

2021 Cemetery Update

Dear Plot Holders and Friends of Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the Cemetery Board has decided it is not appropriate to host the yearly Cemetery Service in 2021. We hope conditions will improve and we will be able to hold our regular service on Father's Day in 2022.

We do wish to bring you up to date on improvements that have taken place this past year.

We were successful in having the new driveways and enlarged parking lot paved last fall. It provides a much smoother access and improves the neatness of our property.

We are pleased with the completion of the adjacent Settlers Hill Park. It adds to the green space surrounding the Cemetery and provides a great facility for the surrounding neighbourhood.

We continue to add to our gardens and working with the LEAF organization we have planted another 11 trees in the cemetery this spring. We now have in excess of 170 trees in the 4 acres of the cemetery. We have purposefully chosen a variety of native trees to create an interesting arboretum of labeled trees.

The water system is functional throughout the cemetery and has proved very useful in watering the new trees.

Unfortunately the plots and areas that were reseeded this spring have suffered from the very dry season and the seed has not sprouted. It will have to be reseeded this fall.

We congratulate DRX staff for their maintenance of the cemetery grounds and service for opening graves for funerals.

We are saddened by the loss of longtime Trustee Baron Drobig. We welcome John Keiper as his replacement.

Everyone is reminded that Rev. Roy Thakurdial of Bethesda Lutheran Church is available for the spiritual needs of our plot holders. 905-477-1731

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**WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING THE CEMETERY PLEASE USE THE GATES AT 38 AKSEL RINCK DRIVE
ENTER AND ENJOY THE CEMETERY GROUNDS AT YOUR OWN RISK**

The Cemetery continues to have in-ground burial plots, in-ground cremation plots and columbarium niches. In-ground burial plots are only available for immediate need or if part of a funeral plan with a funeral home. Prices are available on request.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the property at any time but particularly during the summer and the restrictions of COVID-19. All funeral homes are required to meet the Provincial restrictions of COVID-19 during funerals.

Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Executive Trustees: Lorne Smith, Chair, Glenn Schaeffer, Secretary-Treasurer, Birgit Siegel Allison, John Keiper, Arthur Schickedanz, David Smith, Rev. Roy Thakurdial. The Trustees do their best to maintain the cemetery as a respectful, peaceful and dignified site. If you have concern do not hesitate to contact Lorne Smith or Glenn Schaeffer.

Special Note: We hope to set up an email grouping for Plot Holders and Friends of the Cemetery. When you have a moment, please send me an email glennschaeffer01@gmail.com and in the subject of the email type "Cemetery Group". Send along your name and email and I will forward any updates etc. to you via email in the future. Thanks Glenn