



# *The Grand Forks Cemetery Association*

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## Ongoing Improvements To Your Cemetery

The Grand Forks Cemetery Association (GFCA) is continuing its ongoing efforts to improve your cemetery. We are grateful for the generous support thus far from so many of our members, their families and their friends.

In 2014 and 2015, drain tile was installed in the cemetery roads at Memorial Park South. The drain tile has been very effective at removing water from the roads after heavy rains. In October of 2015, the Association installed over 400 tons of crushed rock over the cemetery roads. In May of 2019, we installed another 100 tons of crushed rock. The combination of drain tile and crushed rock has proven to be a tremendous improvement to the roads – thanks to our many friends and members who have given donations to accomplish this.

In October of 2017, the Association installed new concrete pavement at the entrance to the cemetery from the frontage road to the flagpole. We then installed asphalt paving throughout the rest of the entrance area. This paving project has made a tremendous improvement to the entrance to Memorial Park South! Would you please help us once again so that we can continue our ongoing efforts in paving the roads? If you have not yet contributed, would you consider donating toward this important project?

In our previous letters, we suggested a donation of \$150. We realize that \$150 may be challenging for some of our members, and we want you to know that every contribution helps, whether it's \$25 or \$1,000. To make a tax-deductible donation, please fill out the contribution card enclosed with this letter and return it to us, along with your check. If you like, you can also make your donation over the phone by calling us at (701) 772-0988. Your donation can be given in memory of a family



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member or friend, and we will retain both your name and those of your loved ones in our records.

Over the past several years, many of our members also contributed toward installing new landscaping in the cemetery. During the summer of 2017, cemetery staff began removing several old shrub beds near the entrance to the cemetery in preparation for new landscaping. This new landscaping, consisting of numerous new shrubs and perennials, is now complete. We have received many comments on how this has added to the beautification of our cemetery.



Additionally, in the fall of 2017, the Association planted 32 pyramidal arborvitae on the sides of the walkway leading to the Veteran's Mural in our Veteran's Garden, as well as installed new landscaping around the Veteran's Mural. Should you wish to contribute toward planting new trees and shrubs this growing season, please indicate this on the enclosed contribution card.

We appreciate your support while we take these much-needed steps to improving your cemetery. With a combined effort from all our members – no matter how small or large the contribution – we can make Memorial Park South a more pleasant place for everyone to visit and to enjoy.

Sincerely,

*Robin J. Purcell*

Robin J. Purcell, Association Administrator  
Joseph K. Anderson, Association President  
Grand Forks Cemetery Association Board of Directors

*This letter was prepared at an earlier date. Please accept our apologies if this reached your home at a time of bereavement. Every effort was made to correctly address each envelope.*

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