



This is an historic photo from Harlington Cemetery and is representative of the kind of photos on the two new signs in Harlington Cemetery. COURTESY PHOTO



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Waverly Historic Preservation Committee to hold celebration at Harlington Cemetery

Harlington Cemetery will be the site of a celebration sponsored by the Waverly Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) on Saturday, May 11. To focus attention on May as National Preservation Month, the Commission plans an annual public event, which usually includes a program and local awards ceremony. This year's celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to noon and includes the opportunity to tour the brick cemetery office building at the entrance to the cemetery grounds.

A 10:30 a.m. public program is part of the morning's events. Retired cemetery superintendent Craig Mehmen will offer a short presentation of memories and stories about this local landmark. Following the program and historic preservation awards, Dr. Terry Lindell, of the Wartburg College History Department, will lead an optional walking tour through significant places on the cemetery grounds.

Harlington Cemetery will be honored at the celebration by placing it on the Waverly Historic Register. The Register recognizes properties or sites in the community that are significant in terms of history or architecture. Previous entities that have received this designation can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.waverlyia.com/WaverlyHistoric-Register.

Two new signs will be installed and available for viewing. They describe historic and noteworthy information about the cemetery. These signs continue a developing tradition of signage that extends down the First Street SW corridor and highlights various historic entities, such as the 4 Queens corner, the Farmers Exchange Office, railroad history along the Cedar River, and the Sturdevant House.

In addition, Waverly Historic Preservation Awards will be presented during the program to two local homeowners who have demonstrated a commitment to historic preservation. Nominations are determined based on exterior appearance only, and commissioners appreciate suggestions for nominees for this award. Past winners are listed at www.waverlyia.com/HPAward.

Mayor Mark Anderson has issued a proclamation signifying May as Preservation Month in Waverly, which is celebrated in conjunction with May's National Preservation Month. It is available for viewing on the Commission's opening webpage at www.waverlyia.com/hpc. Current commissioners include Co-Chairs Kris Brunkhorst and Darius Robinson, Addyson Kaune, Karen Lehmann, Bard Mackey, Mary Meyer, and Michael Pinegar.

Please join WHPC on Saturday, May 11, rain or shine, for tours, historic information, special remembrances of Harlington Cemetery, and a community celebration of this beautiful gem, which is owned and maintained by the City of Waverly. Other local historic places that will be open for tours on that day include the Bremer County Historical Museum, The Firefighters' Museum, and the Sturdevant House.

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