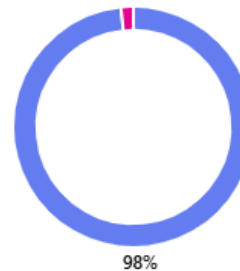


FRUIT HEIGHTS CEMETERY SURVEY 2024

1. Are you a resident of Fruit Heights?

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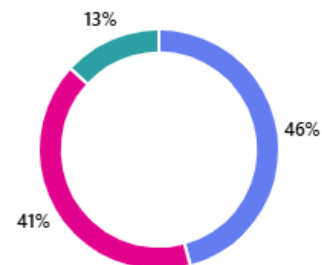
Yes	592
No	10



2. Would you like to see a cemetery built in Fruit Heights?

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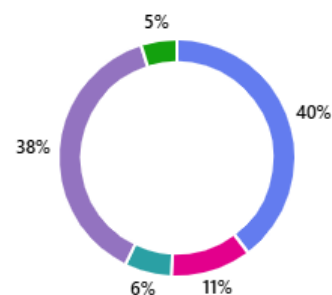
Yes	271
No	243
Unsure	78



3. In the future, how likely would you be to use a cemetery in Fruit Heights for yourself or a loved one?

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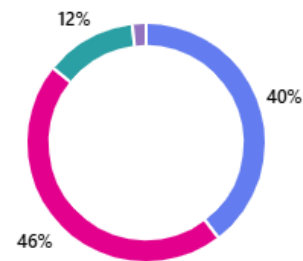
Very likely	235
Somewhat likely	65
Somewhat unlikely	38
Very unlikely	224
Unsure	29



4. Do you support the use of taxpayer dollars (in addition to donations and plot sales) to build and maintain a cemetery in Fruit Heights?

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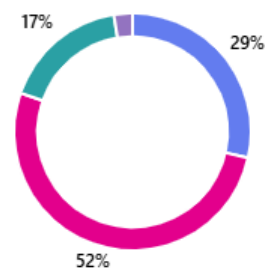
Yes	234
No	272
Maybe	73
Other	11



5. If necessary, would you support a tax increase to fund the building, maintenance and operation of a cemetery in Fruit Heights?

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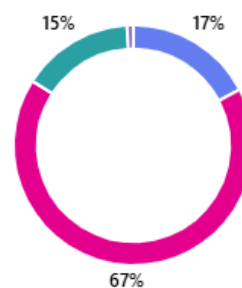
Yes	168
No	305
Maybe	101
Other	15



6. To limit operating costs for the City, a cemetery could be constructed that allows for the burial of cremated remains only - meaning no burial of caskets allowed. Would you support a Fruit Heights City Cemetery if it allowed for the burial of cremated remains only (no caskets)?

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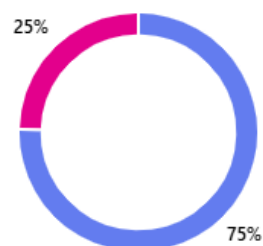
Yes	102
No	392
Unsure	89
Other	5



7. In the past 12 months, did you visit a cemetery or attend a graveside service in person?

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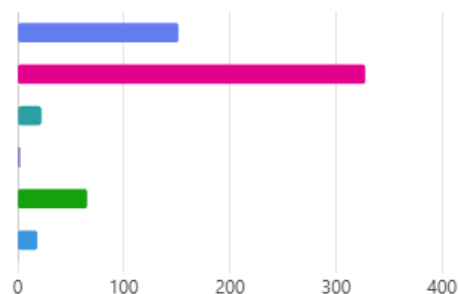
- Yes 445
- No 145



8. What would you like done with your body after you die?

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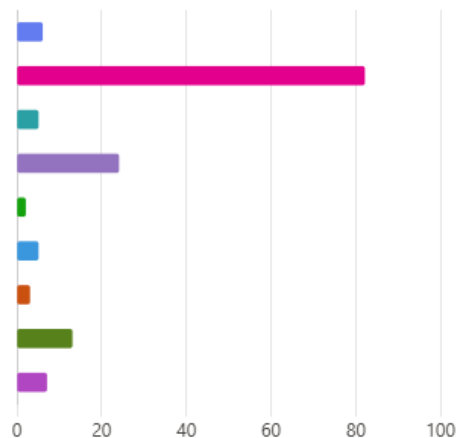
- Cremation 151
- Burial 327
- Donation for research/education 22
- Mausoleum 2
- I don't know 65
- Other 18



