

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS PERMITTED : In one gravesite, a casket, casket and cremation, or two cremation burials are permitted. In a cremation site up to two cremations are permitted. An infant site can have one infant or, in the case of twins, two.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS : the funeral director who contacts the cemetery makes all casket burial arrangements. The burial of cremation ashes and scatterings may be made through a funeral director or may be made directly. The cemetery does not make arrangements for color guards or Ministers.

GRAVE MARKERS : These can be obtained through a local monument company, on line, or through a local funeral director's recommendation. Traditional markers are permitted. Professional installation is required. The installer is to contact us when ready to install the foundation base for your marker. We will mark out the dimensions for the base.

VETERANS REMEMBERED

In the summer of 2012, the veterans buried at Fairfield Cemetery were honored. A plaque mounted on an entry pillar displaying all the known names of buried veterans was unveiled. Additionally, four inch round bronze medallions are attached to the gravestones of Civil War and earlier veterans as their stones are worn and hard to read. Two unmarked graves now have bronze military markers. A new flagpole and flag with solar night lighting were also dedicated.

The honored veterans are: *War of 1812* –Luther Turner, John Brockway; *Mexican American War* – Luther Turner Jr; *Civil War* –Edwin Bartels, John Cruver, Hamden Huntington, Harrison Huntington, John Kruse, James Millard, Anson Packard, Charles Phillips, Peter Steffens; *WWI* - John Blackwell, Armond Crawford, Harold Cooley, William Ernsting, Edwin Krueger, John Perkins, Frank Stoerp, Gustav Stoerp; *WWII* – John Bederske, Ralph Bederske; *Korean War* – James Luekenbill, Dwane Maether.

FAIRFIELD CEMETERY

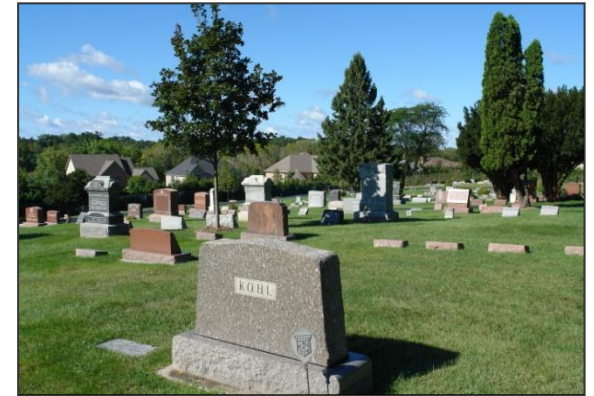
Ela Township owns and maintains two cemeteries –Fairfield Cemetery located on Quentin Rd. just a long block south of Old McHenry Rd. The cemetery was founded in 1853 by the Methodist Episcopal Church in the small nearby, now lost, settlement of Russells' Grove. In September of 1853 the cemetery was registered in Lake County located about 200' south of the Church. The church sold its property and moved out in 1914. 5 years later a not for profit cemetery association was formed.

In 2006 The Association deeded the property and its care to Ela Township under provisions of the Cemetery Care Act of Illinois. A three-person board was appointed to manage the cemetery. The township immediately started the giant task of restoring grass, repairing monuments, removing scrub trees and overgrown shrubs, replacing the front fence, and redoing the front pillars.

In 2009 *Historic Archaeological Research* was brought in to aid in verifying and completing records. There were 760 gravesites, 432 identified. Many unmarked burials were located and about 40 undisturbed gravesites that have not had active ownership for 100 years were identified for reacquisition. Another 22 gravesites belonging to the cemetery have been cleared for sale.



LAKE ZURICH CEMETERY



Lake Zurich had a large settlement of immigrant German farmers in 1901 when many of them joined to build St. Peter Evangelical and Reformed Church and opened a two-acre church cemetery nearby on Midlothian Rd.

In 1949 St. Peter Congregational Church (U.C.C.) in response to the new Illinois cemetery act, deeded the cemetery to the just formed Lake Zurich Cemetery Association, which operated until 2007. At that time the Cemetery Board knew that perpetual care would eventually become impossible to deliver. The Township Board with the help of permissive state law was able to assume ownership of the cemetery.

Since the take-over the township has improved general maintenance, filled sinking areas, planted trees, improved the overall appearance, installed a scatter garden, and opened a new section. Daily visitors come to the cemetery to share remembrances of good times, to meditate, and to visit with lost loved ones. The cemetery has room for approximately 1300 burials. A little over 1200 sites are under ownership with a majority being devoted to burial. About 50 sites remain for sale. It's across from Lake Zurich High School. Visit, read the names, experience the history.

CREMATION SCATTER GARDEN

A scatter garden in Lake Zurich Cemetery was completed in 2009. Cremations are becoming more popular as cemetery space becomes scarce. Rising costs for burial plots, cremation plots and niches, and monuments make scatter gardens a less expensive alternative.

Some people have cremation ashes from a loved one, but don't have clear or specific directions for disposal. This garden is a dedicated and blessed area within the cemetery. The monolith stone with a 20 x 30 inch bronze plaque is inscribed, "A Garden of Treasured Memories - Come find peace here . . . and remember". Each person to be remembered will have an engraved nameplate with birth and death dates attached to the large plaque.

The Township garden is a quiet, beautifully landscaped, and fenced nook within the cemetery. There are benches for quiet remembrance. Ashes will be scattered in a specific location with the assistance of a Township Cemetery Board representative.



A SPECIAL PLACE FOR BABIES

About 25 years ago the Lake Zurich Cemetery Association reserved a block of 2 by 6 foot sites for babies. The idea behind it was that then, and still now, there is a need for burial space for couples who have lost babies due to still birth or complications in the first year or so of life. The first block has only one space left. For that reason we have made an adjoining space available for 16 more infants and have an additional space on reserve if needed. Much like the new scatter garden, which is nearby, it is a specific place to lovingly remember a loss.



NEW RULES

New rules and regulations were adopted and took effect 1/1/18. New laws regulating cemeteries are now in effect in Illinois. All cemeteries are encouraged to establish and codify complex regulations to satisfy the state and offer themselves legal protection.

Included in the rules are sections on:

- All cemetery files on record at the township
- Restrictions on floral decorations – what is and is not allowed
- What may be planted needs approval
- Transfer of deeds
- Conduct of persons in the cemetery
- Anyone working in the cemetery must be pre approved by the cemetery Board
- Standards for vaults, caskets, markers foundations etc.

ALL RULES ARE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE (elatownship.org).

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SERVICES AND COSTS

Burial Grave Site	\$1000
Infant Grave Site	\$250*
Cremation Burial Site	\$450*
Opening and closing full graves	\$800
-Saturdays	\$1100
Opening and Closing Costs	
Cremation & infant burials	\$250
-Saturdays	\$400
Scatter Garden Service	\$250*
(Includes Bronze Name/Dates Marker)	
-No Sunday or Holiday burials	
-Late fee of \$50 per half hour may be assessed	
*Not available at Fairfield Cemetery	

Ela Township

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