



CAPE GIRARDEAU PUBLIC CEMETERIES

Historic Old Lorimier, New Lorimier, & Fairmont

Rates & Information

Contact the Cemetery Office at 573-334-1917 for additional information, to set up an appointment to discuss grave space purchasing, or with questions.

- Currently, there are more than 350 burial sites available for purchase in the cemeteries.
- A minimum 24 hours advanced notice is required prior to any committal service. No interments are permitted between 4 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- Committal services on Saturday, Sunday and City of Cape Girardeau recognized holidays, or arrivals any day after 4 p.m., are subject to a weekend/holiday overtime charge.
- Contact cemetery personnel if you would like assistance locating particular gravesites. If you have information that may help in updating records, or have knowledge of any person interred in unmarked graves, contact us for assistance in getting the person or persons listed in burial records.
- All fees for services must be paid prior to an interment's completion or the finalizing of a grave space sale.

Grave Spaces

\$250 each

Weekday Grave Opening

Adult \$350 Infant \$125 Cremation \$125

Weekend Grave Opening

Adult \$500 Infant \$225 Cremation \$225

Disinterment

(Grave opening only)

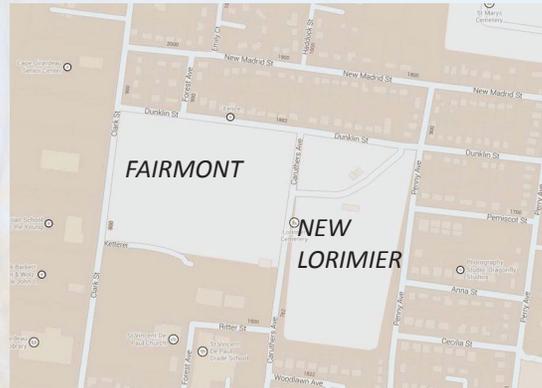
Adult \$350 Infant \$100

Indigent Grave Opening

(Eligibility guidelines must be met)

Adult \$65 Infant \$20 Cremation \$20

Cemetery Locations



Above

Fairmont Cemetery - 835 Caruthers Ave.
New Lorimier Cemetery - 1836 Cemetery Dr.

Below

Old Lorimier Cemetery - 500 N. Fountain St.



Location & Hours

Cape Girardeau Municipal Cemeteries Office

1836 Cemetery Dr.

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Phone: 573-334-1917 or 573-339-6340

Monday - Friday, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (except City holidays)

Mailing address:

410 Kiwanis Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Additional Contact Info

Parks & Recreation Administrative Office

Email: parks@cityofcape.org Phone: 573-339-6340



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Pictured above: Pioneer families of Cape Girardeau

Historic Old Lorimier Cemetery was established in 1808 by one of Cape Girardeau's founders, Louis Lorimier, upon the death of his wife, Charlotte. Many of Cape Girardeau's earliest settlers and those who helped build and shape our community are interred at Old Lorimier. The early settlers came to the area from many places including Germany, Canada, England, Wales, France, Scotland, Ireland, Italy and the West Indies. Inscriptions on many monuments are in English, Latin, German and French. Interestingly, there are no Spanish inscriptions.

Most of the possible 6,500 burials in the cemetery are unmarked. About 1,250 existing gravestones mark some of the burials. It's possible that 1,200 or more Civil War soldiers were buried here. Every attempt to use the space was made, making it difficult to determine the exact number of persons residing in the cemetery. There are no grave sites available for sale at Old Lorimier Cemetery.

Old Lorimier was originally sectioned according to religious affiliation, with Protestants interred in the eastern portion and Catholics interred in the west. The concrete archway with a cross marks the division.

Any known burial records for Old Lorimier were destroyed by fire in the historic Common Pleas Courthouse. Existing burial information was compiled with the help of the Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society and the Historic Preservation Department at Southeast Missouri State University.

New Lorimier Cemetery

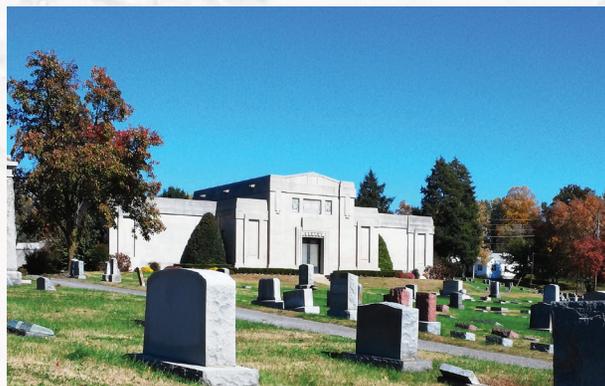
New Lorimier Cemetery was established as a private cemetery in 1877. New Lorimier has been used as a public cemetery since 1945, when its management was changed over to the City of Cape Girardeau. New Lorimier houses approximately 9,100 grave spaces.

For many years, most grave spaces were sold as family plots in blocks of four or eight. Many persons purchased more spaces than needed, leaving numerous lots with multiple unused grave spaces. Most families have not updated ownership records, so many of these spaces will remain unused forever.

Like Fairmont, New Lorimier Cemetery has been subdivided into multiple areas, including a seventh section that was added as recently as November 1993.

The most interesting historic structure at New Lorimier Cemetery is a mausoleum called the "Temple of Rest" (pictured below). The Temple of Rest was dedicated on Dec. 1, 1917, and it contains 240 crypt spaces - most of which were purchased prior to the mausoleum's completion. The structure was originally built and maintained by private funds. After every crypt space was purchased, the facility was deeded to the City of Cape Girardeau in the 1960s.

Pictured below: Temple of Rest Mausoleum



Fairmont Cemetery



Pictured above: Paupers and infant areas of Fairmont

Cape Girardeau's Fairmont Cemetery was established in 1883 adjacent to New Lorimier Cemetery. Prior to 1917, it was known as "City Cemetery" or "New City Cemetery." Fairmont houses approximately 9,500 grave spaces.

Fairmont has been subdivided into 12 areas, encompassing both historic and more recent burial locations. Some gravesite sales records were incorrectly kept and unorganized for many years, and no burial records were kept or are known to exist prior to 1967. Existing records made before 1983 were not always correct. As such, the exact location in each section of many persons interred are unknown.

The many record-keeping errors directly impacted sales and burials. From the mid 1940s through the mid 1970s the only new sales in the cemetery were limited to sales in an area newly established or those involving infant / paupers burials.

Current burial records have been created through an effort that began in 1985 to research and list all persons interred in all of Cape Girardeau's city-operated cemeteries.