



MOUNTVIEW CEMETERY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

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Billings
PARKS
AND RECREATION

MOUNTVIEW DATA

- Billings Cemetery Started in 1882
- Interments – 25,006



	Sold	Available
Traditional	18,395	3733
Cremation	436	44
Niche	143	237
Veteran	1349	284



LAST 3 YEARS

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
Traditional Graves Sold	46	63	40
Cremation Graves Sold	8	4	9
Niches Sold	5	3	3
Traditional Burials	39	58	37
Cremation Burials	66	78	78
* Second rite of Interment	33	37	36

* Second rite of Interment is when cremains are buried with a relative

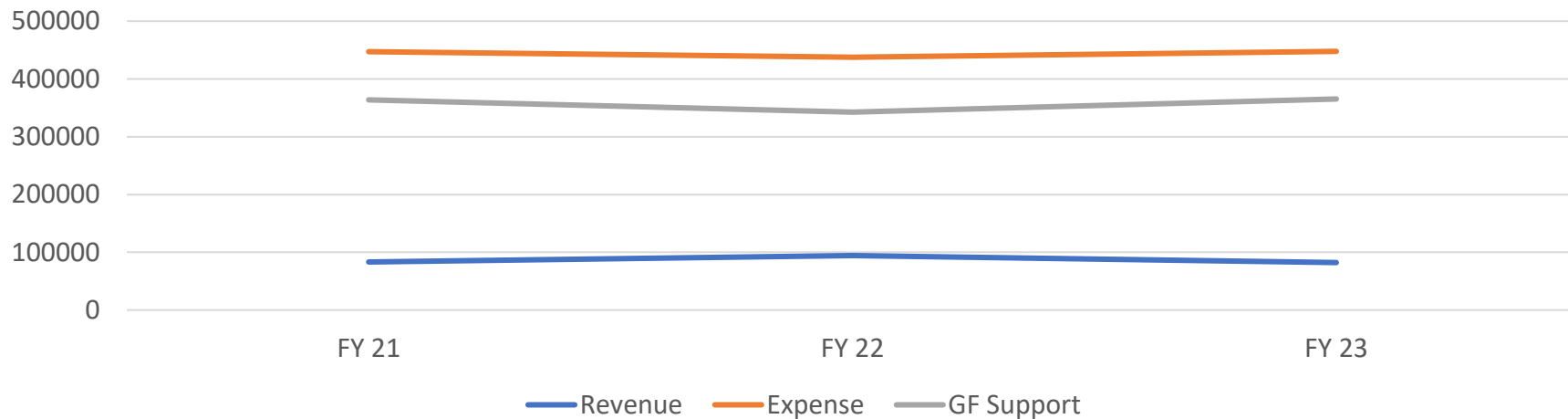


BUDGET/REVENUE

Current level of funding allows staff to provide best practice maintenance standards, as well as small improvement projects

*Implementation of recently approved fees, we estimated by FY28 deficit will be ~\$285k

	FY 21	FY 22	FY23
Revenue	\$83,427	\$94,527	\$82,205
Expense	\$447,095	\$437,213	\$447,597
General Fund Support	\$363,668	\$342,686	\$365,392



Perpetual Care Funds

35% of Grave/Niche sales go into a perpetual care fund to provide ongoing care and maintenance of the grounds and facilities in perpetuity.

