

CHAPTER III. VISITOR ACTIVITIES and SERVICES

Currently the Poulsbo City Code defines the cemetery as a permanent public burial ground "reserved or used for interment of the remains of human dead." While this should continue as the primary purpose, this Master Plan recommends the Poulsbo Municipal Cemetery be designated as a historical landmark and heritage park. The Cemetery holds relics of the City's past. Tombstones and monuments provide a history of our community whereby citizens and students can identify personalities who played important roles in the founding and development of Poulsbo, as well as links to U.S. and world history. To a limited degree the site should also be available as a public open space for appreciation and passive recreation, consistent with respectful deference to the Cemetery's primary purpose as a sacred resting place for those interred there.

Accordingly, this Master Plan encourages the following:

- * Access and pathways for walking.
- * Areas for sitting, reading, prayer, and contemplation.
- * Allowing leashed dogs to accompany visitors, in accordance with City regulatory guidelines including removal of pet wastes from the premises.
- * Creation of a heritage trail along with memorials and markers commemorating pioneers, important community members, and less well-known people who built and maintained the Poulsbo community.
- * Promotion of an annual event where people visit all of Poulsbo museums and historical places, including the Cemetery.
- * Support of annual events at the Cemetery. Such activities may include a Cleanup Day; flag placement at veterans' grave sites on Memorial Day and Veterans Day; a designated "Heritage Day" with guided historical tours of the Cemetery; and other activities celebrating the history of the site, the people interred there, and the heritage of the Poulsbo community.
- * Use of the covered structure for funeral services and special events consistent with the decorum of this Cemetery venue.
- * Publication of a brochure on the history of the site including a map for a historical walk through the Cemetery. Through the internet, this brochure and map should be accessible via cell phone applications.
- * Creation of a photographic archive of grave monuments, linked to a GPS database.
- * A detailed Cemetery information page on the City's website containing:
 - the location of the Cemetery
 - the location of plots available for purchase within the Cemetery
 - basic information regarding the purchase of plots within the Cemetery
 - basic rules and allowable uses of the site
 - an index of deceased persons interred at the Cemetery
 - answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs)
 - contact information for appropriate City staff