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## EAST OTTO CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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### To All Family Members, Friends, and Town Residents of East Otto Cemetery

The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date on recent activities from the East Otto Cemetery Association meeting.

We are grateful that we have contracted with an individual to provide mowing and trimming service for our cemetery. Mowing a cemetery is not something most people want to do.

We needed to replace the mercury light on the building at the cemetery and that has been done. We now need to replace the building's double doors, windows, and roof. Upon entering through the upper gate at the cemetery you could not help but notice, these past few years, the badly needed repairs to the building.

Now the hand pump, the cemetery's only supply of water source, is broken and needs to be replaced. Early minutes suggests it was installed in 1932.

The wrought iron fence has not been painted since the 40s when Ada Russell started a drive for paint funds and volunteers to paint the fence.

There is work to be done to improve the looks of the cemetery and we are asking for your help.

East Otto Cemetery Association is a nonprofit volunteer association. It relies on 90% of lot sales, 36% of burials, donations, and interest income from vested holdings required by the State of New York. Lot sales, burials, donations, and interest income for the year 2020 was as follows:

\$ .00	Lot Sales
205.00	Burials
400.00	Donation
1,095.92	Interest on Investments (principal amount consists of 10% of any lot sale and \$35.00 for each burial over the years. This Permanent Maintenance Fund is strictly controlled by NY State Cemetery Division.)

The Cemetery Board is made up of unpaid volunteers. Those volunteers do much of the work for the cemetery, which include: annual and emergency meetings, overseeing the general operation of the cemetery, recordkeeping, accounting, lot sales, burial and foundation arrangements, purchasing of flowers for the spring planting and watering of flower boxes and urns belonging to the cemetery, installation of flags on all veteran sites, general maintenance, painting, leveling new grave sites, planting grass, repairing and stabilizing grave stones, spring and mid-summer and fall clean-ups, tree trimming, trash collection and disposal.

We do contract out the lawn mowing and trimming which is the majority of the Cemetery's expense. **\$2,017.00** is the annual cost of lawnmowing and trimming based on the average of the last three years.

Due to the fact that our expense of mowing and trimming exceeds our income, leaving nothing for additional maintenance and insurance, our Trustees for the Cemetery feel we need to mail this "Letter of Request" to residents of the Town and to all families who own lots or have loved ones in the cemetery to help with the expenses.

We need your help and any contribution you could send would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made by checks payable to East Otto Cemetery Association and mail to Jenine Steinbar, Chairperson, 9187 East Otto Springville Rd., East Otto, NY 14729.

Anyone wishing to make memoriams at the time of a love one's death (or at any time) may do so by mailing a check to the above-named secretary or by contacting your funeral home.

We do not have addresses for many of the families and would ask that perhaps you could send this letter on to members of your family or provide us with names and addresses.

If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail one back to you.

Have a safe and healthy year .....and Thank You!!

Sincerely,  
East Otto Cemetery Board Members