

AROUND THE PARK

The Newsletter of White Haven Memorial Park and Canandaigua Lakeview Cemetery

UPCOMING

Tuesday, Nov. 5th
Flower Removal at 8:00am

Friday, Nov. 15th

First Day for Wreaths

Thursday, Nov. 28th
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed, Park open

Saturday, Dec. 7th
Remembrance Service
3:00 pm
All Seasons Chapel

Wednesday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day Office closed, Park open

Wednesday, Jan. 1st **New Year's Day** Office closed, Park open

Monday, Jan. 20th Martin Luther King Day Office open, Park open

Monday, Feb. 1st LAST DAY FOR WREATHS All wreaths will be taken off starting at 8:00 am

At White Haven Memorial Park, we respect and honor the value of every customer, family, employee, and community member we serve.

We honor all equally in life and in death. We value diversity and inclusiveness of all religious beliefs, cultures, and ethnicities as we help to ease the loss of a loved one, offering compassion and empathy to all we serve in our community.

Holiday Service of Remembrance

Saturday, December 7th at 3:00 pm All Seasons Chapel

Join us for our Annual Holiday Service of Remembrance. We plan on gathering together to remember those we have lost and to celebrate what they brought into our lives and what they left in our hearts.

We are happy to have Madrigalia join us again this year. We will reflect on our loved ones as we listen to the beautiful music performed by them.

Our service will feature music, prayers, poetry, a slideshow of photos and of course, our traditional Prayer of Names. After our service we will be having light refreshments in our gathering room.

To have your loved ones picture in the photo presentation, you can drop them off at the office or email a JPEG file to: nate@whitehavenmemorialpark.com

The cut-off date to submit photos and names for this event is

Monday, December 2nd

If you have any questions, call the office at 585-586-5250.

Flower and Wreath Reminders

<u>Tuesday, November 5th is the LAST day for flower arrangements</u> on graves. Starting on Nov. 5th at 8:00 am, we will remove any remaining flowers. We will also be turning off all water in the Park.

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. You may place an American flag on the grave of a veteran on Veterans Day. Please place the flag directly in the ground rather than using the vase cup.

<u>Friday, November 15th is the FIRST day that wreaths</u> are permitted on the grounds. We need the time between the 6th and the 14th of November to clear our grounds of all decorations and leaves before the snow starts to fall.

WREATH REMOVAL is FEBRUARY 1st. Please note this is a change from previous years.

Wreath & Flower Program

White Haven has wreaths and silk flowers available for purchase. If you would like more information on these programs, call us at 585-586-5250.

Tree of Remembrance



Our Tree of Remembrance will be in the small gazebo in the front parking lot. You are welcome to bring your non-breakable ornaments (no glass) in memory of your loved one and hang it on the tree. Our tree will be lit in the evening. The tree will be up and ready on Monday, November 25th. Because the ornaments will be exposed to the elements throughout December, please be aware that we are not responsible for lost, broken or missing ornaments. We are also asking if you would like your ornament back, please remove it by Monday, January 6, 2025 at 8am. All remaining ornaments will be discarded.

Events at White Haven

APet Blessing was held on September 29, 2024

This is always a fun and uplifting event. We had a wonderful turn out and we blessed over 25 of our fur babies. Put it on your calendar for next September!

Gold Star Events

In June of 2016, White Haven Memorial Park was honored to participate in the unveiling of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. And as an even greater honor, White Haven was chosen to be the first location in NYS to house this beautiful hand carved monument. Every year we host two events to honor service men and women who have sacrificed their lives while serving in the military. It is an honor to support and recognize the brave and courageous

soldiers and their families.
Sheriff Todd Baxter spoke at the Memorial Day ceremony and Monroe County Executive, Adam Bello, presented the President's Proclamation at the September event. This event was presented by Blue Star Mothers of Rochester, NY8.

Please join us next year as we celebrate and pay tribute to our service men and women and their families. Call the office if you would like more information.



New Superintendent

We are thrilled to announce that Gary Burke has been appointed as our new Superintendent. Gary has been an integral part of our organization for the past 27 years, bringing dedication and expertise to his work.

A graduate of Alfred University with a degree in Parks and Ground Maintenance, Gary began his career with us as the Director of Horticulture and Interment. Over the years, he has played a key role in maintaining the beauty and functionality of our grounds, always striving for excellence in every project.



We are excited to see Gary lead us into the future, continuing this legacy of hard work and commitment to our community. Please join us in congratulating Gary on this well-deserved promotion!

Best wishes to our previous superintendent, Charles Reagan. Thank you for your commitment and dedication for the past 48 years. We wish you well in your well deserved retirement.

Education at White Haven

The Bird House

Again, this year we were thrilled to partner with The Bird House on Monroe Ave. We hosted a variety of walks, talks, and workshops, offering several unique opportunities for the community to learn about and see the wildlife that call White Haven their home. We even hosted a stargazing event one evening. It was a great turn out with many people bringing their telescopes to gaze at our constellations. We are looking forward to continuing and building on these collaborations to bring you more opportunities to explore our beautiful Park.

In the past, White Haven has also been a place where we are able to give educational school tours to local high school students. This year we teamed up with St. John Fisher University and a local funeral director, Marika McMeans. A group of students taking a death and afterlife class took a tour of the Park and a few days later we joined them at the University for questions and answers. The students were inquisitive and walked away with a better understanding of the death care industry.

Looking ahead, we hope to build on the success of this year's programs, expanding our educational offerings and continuing to celebrate the abundant natural resources and wildlife at

our cemetery.



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All of the donations will go towards our Preservation Foundation. The Preservation Foundation is a 501 (3) (c) charitable organization dedicated to the preservation of White Haven's trees, wildlife, natural resources, historical & architectural features & buildings. If you would like more information on a memorial gift, call or email Terri at 585-586-5250 (terri@whitehavenmemorialpark.com) for more information. We have also included a donation envelope if you would like to donate to the Foundation.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

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We have over two miles of trails that are great for hiking, dog walking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. As an Audubon Sanctuary, we are sure you will see some wildlife along the way.



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White Haven Memorial Park and Canandaigua Lakeview Cemetery

have been helping families with their burial planning for generations. If you love nature, peace, quiet, and private time to reflect, we offer serene and intimate locations.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call us today at (585) 586-5250. Or visit us online at whitehavenmemorialpark.com or canandaiqualakeviewcemetery.com.

- Caring and devoted staff ready and willing to guide you through the process
- Traditional and non-traditional burial options
- · Nature trails for cremation burials
- · Several mausoleums with niches and full crypts
- First cemetery in the world to be certified by the International Audubon Society
- · Certified by the Green Burial Council
- · Crematory on-site
- First cemetery in New York State to have a Gold Star Families monument and burial section
- Two chapels on-site with a large outside gazebo available for memorial services
- Not-for-profit organization
- · Non-denominational, all are welcome







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