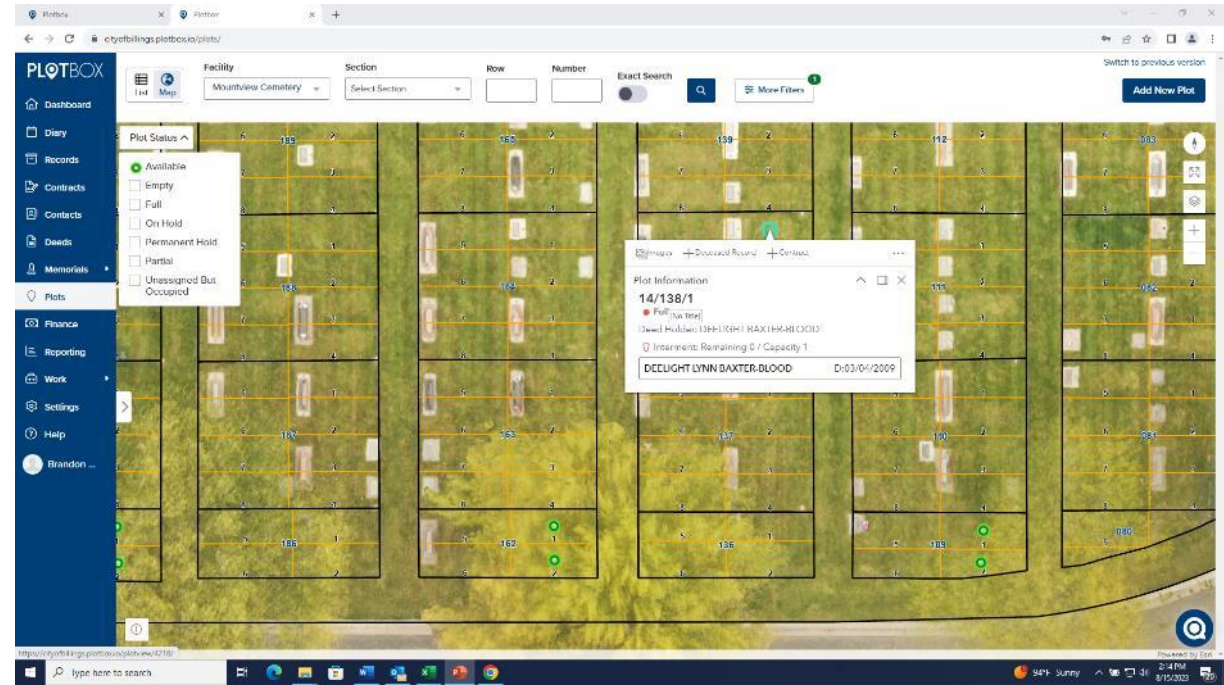
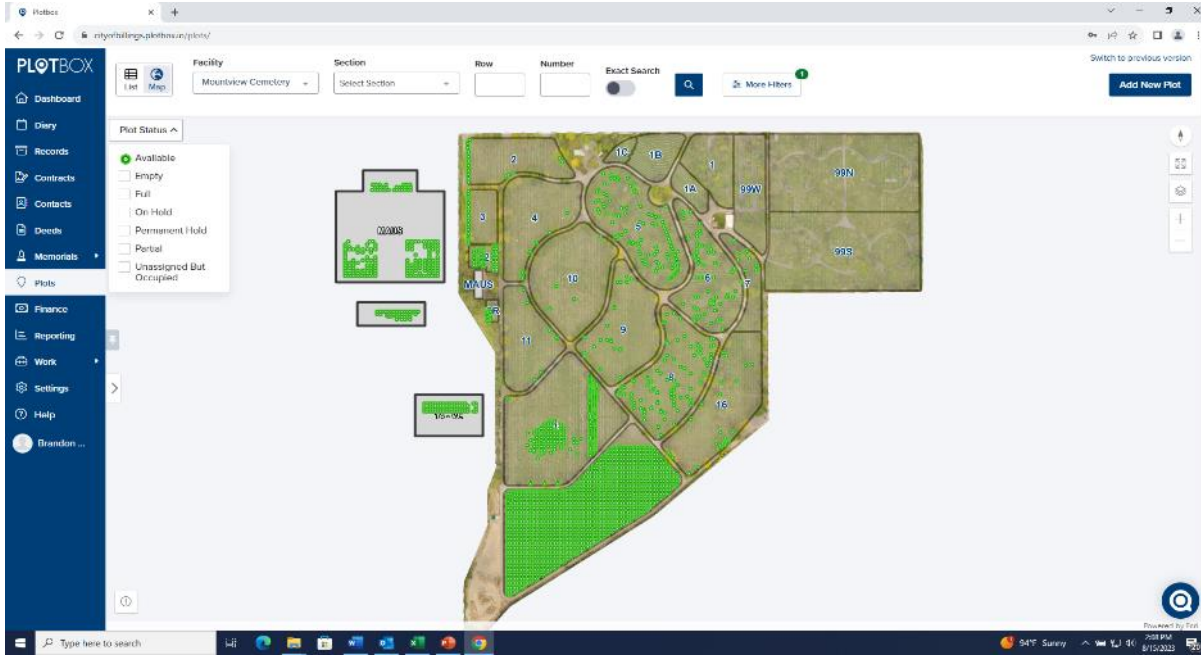
End of FY23

