

# Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery

A place of history and remembrance...

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is a Pioneer Cemetery?**

A Pioneer Cemetery is a cemetery that was founded sometime between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century and is the burial place for the pioneers of the area. It is maintained in its natural state; grasses and wildflowers. The cemetery experiences the natural seasons with green grasses and wildflowers in the winter and spring months and a golden landscape in the summer and fall months.

### **Who owns and operates the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery?**

The City of Pleasanton purchased the cemetery in 2007 and owns and operates the cemetery. The Library and Recreation Department oversees the management of the cemetery and may be reached at 925-931-5357 or [pioneercemetery@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:pioneercemetery@cityofpleasantonca.gov)

### **Are there plots available at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery?**

Yes. Casket and cremains burial plots are available in the South Hill West Section.

### **How do I purchase a plot?**

The City contracts with Graham Hitch Mortuary for sales and burial coordination. You may contact Graham Hitch Mortuary at 925-846-5624 or [info@grahamhitch.com](mailto:info@grahamhitch.com)

### **How often is the Cemetery maintained?**

General cemetery maintenance is conducted weekly for approximately 15-20 hours per week. City Staff conduct a walk through weekly to identify additional maintenance needs and works with the maintenance crews to address needs that have been identified.

### **Why is the grass not green year round?**

The cemetery is a Pioneer Cemetery so the grass is not irrigated, thus the grass is green only during the wet months of the year.

### **Are there any rules for the cemetery?**

Yes. The cemetery rules and regulations are available on the City's website. <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=28823>

### **How do I search the burial records for a loved one?**

You may visit the City's website to search burial records at: [http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/resident/pleasanton\\_pioneer\\_cemetery/burial\\_search.asp](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/resident/pleasanton_pioneer_cemetery/burial_search.asp)

### **If I purchased a plot at the Cemetery before the City owned it, is it still mine?**

Yes. The City of Pleasanton received documentation from the Odd Fellows regarding purchases made years ago. Please contact City staff at 925-931-5357 for more information.