9. If cremated, what would you like done with your ashes?

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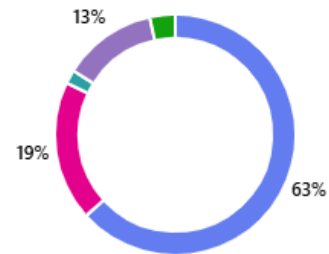
- Scattered at a body of water 6
- Scattered at meaningful location 82
- Scattered at memorial park/garden in cemetery 5
- Buried in urn at cemetery 24
- Stored in urn at home 2
- Stored in urn at columbarium 5
- Made into jewelry/art 3
- I don't know 13
- Other 7



10. If your body is to be buried, where would you like to be buried?

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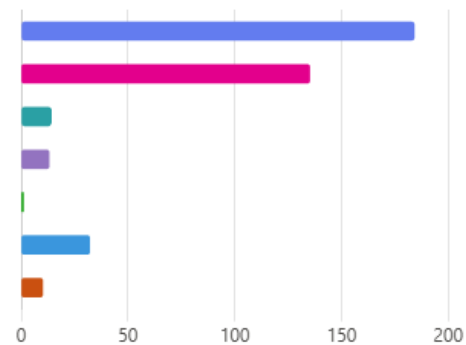
● Manicured lawn area in a cemetery	205
● Naturally maintained grave area in cemetery	61
● Monumental grave	6
● I don't know	41
● Other	11



11. If a cemetery is your final resting place, what kind of grave marker would you like?

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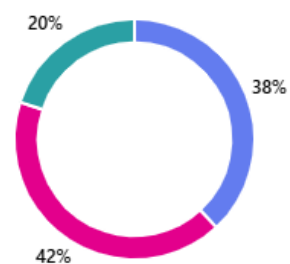
● Aboveground headstone	184
● Flat headstone	135
● Plaque	14
● Tree/plant	13
● No marker	1
● I don't know	32
● Other	10



12. Are you willing to volunteer at the cemetery to clean the grounds after holidays and other occasions?

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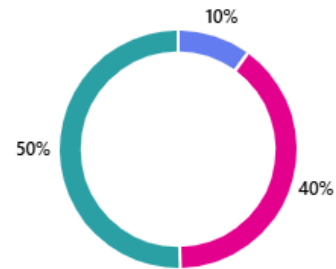
● Yes	221
● No	243
● Unsure	116



13. What is your age range?

[More details](#)

18-34 years of age	58
35-54 years of age	231
55+ years of age	292



SURVEY COMMENTS

- 1 anonymous No
- 2 anonymous A cemetery in Fruit Heights would be nice. Approval of a tax increase would be dependent on the amount.
- 3 anonymous Building a cemetery on a hillside, especially one prone to wildfires seems like a bad idea. Let's save our mountains for trails and natural enjoyment. Kaysville cemetery is barely out of Fruit Heights boundaries and is a good alternative for those who want to be buried close by.
- 4 anonymous Some of the survey questions make me worry more. I would hate to see a cemetery not well taken care of. I worry about that.
- 5 anonymous Can we have an estimate of how much taxes will be raised by this project?
- 6 anonymous I currently have a prepaid plot at Kaysville cemetery so a FH cemetery really doesn't matter to me but there are residents who cannot afford the current astronomical fee Kaysville charges for non-residents.
- 7 anonymous A section for natural burial please
- 8 anonymous Fruit Heights is joined at the hip with Kaysville City and they have too many restrictions with their cemetery. The Fruit Heights cemetery should allow purchase of plots at any time, not just at the time of death.
- 9 anonymous I beleive that fruit heights is too small of a city and too small of a tax base to use property for a cemetery. We need green space that people want to recreate in and spend time with their families that can be an ongoing source of tax revenue and be self supporting.
- 10 anonymous Cemeteries are not financially viable. Once all plots are sold, taxes have to be used to cover the maintenance cost. Fruit Heights is too small to continue to cover those costs. The city is discussing being water wise too, a green grass cemetery uses an excessive amount of water. How can we ask people to reduce water usage while putting in a facility that requires an excessive amount of water at the same time. I don't believe this is a good idea.