Fund 7010 "Cemetery Perpetual Care"	\$757,106
Fund 7020 "Cemetery Expansion"	\$219,342
Fund 7030 "Mausoleum Perpetual Care"	\$67,626



PLOTBOX

Using a drone, high-definition imagery was captured and merged with our GIS overlays. City and County records were then uploaded and paired with each grave.



PLOTBOX

DEELIGHT BAXTER-BLOOD
Date of Death: 03/04/2009 | Current Status: Buried - 14/138/1

Deceased Information

DECEASED NAME	DEELIGHT BAXTER-BLOOD
CUSTOMER NUMBER	-
DATE OF BIRTH	06/30/1962
DATE OF DEATH	03/04/2009
AGE AT DEATH	46 Years, 8 Months
ALSO KNOWN AS	-
MAIDEN NAME	-
RELIGIOUS NAME	-
TIME OF DEATH	12:00 am
IS GESTATION AGE	No
GENDER	Female
LAST RESIDENCE	-
PLACE OF BIRTH	-
PLACE OF DEATH	-

Plot Information

FACILITY	Mountview Cemetery
SECTION	14
PLOT NUMBER	1
PLOT REFERENCE	14/138/1

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DEELIGHT LYNN BAXTER-BLOOD
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Profile Information

Full Name	DEELIGHT LYNN BAXTER-BLOOD
Date of Birth	30 Jun 1962
Date of Death	4 Mar 2009
Date of Burial	9 Mar 2009
Age	46
Funeral Director	DAHL
Occupation	Unknown
Last Place of Residence	Unknown

Interment Location

Plot: 14/138/1
[Mountview Cemetery](#)
1704 Death AVE
Billings 59107
[Get Directions](#)
1-409-637-8298
jschmidt@billingsmt.gov

Others in this plot
No one else buried in this plot



PATRIOT RUN

November 5th (Sunday before Veterans day weekend) Mountview Cemetery will be holding it's first Patriot Run

All proceeds from the run/walk will go into a grant fund, administered by Partners for Parks to pay for funeral services in Mountview's Veteran section

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Billings/MountviewPatriotRun>

The screenshot shows the RunSignup.com page for the Patriot Run event. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Sign Up' and 'Donate' buttons. Below the navigation bar is a main image of a cemetery with American flags. The event details are displayed in the center: 'Patriot Run', 'Sun November 5, 2023', and 'Billings, MT 59102 US'. Below the image is an 'Events' section with two registration options:

Event	Price	Time	Registration End
5K Run/Walk Adult 16+	\$35	1:00PM MST - 3:00PM MST	October 22, 2023 at 11:59pm MDT
5K Run/Walk Youth 15 and under	\$30	1:00PM MST - 3:00PM MST	November 5, 2023 at 10:30am MST



PUMP STATION

- Current pump station requires replacement
- Quick coupler system requires staff dedicate 8 workhours/day to move sprinkler heads
- Replace standpipes with in-ground rotor sprinklers which will reduce mowing/trimming time
- We will have the ability to water during the evening hours



ADVERTISING

City Ordinance Sec. 8-312. – Advertisements, states “No advertisement or marketing of products in any form shall be permitted within the cemetery”

Intend to submit modification to ordinance allowing for advertisement and marketing in the cemetery office and at information kiosk. During special events advertisements will be allowed on the cemetery common grounds as approved by the cemetery supervisor.



