

Visit the Pittsford Cemetery in the Spring



As the community prepares to gather at the flagpole in the Main Cemetery for the well-attended annual Memorial Day service, the Cemetery staff is placing American Flags at the graves of veterans. Many visitors plant geraniums or marigolds by those headstones in gratitude for the soldier's sacrifice and service to our country. You are encouraged and welcome to do so also and in this way help to honor the fallen who served in the armed forces.

While Memorial Day affords us the opportunity to meet as a community each year to celebrate our nation's military heritage, the Pittsford Cemetery serves the neighborhood in many other ways throughout the seasons. Notable figures and

fascinating stories from our past draw genealogists from around the country and tours of the cemetery, provided by the local historian, educate the residents about Pittsford's ancestry. A blend of open and wooded landscape is designed to encourage native wildlife in a suburban setting and enhance the aesthetic experience. And of course, the tranquil setting respects those who have passed, as it offers visitors a time to reflect, and neighbors a place to relax, exercise, or stroll.

Perhaps for these reasons we are blessed with many volunteers, from grade-schoolers to retirees, who help make the cemetery a pleasant and peaceful place. Each week high school and college students help with landscaping. Other visitors to the cemetery place flags, donate trees, pickup pinecones and clear away ivy from abandoned and overgrown headstones. Still more Samaritans assist with utilities, street signs, flagpoles, repairing fences, removing fallen trees and countless other details. In the spring of 2016 we enlisted the aid of an enterprising young Boy Scout to establish a meditation trail and garden as his Eagle project. Perhaps the most visible display of volunteerism is the ongoing efforts of one man who has taken on the herculean task of uprighting and repairing toppled headstones -- over 350 to date! And of course our many thanks to those who quietly tend and beautify their own family's plots and markers.

We welcome your willingness to assist us in whatever capacity you choose. To donate time and energy, or simply make a cash contribution, contact Beth Knickerbocker, at 385-5900, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To send an email, you may visit the website at <http://www.pittsfordcemetery.org>. Please join our community in the cemetery on Memorial Day to honor the veterans laid to rest there. Or come visit any time to enjoy the hallowed grounds.