

# Crescent Memorial Park

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Dear Lot Owners,

I am pleased to announce that at the January 24, 2019 Board Meeting of Crescent Memorial Park, The Board of Trustees approved the construction of a new access to the cemetery. This access will be on Westfield Avenue across from the Penn Queen Diner and will be in addition to our main entrance at Route 130 and Union Ave.

Over the last several years The Board has been carefully monitoring events that may compromise the portion of the Pochack Creek on the Crescent property as well as the bridge over the creek. After the last visual engineering investigation in May 2018 by Environmental Resolutions, Inc., the bridge did not “present a hazard for the passing of light traffic in its current condition and minor undermining of the banks immediate upstream and downstream of the bridge was observed.”

However, we decided that a new access to the cemetery should be pursued now. This was precipitated because Camden County has scheduled road improvements for Westfield Avenue set to begin in the Summer/Fall of 2019. After the County road improvements are completed a moratorium will be enacted for the newly paved surfaces in which no road improvements will be permitted for five (5) years.

If construction and repairs on the bridge and the stream become necessary within the next five (5) years, approximately half of the cemetery as well as the office building and the Tartaglia home will not be accessible. It was therefore the recommendation of the engineering company and certainly affirmed by the Board that the new access site be constructed in advance of this moratorium. This plan will allow for safe and consistent access to all areas of the cemetery, regardless of when bridge repairs and Creek management needs must be initiated.

The application, construction plans and required fees were submitted to Mr. John Adams, Administrator of the Pennsauken Planning Board on February 28, 2019. We are happy to report that at the Planning Board Meeting of March 26, 2019 those plans were approved. Following that approval, the plans were also approved by the Camden County Department of Public Works on May 8, 2019.

The construction plans for the new site access contain the following essential elements:

1. Signage that matches the sign at the main entrance to the cemetery and is visible from both directions on Westfield Ave.
2. Full-service access on Westfield Avenue.
3. Left Turn Lanes for safe turn into the cemetery from Westfield Avenue
4. Connection from the new driveway to the internal circulation road for access to the entire cemetery from the new entrance.

Please be assured that accessibility to the cemetery will not be compromised during construction. We will keep you informed as to the progress of this additional entrance through our website and our Facebook Page.

Sincerely,

**Bonni Rubin-Sugarman**

Bonni Rubin-Sugarman,  
President Board of Trustees Crescent Memorial Park