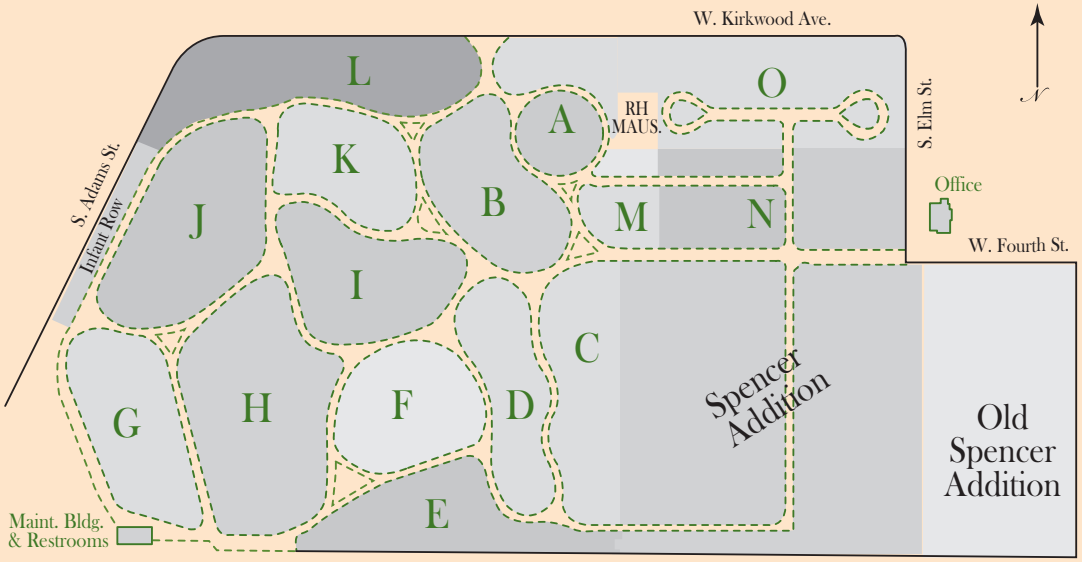
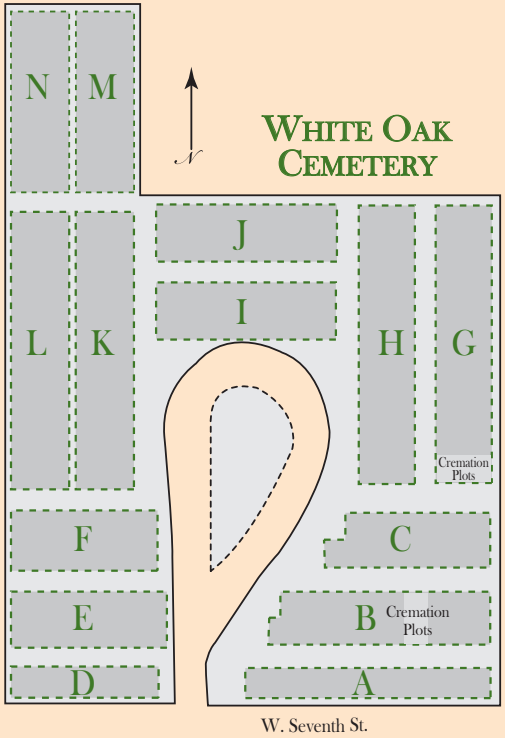


Rose Hill Cemetery



White Oak Cemetery

The grounds of Rose Hill and White Oak Cemeteries are the final resting places for our families and loved ones. As we dedicate memorials at the graves, we recognize that it is only a symbol of our enduring love for the ones we have lost. So that our actions will help us keep these grounds sacred to their memories, these rules and regulations have been set forth ensuring these grounds will reflect our respect for the departed.

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Rose Hill and White Oak Cemeteries

White Oak Cemetery is located at 1200 W. Seventh St. on Bloomington's west side. White Oak is one of the remaining cemeteries for Bloomington's earliest settlers. Originally the United Presbyterian Cemetery, it was bought by the City in 1914 and renamed White Oak in 1983.

Rose Hill Cemetery is located at 1100 W. Fourth St. The original cemetery began around 1818-1820. In 1892, the Ladies Cemetery Association, a civic committee, assumed management of the cemetery and named it Rose Hill for the wild and cultivated roses that were spread over the grounds.