- 11 anonymous The only way I would support a cemetery is if Fruit Heights attracted far more commercial businesses to operate within the city limits. Commercial properties would defray some of the taxes that are passed along to the residents.
- 12 anonymous None
- 13 anonymous Cost is too high and extra taxes unfairly impacts those on fixed incomes. Every citizen pays even if they will be buried elsewhere.
- 14 anonymous Thank you for exploring this cemetery issue. It is a topic that our family and neighbors have been wanting to have addressed for quite some time.
- 15 anonymous It would be nice to have a cemetery like Kaysville. Many of my family members are buried there and it's closed off now. I'd like to have a place where my living family could one day be buried by each other.
- 16 anonymous Please keep our east bench area for recreational use.
- 17 anonymous We need to leave that area wild.
- 18 anonymous We have been in support of a cemetery for years.
- 19 anonymous We are not of pioneer history in FH but have lived here for 38 years. This is where we live and would feel bad if we had to be buried somewhere else.
- 20 anonymous I already have plots for me and my wife in an established cemetery
- 21 anonymous I think a lot of it would depend on how much of a tax increase would be required.
- 22 anonymous If you hadn't dawdled so long on this issue I might have agreed with it but too little, too late. I have already buried my husband. You have discussed this issue for as long as I can remember and I have lived here for 46 years.
- 23 anonymous It would be nice to know what other options the city has in mind for the owned land which is being considered for a potential cemetery. I'd prefer a community garden, park, or some other public space where residents can find peace and friendship.
- 24 anonymous I have a burial plot in Idaho
- 25 anonymous This is a luxury. We are taxed to death at the federal, state, county and city levels on property, goods and services, income and none of these include what we all own each pay check for Social Security and Medicare for everyone. Please stop this well meaning but expensive luxury.
- 26 anonymous I definitely understand people wanting this. We are indifferent about a cemetery. We think they are fine. We are not indifferent about taxes. That's the only sticking point for us - tax increases. As far as diversion of money, in lieu of increases, we'd much rather have parks and trails. Property taxes aren't adjusted for income and can get crippling. We have a very small tax base to support this. Is it possible to zone it for cemetery only and let a private company make a cemetery?
- 27 anonymous If one goes in, I give it less than 300 years that the city will be required to move it. That generation will look back at what a waste it was.

- 28 anonymous We are too small of a city to commit to such a large expense.
- 29 anonymous I'm not opposed to a cemetery, but think that the long term expense/tax burden is my biggest concern. I'm 48 yrs old and maybe just not sentimental about death/graves and very rarely visit cemeteries.
- 30 anonymous
- 31 anonymous If this raises taxes a lot - I'd reconsider my support
- 32 anonymous The land should be used for a purpose that all residents could use, like more park space or trails. I had heard there was an issue with the land having too many rocks for caskets, so seems like it's not a great option for our area.
- 33 anonymous I appreciate you reaching out to the community to gather our feelings on this topic. As you can tell I am against a cemetery in Fruit Heights.
- 34 anonymous This is unnecessary
- 35 anonymous I'm afraid that this would result in another property tax increase on my home which has already doubled since I moved in 13 years ago. I'm retired on fixed income and there is no help for those in the 75-80+ age range. And, I don't think there will ever be help, therefore, I am against anything that will cost more. I love my home in Fruit Heights and would love to be able to afford to stay until my wife and I die. Pretty sad commentary!!!
- 36 anonymous Thank you for considering this tough issue. I appreciate all you do!
- 37 anonymous Do not support this, please focus on improving actual city infrastructure and fixing existing parks which have gone precipitously downhill with the current administration.
- 38 anonymous As an elderly citizen of fruit heights, we have purchased a lot in the Kaysville city cemetery. We purchased these lots 20 years ago. We have no reason to support the cemetery for fruit heights, which would cost us additional dollars that would not benefit our usage we do not support that expenditure of taxpayer dollars.
- 39 anonymous A cemetery might be ok for me if it didn't impact the neighborhood around it negatively so seems unlikely in our small fruit heights area. Especially when cars have to travel through neighborhoods to get to it.
- 40 anonymous I'd like a cemetery if it was central to the city and not back in a neighborhood. I think having to travel through someone's neighborhood to get to the cemetery is disruptive and a hardship on residents.
- 41 anonymous Don't see a very great need for a cemetery in Fruit Heights now, I think most, like us, have found a place and purchased plots already, since we never thought there would be one here, and they have friends or family buried elsewhere locally in the area, like Kaysville.
- 42 anonymous I have been a resident of Fruit Heights since 1950. This is my home, this is where I want to be buried, this is where I would like my wife to be buried. This is home.
- 43 anonymous I want the city to remain debt free, and key to that is keeping ongoing maintenance costs modest. I am grateful that you took the time to gather resident input.

