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A Lasting Memorial in Our Growing Community

Stansbury Park is a fairly young community whose population has exploded over the last ten to fifteen years. Along with its swell in population, it has also had an increase in businesses, parks, and recreation areas. It has become a wonderful home for young and old alike; but one thing it lacks is a cemetery.

When some people think of cemeteries they conjure up images of haunted old graveyards and cracked rotting tombstones, but a cemetery is not like this at all. It is a place of beauty, a place of peaceful remembrance, and a memorial to our loved ones who have passed away. A community cemetery could really help enhance the beauty of our already lovely neighborhood and at the same time provide a final resting place for its ever-growing number of residents. A cemetery would also make Stansbury Park a place for people to come back to and remember their loved ones. It would help to make our community a destination instead of just a pass through.

By suggesting a cemetery I am in no way implying that most of the population of Stansbury Park is on its deathbed. While most of its residents are young families, Stansbury does have its share of senior citizens. To build a better tomorrow we must look towards the future and young people don't stay young forever. A cemetery would give the people of Stansbury a place to put down their roots, and, along with a new high school, it would really give our community a "home town" feel.

In coming years many people will have lived in Stansbury Park for a good portion of their lives and they will want to be remembered here, where they lived. People will not want their legacy to live on in Lake Point or Tooele or Grantsville; they will want to be remembered where they started their family, where they raised their children, and where they made a difference. Without a cemetery in our community Stansbury Park will have no lasting memory of its great former residents who have passed on.

A cemetery can be a place of beauty, a peaceful, open green area. It would look more like a tranquil park than anything else. A cemetery would provide the citizens of our community with a final resting place in the town where they lived and breathed instead of a town ten miles away. It would make Stansbury park a destination for people to come back to and remember their loved ones who have passed on. A cemetery is exactly what a maturing neighborhood like Stansbury Park needs and would really help to build our community for a better tomorrow.