Since 1997, White Oak and Rose Hill cemeteries have been managed by the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department.

General Rules

- Speed limit is 10 mph.
- Parking is permitted only on asphalt roadways or driveways.
- Cemetery hours are from dawn to dusk.
- Picking flowers at cemeteries, whether wild or cultivated, is prohibited.
- Anyone caught littering or vandalizing will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- Firearms are prohibited at cemeteries.
- Dogs on cemetery grounds must be leashed at all times. Owners are responsible for pick-up and proper disposal of animal waste.
- Prolonged parking or meetings on cemetery grounds are not permitted.
- Vehicles left on cemetery property will be towed at owner's expense unless prior approval has been obtained.

Services Provided

Cemetery staff provide opening and closing services only. Your funeral director will arrange any other services (canopies, lowering devices, chairs, etc.)

Cremation

Ashes may be interned either in the ground or in mausoleum niches. Single niches can accommodate up to two urns, depending on size.

Burial Procedures

- 24-hour notice is required from funeral directors prior to burials.
- Funeral directors will be required to furnish exact grave location by information gathered from family members, deeds, records, or by confirming necessary location information at the cemetery office.
- Funeral directors will produce a burial permit and a check for opening and closing of grave site. This is due upon arrival at the cemetery prior to or after the graveside service.
- Funeral directors will immediately notify the cemetery office of any changes concerning upcoming funerals or arrangements.

Genealogy Research

Limited information is available at the Rose Hill Cemetery office, 930 W. Fourth St., (812) 349-3498. Additional information may also be available at the Monroe County Historical Society at (812) 332-2517.

Monuments and Markers

- There shall be permitted only one monument per grave space, with the following exceptions:
  - The installation of a foot marker, in addition to a regular headstone shall be permitted if the foot marker is at ground level to allow mowing over it.
  - Veterans' plaques may be used as foot markers on spaces with stones already marking the head of the grave, but must be installed at ground level.
- All monuments and markers installed must have a two-part foundation consisting of poured concrete footer at a 36" depth to prevent settling of the monument or marker, and a concrete or limestone pad set level with the ground and extending beyond the base of the monument or marker at least 3" on all sides to permit safe mowing adjacent to the monument.
- Upright monuments must stay within the boundaries of the lot. Cremation sections allow marker memorials only with the exception of Section H in Rose Hill.
- The installation of pens, walls or benches on any lot is not permitted.

Landscaping of Cemetery Lots

- The planting of trees, shrubs and ground covers is prohibited. Perennial plants or bulbs are permitted within the grave site boundaries only on the sides of headstones.
- Annual plants may be planted within grave site boundaries, and will be permitted to remain only so long as they are maintained by the lot owner in such a manner as to not become unsightly or interfere with regular maintenance performed by cemetery staff.
- The maintenance of all plantings on a cemetery lot are the responsibility of the lot owner and the maintenance practices must include:
  - Keeping the plant materials in a healthful, neat and attractive condition (being both disease and insect-free).
  - Keeping the plant materials pruned so as to prevent their covering any monument or marker, or encroaching onto adjacent lots.
- The failure of lot owners to maintain plantings as described will result in the cemetery staff taking corrective steps as deemed necessary.
- The cemetery staff is not responsible for damages to plantings due to the necessary performance of their work duties.
- The cemetery grounds are well-maintained by our professional staff throughout the year. Perpetual care includes mowing, weeding, tree trimming, removal of snow and debris, landscaping of common gardens, and maintenance and disposal of burial decorations.

Grave Decorations

- Artificial and fresh cut flowers, wreaths and grave blankets are permitted at all times in the cemetery if they are firmly attached to monuments or markers (e.g. in chalices or grave saddles.) Cemetery staff may dispose of decorations that have been blown away or damaged.
- Artificial and fresh decorations placed on Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day may be removed four weeks after the holiday.
- Miscellaneous grave decorations such as flags and flag holders will be permitted to remain on graves only so long as they don't become unsightly or present an obstacle to grounds maintenance.
- Cemetery staff and the City of Bloomington are not responsible for grave decorations which are stolen, vandalized or damaged.