- 44 anonymous The cost seems high for a cemetery (1.5 million) which, I would guess, creates higher taxes. I'm not interested in paying higher taxes and there are other cemeteries close enough. I'd like a cemetery but I don't think it's necessary for that cost. I would probably vote no
- 45 anonymous How will the cemetery impact access to the Fruit Loops mountain bike trails?
- 46 anonymous We support a cemetery, but it would all depend on the increase in taxes. How much would the increase be?
- 47 anonymous I think a cemetery is quite possibly one of the worst ideas ever, and it will not die - no pun intended. In a city so constrained in resources, with so little business income and pretty much all taxes coming directly from the resident's pockets, why on earth would anyone choose something that just drains more money? And seriously does it really matter where you are buried? I mean really. You're dead. So why strap a city with that burden - for basically forever (pretty difficult to go back on this one)? My uncle lived his whole life in Fruit Heights, and was buried in the Kaysville cemetery. I haven't heard him complain once. But in all seriousness, neither have any of those still alive. I am glad that 5 people (who knows maybe even 10) in this city want a cemetery so desperately, and are so loud about it (and have the time to call city hall every week, or is it day), that you would think that everyone from here to Miami wanted one; but it is not true, nor is it in the best interest of the city. The idea should be dropped - taken out and shot, and that should be the only thing buried in the plot where they wanted to put the cemetery. And once the idea is dead, then the taxes that were levied in case we wanted a cemetery, should be repealed as well. I beg of you, please kill this idea once and for all.
- 48 anonymous I think adding a cemetery is an inevitability for Fruit Heights. Surrounding cities will struggle to keep up with demand and necessarily prioritize their own residents. Although I would like my body to be cremated, and therefore don't need a plot to bury my body, I would really like a place where loved ones can come remember me. All of my family members feel the same way. Please move forward with the cemetery construction plans.
- 49 anonymous If the voters approve raising taxes or costs in favor of the cemetery please keep those increases as low as possible. Everything has gotten so expensive.
- 50 anonymous Maybe make it required to come clean cemetery, like the LDS church does with cleaning church building.
- 51 anonymous In some places, churches were the main place for burial. In ours, it's been a community responsibility. What happens when there is no more space in current cemeteries? If we a community don't allow back yard burials, we need to provide a space.
- 52 anonymous I especially don't like the location of this proposed cemetery. The fruit loops trail is a wonderful recreational area for the city. It is used and I use it constantly. The cemetery will take out one of the main trails that I use.
- 53 anonymous I'd prefer a cemetery over more houses, but what I'd really rather have is a different outdoor space for public use - a park or something along those lines.
- 54 anonymous I do not support using recreational land to create a cemetery for Fruit Heights and I certainly do not support using taxpayer dollars to build or maintain it. Please don't impose this on us.
- 55 anonymous Please do not destroy the Fruit Loops area. The living enjoy this more than the dead will. The access on the hill is also a poor choice of location and takes away important open space for our small city. Use part of the fields next to the city building if you must have a cemetery.

