

Pines Pet Cemetery Annual Newsletter 2020

The holiday season has crept upon us once again and it is Winter Grave Blanket time. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, our supplier is unable to get material to make the blankets. We will, however, be offering a 24" Fraser Fir Wreath adorned with 2 pinecones (not pictured). This is our favorite time of the year as we celebrate the holidays and remember those four-legged fur-babies that we have loved and lost. We are reminded of the wonderful patrons we have had the pleasure of serving during such great loss and heartbreak. The holidays can be especially difficult for many as they think about and miss their beloved pets. May you find solace and peace with the coming season!

WINTER WREATHS



Winter Wreaths will be \$30.00 each. Weather permitting, they will be placed on the graves over the first couple weekends of December and will remain on the graves until March 1st. Please use the enclosed form to place your order and return along with your check as quickly as possible, due to the large quantity of orders. We will be accepting orders through Christmas **OR** until we run out of wreaths. As always, please **no phone orders** so that we may keep our phone lines open to those in need of immediate services. Please come and see our beautiful grounds once we have placed the wreaths... it is a beautiful time of the year to visit!



MEMORIAL DISCOUNT

Once again, we will offer a 10% discount on granite markers of any color including laser engraved. This does **not** include bronze markers, extra wording or emblems, foundations or river rocks. This may be the perfect time to memorialize your pet's grave with a permanent marker. *All granite orders must be finalized and paid in full by Thursday, December 31st, 2020 to receive this 10% discount.* Simple phone orders (wording only- no emblems) will be accepted; however, we do encourage you to order in person if possible, to see all the options available.

We are sad to announce the passing of the previous owner of The Pines, **Jean Lawton**, in June of this year (Tom in August 2018). Their wishes were to have their ashes comingled together and interred at The Pines. The perfect place was chosen by the pond near the gazebo. Their cremains were buried under the pad of their Blue Pearl granite bench which states their eternal love for each other. It is an honor to have them buried at The Pines where their legacy will live on forever. A private Celebration of Life was held in October to honor the lives of Tom & Jean Lawton.



The cemetery is open every day from dawn to dusk and visitors are always welcome. Our beautiful gates are solar powered and close automatically near dusk. Please limit your speed- we have many fur-babies running around the grounds! Roadways are **ONE WAY**, as indicated by signs. Parking is permitted only in parking lots and pull off areas. **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ON THE GRASS!** Your pets are welcome visitors too, but we ask that you keep them leashed and clean up after them. There are pet waste stations and trashcans located throughout the grounds.



BEAUTIFICATION FUND

As always, The Pines greatly appreciates your donations to the Beautification Fund! This fund has enabled us to make permanent improvements to the cemetery in the form of bronze statuary, benches, and gazebos. The Pines continues to be “One of a Kind” thanks to the generosity and loyalty of you, our clients!

IMPROVEMENTS

Last year the cemetery roads were completely repaved and sealed. This year, all the trees were trimmed and manicured. Over 30 trees and stumps were also removed. A big thank you to Woodland Tree Service for their care and respect of the property while performing a professional job. TruGreen continues to be our lawn care specialists and the grounds have never looked better. All three gazebos were given a makeover and The Pines office siding was stained. We will be repainting the outside as well in 2021 as we have run out of warm weather and time.

DECORATIONS

ALL decorations will be removed Thursday, November 3rd to allow our groundskeepers to complete a final cleanup in preparation for winter holiday decorations. We ask that **NO** Thanksgiving decorations be placed until after November 19th to allow for this. All fall decorations will be removed on December 3rd. We also ask that your *winter decorations* be placed **on or after Saturday, December 5th**. Wreaths will be placed on the graves during the first few weekends of December and will remain until March 1st, weather permitting. As always, no wires or stakes, as they are a hazard to equipment, staff, and visitors. No statuary or rocks are allowed.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Closed November 26th & 27th
for Thanksgiving
Closed December 25th & 26th
for Christmas
Closed New Year's Day & Saturday
January 2nd, 2021

NEW EMPLOYEES

We would like to introduce and welcome three new additions to our Pine's family- Mike, Tom and Andy- all part of our grounds crew. Andy returns to The Pines after nearly 25 years!

TECHNOLOGY TIPS:

Please visit our website to check out what is new and upcoming.

www.pinespetcemetery.com

or

www.pinespet.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/pages/Pines-Pet-Cemetery



PET FOOD DONATIONS

To help support our local pet charity, Ellie's Rainy Day Fund, we are asking for donations to help supply their “Pet” Food Bank. We will be accepting unopened canned or dry dog and cat food, treats, cat litter and unused toys.

Monetary donations will also be accepted by a separate check made out directly to Ellie's Rainy Day Fund. This fund is a 501(c)(3) organization whose goal is to help sick or injured pets get needed treatment. All donations can be dropped off directly at the Pines Pet Cemetery office building.



The holidays can be difficult for many...reach out to shelters, pets in need, or a neighbor's pet in need. Perhaps instead of exchanging a gift with a loved one, maybe reach out to local shelters, clinics, or neighbors whose pets need food, shelter, a squeaky-toy, health care or just love and attention! Once again, thank you for the opportunity to care for you and your pets during this holiday season and throughout the year! We have special relationships with our clients and want to wish each of you a peace filled holiday season.

All of us at The Pines wish you and your fur-babies happiness, health, and love during 2021!