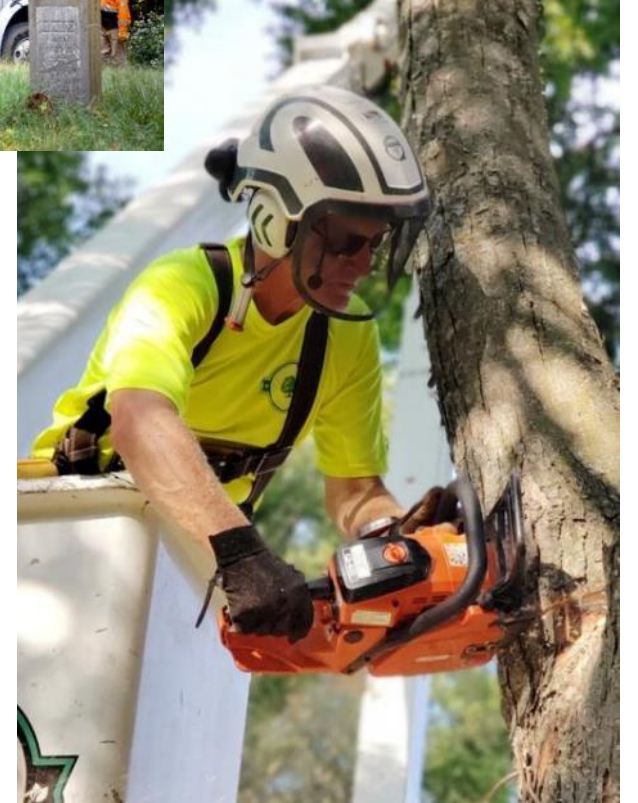
SALUTING BRANCHES

Of the 9,000 trees in PRPL's inventory, ~ 2,000 of them are in Mountview

Saluting Branches is a National volunteer event in which American service men and women are honored by organizing volunteer tree and landscape care for property dedicated to our Veterans

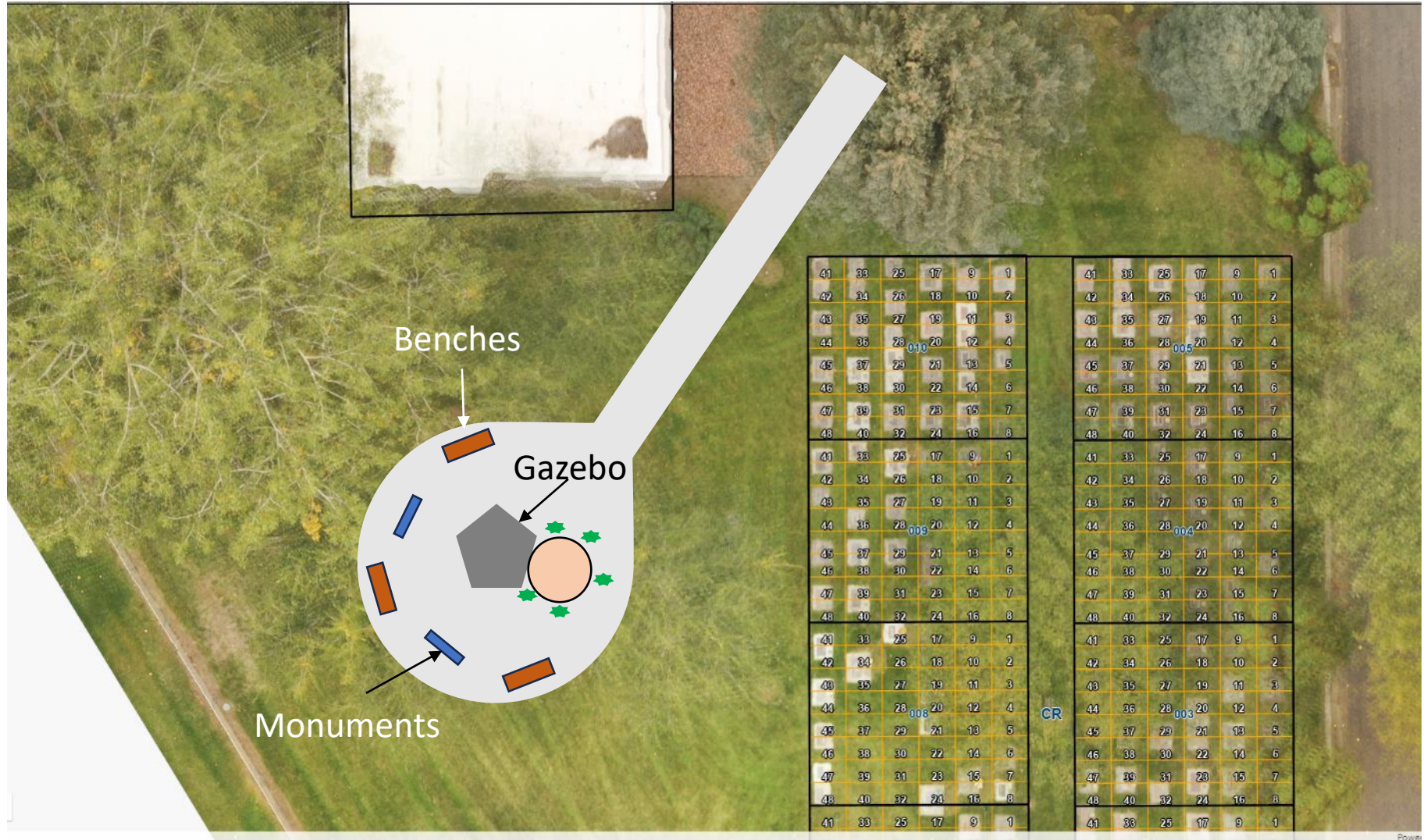
For the first time in Billings, CM Tree Service is organizing a Saluting Branches event, to take place September 20th, in Mountview Cemetery

