

TO OUR VALUED FRIENDS OF PIONEER CEMETERY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Following is the schedule of monthly work parties in Salem Pioneer Cemetery for **2026**.

Most work parties start at 9:00 a.m. and finish at noon. However, in March and October the start time for work parties is 10:00 a.m. and end time is 1:00 p.m. Most Saturday work parties are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month, but note in the schedule below the exceptions for March and October.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves. Necessary tools are available on site.

For those who are available to work on weekdays, two additional work parties are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to noon on the Monday following the Saturday session and the Monday that follows two weeks later. Please note: The final Monday work sessions in May and September are exceptions to avoid conflict with Memorial Day observances and other matters. Questions about the schedule and work planned may be addressed to the field work captains Dale Palmquist (depalmquist@juno.com) and Pat Norman (normanboo@comcast.net).

Registering for Work Parties

Work parties of organized groups involving more than four persons will not be scheduled without prior arrangement with the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, Amanda Sitter. First-time volunteers, also, please contact the Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator to inform the City of your intent to join a work party on any of the announced dates. Amanda Sitter can be reached at 503-589-2197 or ASitter@cityofsalem.net. After the first-time volunteer has completed a volunteer application form for the City's Volunteer Coordinator, registration is completed by simply signing the log sheet each day of participation.

2026 SCHEDULE FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Saturday	March 14	Spring pruning, especially of heritage roses, and general clean up. March start times 10:00 a.m. <i>Monday sessions: March 16; March 30.</i>
Saturday	April 11	Headstone straightening and plot grooming. Begin 9:00 a.m. start times <i>Monday sessions: April 13; April 27.</i>
Saturday	May 9	Pre-Memorial Day plot grooming and headstone straightening. <i>Monday sessions: May 11; May 18. (Consecutive this month)</i>
Saturday	June 13	Headstone straightening and repairs, moss removal, vine-pulling. <i>Monday sessions: June 15; June 29.</i>
Saturday	July 11	Headstone straightening and repairs, moss removal, vine-pulling. <i>Monday sessions: July 13; July 27.</i>
Saturday	August 8	Headstone straightening and repairs, moss removal, vine-pulling. <i>Monday sessions: August 10; August 24.</i>
Saturday	Sept. 12	Headstone straightening and repairs, moss removal, vine-pulling. <i>Monday sessions: Sept. 14; Sept. 21. (Consecutive this month)</i>
Saturday	October 3	Fall clean up and pruning. Wrap-up of headstone repair projects. October start times 10:00 a.m. <i>Monday sessions: Oct. 5; Oct. 12.</i>

Regular volunteers greet visitors on Saturday, April 4, 2026, Qing Ming, the day of Chinese ritual remembrance of ancestors. Experienced volunteers also will be needed to help visitors navigate the grounds Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, Sun., Mon., May 23-25. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.