



# The Oak Leaf

## NEWSLETTER



### Friends of Oakdale:

This past year we have been lucky enough to work with two Boy Scouts from Troop 89, who decided that Oakdale would be a wonderful place to complete their Eagle Scout Projects. J.T. Lopez raised the funds to ensure that every veteran we knew of in the cemetery had a Veteran's Plastic Grave Marker; There are over a thousand of our veterans buried here. Lopez completed this work and we are proud of the work he did to honor our veterans. This will make it easier for the Troop to find and place an American Flag on every veterans' grave each Memorial Day.



The other Scout was Ethan Uhrich who wanted to revitalize our Garden of Life area. This past fall he worked on removing the existing sidewalk, decided a new layout for it, and then placed down new bricks (while reincorporating the existing engraved markers). This spring he plans to come back and work on the landscaping by adding in new plants.

On September 19th we will hold our next Forget-Me-Not Walk, which will focus on Prohibition and Suffragettes. The Living Epitaphs tours (approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes) will embark every half hour starting at 12pm and the last tour will leave at 3:45pm.

Spend an afternoon walking under 100-year oaks through Davenport's most historic cemetery on the 163rd anniversary of its official incorporation. Along the way, hear stories of the history of Oakdale, Davenport, Iowa, and the United States, told in the first person by the history makers themselves (portrayed by area actors). Admission is \$5, with proceeds helping to maintain this important piece of Davenport history.

As I close, I want to express our gratitude for all the support you, as owners, have given us over time. Every dollar given adds up and all of us at Oakdale appreciate your support. Please feel free to call or stop by with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Your friend,  
Darrell Iossi

### Oakdale Memorial Gardens Board and Staff Members

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Ground Crew - Paul Holland  
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Ground Crew - Reese Page  
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\*Denotes voluntary position – no compensation

## Scheduled Events & Holiday Reminders/Office Holiday Closings:

- Spring Clean-Up: March 15 - April 1
- Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10
- Memorial Day Weekend Hours: May 23 - May 25, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Father's Day: Sunday, June 21
- **Independence Day: July 4**
- Bix's Concert: Saturday, August 1 - 10:00 am
- **Labor Day: September 7**
- Forget-Me-Not Walk: September 19, 12pm to 5pm
- **Columbus Day: October 12**
- Fall Clean Up: October 15 - November 1
- **Thanksgiving Weekend: November 26 and November 27**
- **Christmas: Afternoon of December 24 and all of December 25**

**PETLAND "LOVE OF ANIMALS"** We offer burial options for your beloved pet and cremation options also. Burials prices vary by location, casket selections and marker selections. Cremation charges pricing varies due to size of pet and whether you wish to have the remains returned to you. Visit our website for more information, call or stop in and visit PETLAND "LOVE OF ANIMALS"

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We are looking for volunteers interested in genealogy to help us get markers for the unmarked Veteran's graves within our historic cemetery. We currently know of 84 veterans who don't have a marker, there are most likely many more that we haven't identified yet. The VA will give us free markers for veterans who have served prior to April 6<sup>th</sup> of 1917. A non-relation can fill out this form, we need help collecting the required information and completing the forms. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in. Please contact us if you have questions or feel free to go to: [cem.va.gov/hmm/order\\_instructions.asp](http://cem.va.gov/hmm/order_instructions.asp) to look at the instructions.

**We always welcome any ideas, suggestions, or concerns about the grounds that you might have. Feel free to call at (563)324-5121, email to [oakdaleomg@aol.com](mailto:oakdaleomg@aol.com), or stop in. We would love to hear from you!**

**Foundation & Markers orders need to be in by April 1<sup>st</sup> for a chance to have them installed by Memorial Day.**

## SOMETHING NEW • D 2 Organic Marker Cleaner

Pick up this great organic cleaner, effective for removal of mold and lichen.  
8 oz spray bottles- Just \$12 or step up to 12 oz for \$20.  
Clean markers are just a squirt away – in the Oakdale office.



**Before D 2 Organic  
Marker Cleaner**

## After D 2 Organic Marker Cleaner



# *The Flower Shop*

FLOWER ORDER FORM

Qty.	Item	Deceased Name	Total	Remitted
_____	Silk Spring Bouquet Multi-color	_____	\$25.00	_____
_____	Silk Red, White & Blue Carnation with Flag Bouquet	_____	\$25.00	_____

## 2019 Contributors

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**We appreciate all of you so very much for your continued support, friendship, and love of this Historical Cemetery.**