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Oregon Cemetery Cleanup Days return to honor and preserve heritage

Portland, Ore., May 2, 2024 – SOLVE, in partnership with Oregon Heritage, is pleased to announce the revival of the Historic Cemetery Cleanup Days after a hiatus since 2018. These cleanup events are scheduled on various weekends throughout May, leading up to Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024, to ensure Oregon's historic cemeteries are respectfully maintained for visitors paying homage to their loved ones. Volunteers are invited to join in the removal of invasive plants, cleaning of headstones, and assisting with general grounds maintenance. This endeavor not only honors the memory of those who served our country but also fosters a sense of community and environmental stewardship in preserving these culturally significant sites.

Oregon's historic cemeteries serve as poignant reminders of our collective past and are repositories of immense cultural value. Heritage enthusiasts, friends, and neighbors from all walks of life are invited to join us in preserving these sacred sites during the Historic Cemetery Cleanup Days throughout May. Your participation is crucial in ensuring these cemeteries are respectfully prepared to welcome visitors on Memorial Day.

Events Scheduled:

Salem Pioneer Cemetery Site Restoration

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 9 AM – 1 PM

Location: Pioneer Cemetery, Corner of Commercial St. and Hoyt St., Salem | Map Link

For more information and registration, visit: SOLVE | Pioneer Cemetery Site Restoration Event

Marshfield Partners to Preserve our Pioneer Cemetery

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 11 AM – 3 PM

Location: Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery, 972 Ingersoll Ave Coos Bay | Map Link

For more information and registration, visit: SOLVE | Marshfield -Partners to Preserve our Pioneer

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Clackamas Cemetery Spring Cleanup

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Location: Clackamas Cemetery, 13600 Se Ambler Rd, Clackamas | Map Link

For more information and registration, visit: SOLVE | Clackamas Cemetery Spring Cleanup 2024

Pioneer Cemetery Workday

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2024 | 9 am – 12 pm **Location**: 200 East Dodge, Lebanon | Map Link

For more information and registration, visit: <u>SOLVE | Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery Workday</u>

About SOLVE

SOLVE is a statewide non-profit organization that brings people together to improve our environment and build a legacy of stewardship. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots group to a national model for volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains tens of thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon and Southwest Washington to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas and to build a legacy of stewardship for our state. Visit solveoregon.org for more information.

About Oregon Heritage

Oregon Heritage is part of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Office and includes the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. Oregon Heritage provides technical resources and grants for work supporting documentation and preservation of and access to Oregon's history.

State law established the seven-member <u>Commission</u> to maintain a listing of all historic cemeteries and gravesites in Oregon, promote public education on the significance of historic cemeteries, and help obtain financial and technical assistance for restoring, improving, and maintaining their appearances.
