fountain Fund
<u>Memorial Gifts</u>		
The Albert Family	Barry Albert	Bench
Mr. Samuel C. Cappiello	Our Pet Reggie	Pet Memorial
Mr. Charles Orlando	Our Pet Ezra	Pet Memorial

TAKING STRIDES WALKING CLUB with NANJI DELEO Monday and Thursday afternoons at 2PM. Call Nanci to register and join our walking club here at White Haven Memorial Park, 210 Marsh Rd., Pittsford for a leisurely walk to enjoy the park's lovely trees, beautiful gardens and nature trails. It's a great way to get out and clear your head as well as a chance to be with others who are also grieving the loss of someone close to them. Invite family members and friends to join you. Let's all get healthy by walking in the Park! If the weather is too bad for walking, the club will sometimes meet for coffee instead. Call Nanci to register and join the club at 703-6695.

Help Us Spread the Word!

Do you know anyone who would like to receive these Newsletters? Are there other members in your family who would also like to be kept up to date with the events at White Haven and Canandaigua Lakeview? Simply tell them to either call or email us to get on the list.

Call Beth Laurro at 585-586-5250

Or email her at beth@whitehavenmemorialpark.com