- 56 anonymous That property was designated for a city cemetery. Now you're questioning the expense?? Are you trying to play a fast one on the people of Fruit Heights like the development above the Rock Loft? Has it been decided the city would make more money by building houses where the lots cost \$350,000 instead of the cemetery? I hope the city officials has more integrity than that!
- 57 anonymous If this is a requirement, I would recommend next to the city building or across the street.
- 58 anonymous Want to make sure the cemetery will be fiscally responsible for the city to maintain in the future.
- 59 anonymous I would like more information as to where the cemetery will be place. Thanks
- 60 anonymous I love the natural landscape idea. Keep up the good work.
- 61 anonymous It will be nice to have a place to rest after paying more than twice the price to bury my babies in Kaysville.
- 62 anonymous I do NOT support a cemetery!
- 63 anonymous Residents should not be forced to bear the cost of a city cemetery.
- 64 anonymous I have lived the bulk of my life in Fruit Heights and would like to spend the rest of it here and beyond. My parents lived a good portion of their lives here (Jim and Rhea Duckworth) and they wanted to be buried here but of course were unable.
- 65 anonymous Please DO NOT put a cemetery in fruit heights. I don't feel there is a need and it would be a waste of money and space in my opinion. I want to see nature not a cemetery.
- 66 anonymous We have had our plot at Kaysville for 20 years and we don't want to be taxed for another. Please, for those that already have plots should not be taxed for someone eles ! We're seniors and ought to be exempt if we're not going to use that property.
- 67 anonymous Will residents be able to see what else could be done with the land before we vote? That would be helpful. Thanks
- 68 anonymous I do not believe the property that FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY owns is feasible for a cemetery.
- 69 anonymous I wish we had some specifics on how much of a tax increase would likely occur if cemetery is created.
- 70 anonymous A cemetery costs FOREVER. The hillside is full of rocks and boulders. Getting water up there, maintaining, and so on....i really doubt we can afford this. Unless it's solely a columbarium (?). I'm assuming maintenance is a lot cheaper on that than on burial grounds, but I do not know the realities of costs on that. The people who want it most are on fixed incomes, in no position to pay higher taxes—and why should those who don't want it pay higher taxes for it? If some of the super wealthy residents want it so bad they create an endowment for it, that would be fantastic. Taxpayer dollars, when in short supply, have to be used for the living, not for the deceased. We have no business community, we cannot afford this as a city.
- 71 anonymous Thank you!
- 72 anonymous I will be cremated, my husband buried... our remains will be next to each other.

73 anonymous Until I know the costs, (even rough costs would help), I can't answer half the questions. If it's not going to be any cheaper than just using Kaysville, then I don't see any need. I'd only use Fruit Heights if it was cheaper than Kaysville or another local cemetery. If it's going to cost the same (or more) than Kaysville, I have no interest.

74 anonymous We've heard the rumors, and are 60, and we are hoping to be buried in a Fruit Heights cemetery.

75 anonymous Because we would like to have things taken care of before we die we checked into buying our gravesites at the Kaysville Cemetery. We were told you cannot purchase one there in advance if you live in Fruit Heights. After you die one can be purchased by your spouse and at that time they could also buy one for themselves. This policy leaves us with no other option if we want to make arrangements in advance of our deaths. With the rapid growth in this end of Davis County, the Kaysville and Farmington Cemeteries will soon be at capacity. We feel a Cemetery in Fruit Heights is definitely needed and would be a great addition to the Community.

76 anonymous We've lived in Fruit Heights for 44 years. We have burial plots in another city. I'm not sure there would be a sufficient number of requests to be buried in Fruit Heights to justify the cost of building and maintaining a cemetery.

77 anonymous I love the idea of having a green/cremation remains cemetery. With trees and bushes and sustainable grounds maintained for family to come and visit. The bench would be a perfect location, if it has a view of the lake and sunset. Please reach out to me, if you want any assistance with planning or researching this.

78 anonymous Personally believe that traditional cemetery will become a thing of the past. Land is becoming more scarce and the trend is for cremations.

79 anonymous It would be fine if it's just a memorial site for ashes. I like that idea.

