

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This document is intended to serve as an informational guide to prospective purchasers of interment rights.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Serving the community since 1966, Six Oaks Cemetery (“Six Oaks”) located inside Sea Pines Plantation is Hilton Head’s only full service, public, perpetual care cemetery. Interment options include family estate sites, mausoleums, burial plots, urn sites, columbarium niches, scatter garden rights and urn benches.

The original design for Six Oaks was prepared by award-winning landscape architect Robert E. Marvin. Mr. Marvin’s design intent was to create an overall burial park comprised of individual burial gardens under an evergreen oak canopy with an azalea understory. The burial park’s focus was on the natural environment, designing the burial gardens so that the visitors’ attention was on the trees, azaleas and lawn areas. Mr. Marvin has been honored by several Presidential Citations for his garden and landscape designs. Among his most notable works are the Sibley Horticultural Center at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia and the ten-year upgrade program at the Augusta National Golf Course in Augusta, Georgia.

### **COVENANTS**

The uses and restrictions affecting Six Oaks are provided in the document entitled “Land Use Covenants and Restrictions for Six Oaks Cemetery” which was recorded May 12, 2017, in the Beaufort County Register of Deeds in Book 3574 at Page 1403 (the “Covenants”). Six Oaks is owned by Six Oaks Cemetery, Inc. (the “Corporation”). In the event of conflict between this General Information and the Covenants, the Covenants shall control. A copy of the Covenants is available upon request.

### **MAINTENANCE**

The Corporation is responsible for the ordinary, routine maintenance of the Cemetery. The maintenance program is geared to the needs of trees, azalea beds and large lawn areas. All pruning of trees, plants, azaleas, and other shrubs will be at the discretion of the Corporation. To maintain a harmonious appearance, no other plant materials shall be planted in Six Oaks. The ordinary maintenance program is not intended to maintain the landscaping of private garden areas established by individual interment rights owners. Families who wish to place additional landscaping at family members’ plots should contact the Corporation for written approval in accordance with the Covenants. The maintenance of approved private garden areas shall be at the expense of the responsible party.

## MEMORIALIZATION

All sites where interments have occurred are required to have proper permanent grave memorialization within six months of burial, in accordance with the Covenants. Memorialization should be constructed of marble, granite or granite with a bronze plaque. All columbarium niches are required to have either bronze plaques or an engraved granite niche plaque that is consistent with the columbarium's design. Unmarked graves are not permitted.

The Corporation does not engage in the direct sale of memorialization for interment rights owners. Corporation staff will assist each purchaser in designing a memorial that is appropriate to specific burial gardens within the cemetery at no charge. Memorialization must be approved in writing by the Corporation and memorialization installed without prior written consent from the Corporation is subject to removal, in accordance with the Covenants. Should an owner of interment rights or their representative choose to purchase memorialization without the assistance of Corporation staff, such purchaser should present a proposal in writing with an accompanying composite plan with specifications to the Corporation for approval of the design prior to purchase.

There are several types of memorialization permitted at Six Oaks, including:

1. Markers – a flat or beveled memorial that is typically less than 6" in height above grade and includes coping around a site.
2. Monuments – a memorial that is typically 6" to 30" above grade.
3. Memorial / Urn Benches – a memorial in the form of a bench that may be used for the interment of cremated remains.
4. Uprights – a memorial that is 30" or more above grade.
5. Mausoleums - a memorial that includes one or more vaults for the burial of human remains above grade.
6. Statuary – a memorial made of cast bronze, granite or marble that may be figurative or abstract and appropriate to Six Oaks. The "yard art" type of statuary constructed of cast concrete, plastic, plaster or composite materials are strictly prohibited.

Installation of all memorialization shall comply with the requirements, including but not limited to placement and the payment of fees, as stated in the Covenants. The Corporation is not responsible for any memorialization that becomes damaged due to natural causes, the aging process, disasters, hurricanes, acts of others and/or vandalism.

Each burial garden has specific memorialization requirements that are determined by the Corporation. Markers in the Veteran's Garden must have a minimum three-inch-thick flat granite base with a bronze plaque mounted on top. No uprights, monuments, benches, planters, statuary or other enhancements are allowed in the Veteran's Garden at any time without prior written permission by the Corporation. Memorials in the Founder's Garden, Overlook Park Garden, Laurel Oak Garden, Lawton Lanes, and family estate sites may be Markers, Monuments, Benches and in some instances Uprights. Memorialization requirements for Oakview Garden are described in a supplemental document. Uprights are permitted only in designated areas that are adjacent and back up to Lawton Canal, have an existing or to-be-planted concentration of landscaping such as an azalea hedge, or a large tree abutting the location of an upright marker. In accordance with the Covenants, artificial flowers, balloons, wind chimes, candles and decorative items are not permitted.

#### **ENTRY TO CEMETERY**

Corporation staff are authorized to issue one annual non-resident vehicle decal for entry into Sea Pines Plantation per family

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS**

Notice is required prior to any funeral services and prior to any disinterment or removal, as set forth in the Covenants. After notification is made, the Corporation strongly suggests a family member or representative arrange a meeting to discuss final arrangements.

#### **PURCHASE OF INTERMENT RIGHTS**

Families wishing to purchase interment rights for mausoleum sites, burial plots, urn sites, bench sites, columbarium niches, family estate sites, or scatter garden rights should contact:

Lawrence Melton, Cemetery Manager  
175 Greenwood Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
Cell: (843) 489-6665  
Office: (843) 671-7852

All rights of interment are conveyed subject to a first option to repurchase by the Corporation, as set forth in the Covenants.

## **BEQUESTS**

The Corporation is a non-profit, 501(c)(13) tax-exempt organization. Your tax-deductible contribution to the Care and Maintenance Trust of Six Oaks Cemetery is deeply appreciated. Bequests should be designated to the Care and Maintenance Trust and made payable to Six Oaks Cemetery, Inc.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution in any other manner or have any questions, please contact the Cemetery Manager, whose information is set forth above.

## **CHANGES TO GENERAL INFORMATION**

This General Information is effective as of May 1, 2017. Changes may be made by the Corporation from time to time as necessary without prior notice to, or approval of, owners or permitted users of interment rights.