

## Park Township Cemeteries

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### Ventura Cemetery

- Located on the corner of 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue and New Holland Street
- Oldest of the 3 cemeteries
- Single well hand pump
- No building or electric
- 130 available lots from approximately 700 total lots (some unusable due to trees)
- No room for expansion
- East end of property hosts unrecorded burials some due to lost wooden markers as a result of forest fire during the Chicago Fire era
- Lot prices
  - \$450 residents
  - \$1,200 non-residents

### Lakeshore Cemetery

- Located on 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue just north of Riley Street
- Single well – above ground pump for water faucets only
- Shed onsite for pump protection and storage
- 9 available lots from approximately 672 lots (some unusable due to trees)
- Room for expansion on north end of property
- Lot prices
  - \$450 residents
  - \$1,200 non-residents

### Lakewood Cemetery

- Located on Lakewood Boulevard west of 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Most active cemetery due to appearance and location
- Two submersible pump wells
- Shed and electric on site for pump protection and storage
- Sprinkling system throughout developed areas
- 104 available lots from approximately 2,650 (some unusable due to trees)
- Upcoming expansion of Block 25 by 2022 includes 77 lots
- Additional expansion possibilities could include approximately 315 lots
  - Requires removing wooded area in center of cemetery
  - Leveling and adding topsoil
  - Installing irrigation
  - Surveying and placing markers

- o Seeding and allowing grass to come in
  - o Process takes approximately 2 years from start of project to lot sales possible
- Road work desired to remove large roots compromising the quality and levelness of drives
- Lot prices
  - o \$650 residents
  - o \$1,500 non-residents

#### Additional facts

- Lot prices were last adjusted in 2012
- Cremation burials are increasing (two cremations are allowed in one lot)
- 206 military veterans
- 18 Civil War veterans
- Veterans have been honored in December through local Civil Air Patrol partnering with Wreaths Across America
- History book on occupants in Ventura and Lakeshore Cemeteries compiled with the assistance of Dr. Mahaney in 2009.

Information shared by Park Township Cemetery Sextons

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