

Department Report

Report Title: Cemetery Committee—December 2024

Report Highlight: No activity for the month.

Name and Title: Quataunda Armstrong, Dahlonega Cemetery Committee

Recently Completed:

• The Committee discussed and unanimously agreed that its official position regarding the Dahlonega Ghost Tours is as follows: The Dahlonega Cemetery Committee does not support the continued permitting of any after-hours tours within Mount Hope or Memorial Park Cemeteries. These activities provide little to no benefit to our cemeteries, the loved ones of those interred, the citizens of Dahlonega or the City in general. The Committee does support a denial of an extension of the existing permit that is soon to expire.

Conversations with multiple Greek organizations at UNG regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Underway:

- Discussion of proposed Mount Hope shed to house equipment for volunteers. The City has made a commitment to provide the shed at a suitable location using in-house manpower.
- There are still discussions regarding a decorative barrier around Mt. Hope. City staff is looking into recent budget requests for potential funding for a first phase of an iron & brick (or stone) fence.

Near term:

 There are still discussions regarding a decorative barrier around Mt. Hope. City staff will include a budget request for FY2026 for this item.