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Headstones stand tall at the Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery in Newberg, Ore. where many of Newberg's founders are buried. Photo taken Oct. 19, 2026. (Audrey Grice / Newsberg)

Explore Newberg-Dundee's Cemeteries

We explored the cemeteries in the Newberg-Dundee area to learn more about history, who is buried, and how volunteers can help.

By Branden Andersen and Audrey Grice
Founding Editor and Junior Reporter

NEWBERG, Ore. — Newberg and Dundee are home to pioneer, military, and community cemeteries that hold the history of the Chehalem Valley. Some of those buried there carry names still found around Newberg, while others were lesser-known residents who helped shape the area.

There are several kinds of cemeteries in Oregon, each with its own rules, regulations, and designations. Oregon law defines a historic cemetery as any burial ground that holds at least one person who died more than 75 years ago and is listed with the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, according to Oregon Heritage, the state historic preservation office within the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Cemeteries are added to the state's list by county through a survey form submitted to the state, and the department offers designation signs to listed sites on request. Historic cemeteries can also be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a separate federal designation.

According to the state historic cemetery webpage, the state's historic cemetery program was created by the Oregon Legislature and provides resources, including grants, to people and organizations that care for historic cemeteries.

Residents who want to help care for a neglected cemetery must first determine who owns it, which the department said is often no one. The county land records office keeps property ownership records and may have a process for acquiring a property. If a cemetery meets the state's legal definition of abandoned, the department said, volunteers can apply for an abandoned cemetery care permit, which carries renewal and annual reporting requirements.

The department also points volunteers to SOLVE, a statewide nonprofit, for cemetery cleanup resources. Oregon Heritage can be reached at 503-986-0690 or oregon.heritage@oprd.oregon.gov.

Ewing Young Burial Site

Address: Ewing Young Distillery, 18715 OR-240, Newberg, OR 97132
Hours: Distillery open Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Open to the public: No, on private property
Date founded: 1841
Oldest resident: Ewing Young, d. 1841

The site is not a public cemetery, but one of Newberg's founding pioneers is buried just west of town on his former homestead, where the Ewing Young Distillery now sits.

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Be a Respectful Cemetery Visitor

According to the National Park Service, visitors should treat cemeteries as places of quiet reflection, following posted rules and respecting graves, monuments, and other mourners. Recommended practices include keeping voices low, not walking over graves, leashing pets and cleaning up after them, and taking trash with them when they leave. Visitors also should avoid touching headstones, photographing other mourners or funerals, and interfering with funeral processions. Most cemeteries are open from dawn to dusk.

Fortune House Opens in Former Jin's Restaurant in Dundee

The new restaurant offers Chinese and Japanese dishes at the former Jin's location, and owner Lin Zhao hopes to expand the business in the coming years.

By Jacob Graves
Contributor

DUNDEE, Ore. — Fortune House, a new restaurant serving Chinese entrees and Japanese noodle dishes, opened Oct. 21 in the former Jin's Chinese Restaurant location at 180 SW First St. in Dundee.

The Fortune House menu includes Chinese dishes such as Mongolian beef, orange chicken, sweet and sour pork, and several shrimp entrees. Noodle offerings include ramen, udon, wonton soup, and other noodle soups. Appetizers range from spring rolls to tempura shrimp.

The restaurant offers dine-in and takeout service. Inside, the 16-seat dining room features green upholstered booths, wooden tables and chairs, large windows, and decorative Asian artwork along the walls.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and is closed on Mondays.

The building previously housed Jin's Chinese Restaurant, which took over from Chan's of Dundee around April 2018. Jin's served Chinese food in Dundee before Fortune House opened in October.

The location appealed to co-owner Lin Zhao because of its accessibility to people traveling through the area, including those heading between Portland and the Oregon Coast.

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'The Newberg Table' Cookbook Brings Local Recipes to the Dinner Table

A fundraiser for the Library Foundation of Newberg, the cookbook includes recipes and stories from Newberg chefs and community members

By Audrey Grice
Junior Reporter

NEWBERG, Ore. — During a call for creative fundraising ideas in February 2026, two Library Foundation of Newberg board members teamed up to bring Newberg's recipes to the page and support the Newberg Public Library.