Not only is this a great way to honor our veterans and make Mountview look even better, but it will have the added benefit reducing forestry staffs time dedicated to the cemetery



SPREADING GARDEN

- Montana has 5th highest cremation rate at 78.5% and expected to reach 88.6% by 2040 (National Funeral Directors Association, 2021)
- Of those who prefer cremation, 59% said they planned to have their remains scattered (MSU Extension, 2018)
- Rental of the Spreading Garden would include a name and dates inscription on the monument walls.
- After initial investment garden would almost be passive income, requiring only admin and minimal maintenance



BILLINGS CEMETERY JERSEY BARRIER

- North side of Billings Cemetery is protected by a 700 ft jersey barrier
- A sturdy barrier is required as this section of Central Ave. is on a decline, slopes toward the cemetery, and is primarily shaded in the winter
- Estimate of total cost to replace the Jersey barrier to be \$220k



MAIN IRRIGATION LINE

- Irrigation water is supplied to the cemetery from the irrigation canal via a 16" pipe that runs 1.5 miles under Central Ave.
- Engineering has record of it in place in 1977. Rumor is that it was installed in 1941.
- Each section of pipe is 13', giving us ~600 couplings
- Since 2019 we have repaired the line three times after couplings have failed, costing a total of ~\$70k to repair (40.3% from cemetery, 34.4% Par 3, 18.5% Sunset, 6.8% Parks)
- Another repair is required this fall

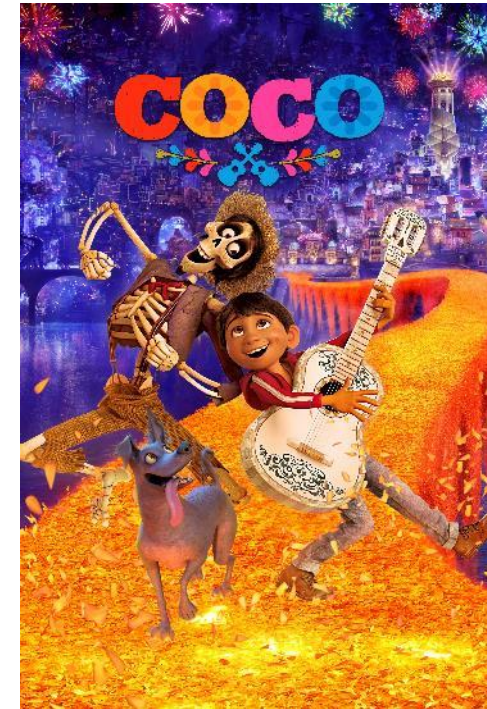


INCREASE CEMETERY VALUE



Trunk or Treat
-Similar to "Voices of the Past" by Historical Society

Pet adoption fair
Partner with Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter and utilize ~6.5 acres of undeveloped cemetery for adoption event



Movies in the park



COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

