

Volunteer Groups Help Maintain Rochester Cemetery

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Recently there have been 3 "work parties" at the Rochester Cemetery in the evenings. A group who sometimes call themselves "Friends of the Cemetery," cut off young locust trees, sumac and other invasive plants and loaded it on bale wagons for removal. Also they treated the stumps with an herbicide that should prevent regrowth without harming other vegetation. I was unable to help with the first 2 parties but I and several other residents of Rochester Township helped with the 3rd.

On behalf of the trustees, I want to thank everyone for their help. It was more enjoyment for me, than work, to be with this group. They faced this job with determination and eagerness. You have all heard the term "worked like beavers." This group put the beavers to shame. You have made our fall work a lot easier.

Also while I am in the thanking business, another group, about 5 years ago, spent about \$6,000 of their funds restoring tombstones, and hope to do more. Please forgive me for being so late in conveying to you our appreciation and thanks for this generous help. After all of this time, it must seem to you we did not deserve it.

I do not know all of you personally, but I am sure the people of Rochester Township know you and thank you.

Both of these groups asked the permission of the trustees to help.

Bob Thumma
Trustee