The resulting cookbook, "The Newberg Table," sells for $30, with proceeds supporting the purchase of children's books for the library. It includes recipes from Newberg chefs, as well as home recipes from community members, such as a nut brittle recipe from Mayor Bill Rosacker and chocolate chip cookies from Korie Buerkle, the library's director.

The foundation started in the 1970s to provide additional funding for the library, according to foundation Treasurer Andrew Bierer.

"Currently, the library is primarily funded by the city, so this provides a secondary source of funding," Bierer said. "We feel like it's our duty to continue to support the library from a community center separated from the city, and so our basic logistical role is to manage a treasury and then make donations to the library to make sure to continue to support them."

The foundation functions as an endowment, meaning it holds assets in investments and donates a portion of the interest to the library. Bierer said the foundation contributes 4.5% of its treasury to the library annually, about $30,000 to $35,000.

After the COVID-19 pandemic, Bierer said the foundation received few, if any, new donations, which prompted the idea to raise awareness of the foundation and create fundraising opportunities. According to Bierer, part of the goal of "The Newberg Table" was to show how accessible it is to self-publish a book.

"If this book makes no money and just generates people who want to publish and do creative things and get excited and get energized with the library, I think it's accomplished its goal," Bierer said.

Board member Jenny Lewis had the idea for a cookbook in the back of her mind before the brainstorming began. After moving to Newberg two years ago, she wanted to learn more about the community, and a cookbook of recipes from local chefs offered a way to do that.

Together with Bierer, Lewis went to Newberg restaurants to ask whether they would share recipes and stories for the cookbook.

"I just started going to my favorite restaurants and talking to the people there I know, and Andrew [Bierer] did the same thing," Lewis said. "I didn't have anybody say no — the interest in the community is really exciting."

Marvin Eans, an associate professor of art and design at George Fox University, helped Lewis and Bierer work out some of the creative logistics in the early stages. Multiple photographers, including Eans, volunteered to photograph the participating chefs, and Lewis and Bierer donated many hours to the design, writing, editing, and production.

Aside from publishing costs and what Bierer calls a "very small amount" of money for graphic design work, "The Newberg Table" is entirely a volunteer effort.

"Part of the charm of the book is that there are different photographers, so it doesn't have that completely polished feel — it has that community feel — and you can really see different people's input," Lewis said.

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OCTOBER 27

6 p.m. — NHS Bonfire & Truck or Treat
Newberg High School, 2400 Douglas Ave

7 p.m. — Horror Movie Trivia
Stumptown Taps, 2401 E Portland Rd. A6

OCTOBER 28

10 a.m. — Newberg Manufacturer's Blood Drive
Fernwood Grange, 216 N Springbrook Rd

5 p.m. — A Night of Reading & Revelry
Dominio IV Winery, 11570 NE Intervale Rd, Carlton

OCTOBER 29

1 p.m. — 2027 Healthcare Info Session: Understand Your Options
Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E Sheridan St

6 p.m. — Improv with Donna
CPRD Aquatic & Fitness Center, 1802 Haworth Ave

OCTOBER 30

4 p.m. — Halloween Bash
Wolves & People Bar and Music Hall, 107 N Meridian St

5:30 p.m. — Secrets of a Vampire's Crypt Dinner Theater
The Old Schoolhouse 23945 NE North Valley Rd

6 p.m. — Spooky Cinema in the Barn
Dominio IV Winery, 11570 NE Intervale Rd., Carlton

OCTOBER 31

8 a.m. — Ghosts, Ghouls, and Grads 5K Run/Walk
Newberg High School 2400 Douglas Ave

2 p.m. — Community Wellness + Trunk or Treat Event
Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center - Newberg, 2251 E Hancock St, Ste 103

4 p.m. — Fall Festival
River Street Church of God, 715 S River Street

4:30 p.m. — Trick or Treat Street
Downtown Newberg

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