80 anonymous In earlier years I was employed at a cemetery. FH needs to be VERY careful in considering providing and funding a cemetery. First concern is location. A portion of the Manning Orchard or the Edgington property are far more conducive properties for burial plots-compared to the rocky location being considered. Normal siting of plots is side by side and top to bottom. Resting places are literally two or three inches from each other. Challenge: digging a grave and hit a boulder that extends into three other future grave plots. Significant challenges WILL arise with this area. There will be a very short grave preparation time for funerals. Another concern: With such rocky ground, to have all plots for urns only, will have real impact on sales; most are interested in casket burials only. Prediction: Development and maintenance costs over the years will be prohibitive and will make costs to the taxpayer prohibitive, extensive, and permanent, also increasing with inflation and other costs. Suggestion: Discuss with one or more Mortuaries, ie. Russon Brothers, Lindquist that they take over the proposed site in Fruit Heights to develop and maintain and operate the Fruit Heights cemetery. They have experience in many surrounding areas. Should one agree, the City of Fruit Heights could be out of the cemetery business. Should they not, there might be some significant information provided, should Fruit Heights decide to move ahead. I believe a cemetery run by the City to be a significant financial and physical drain on the city and its residents in perpetuity. Again, be VERY cautious.

81 anonymous The problem with a cemetery is always the finances. Limited space which people pay for once. Only to have it be maintained forever. Forever is a long time to maintain something. It works better for larger municipalities that have more income than a small town like ours.

82 anonymous Would like a double plot like Kaysville does to save cost/space.

- 83 anonymous Thank you for asking the community in this. I wish it were done like this more obtain for Matters within the city .
- 84 anonymous Do use any public funds for a cemetery in Fruit Heights!
- 85 anonymous N/a
- 86 anonymous We already own burial plots in you hometown cemetery,
- 87 anonymous None
- 88 anonymous No cemetery pls. Stop raising our taxes
- 89 anonymous This is not a very scientific method for gathering information. If you base city actions on this instrument, it would be not be advisable.
- 90 anonymous My objections are purely financial. Because our city is tiny, our tax base is tiny. Maintaining extensive, manicured lawns is just not feasible and would be burdensome to residents. Having low-maintenance burial space with volunteer-fueled seasonal cleanup would be a better option, in my opinion.
- 91 anonymous I don't see a need for a small-town cemetery with so many others already in the local community/area!
- 92 anonymous It would be great to have another cemetery in the area. My grandparents used to live in Fruit Heights and he told me once years ago that he wished Fruit Heights had their own cemetery he could be buried in. Kaysville's cemetery is very limited in space and are already limiting who can purchase plots. Layton doesn't have it's own cemetery, just the privately owned one. Farmington is also running out of space. It makes sense for Fruit Heights to create their own cemetery if there is any way possible. There has to be a way to fund the maintenance of the cemetery, so I would support using taxpayer money to help with that cost, but because many residents are already struggling to make ends meet, maybe the city can find other options to fund the costs to develop the cemetery. Also, I would like to see that the city offer Fruit Heights residents a discounted cost for plots, and limit the amount that can be bought, just to help extend the life of the cemetery. I would love to see a cemetery that had a section for burials, and an area for cremations. More people are being cremated, so that would allow for both options. I also understand that many cemeteries only allow flat headstones because it's easier to mow around, and that makes sense. However, I personally prefer the look of upright headstones in a cemetery. I would also like to see some kind of monument in the cemetery for veterans, if possible. I'm not saying to have it done right away. It could be a fundraiser down the road. But I've always found it a nice addition to cemeteries.
- 93 anonymous It seems that this city has a difficult time making decision! It is so discouraging and disappointing..... The City doesn't need to build the Taj Ma-hal. If planned correctly it could be done a little less expensively than our neighboring cities and still provide a nice place for families to reflect and remember loved ones. The City doesn't seem to have any trouble spending tax payer dollars on city parks that don't bring a lot of "revenue" into the city but money is spent to sprinkle, maintain, water, and repair them. Isn't a cemetery similar to a park and couldn't it be built with some cost saving measures in mind? Its not easy to do what it right.
- 94 anonymous Finally we might get a cemetery
- 95 anonymous It would be a shame to take out the trails and Fruit Loops for a cemetery. If it were somewhere else, my answers might be different. I also, already own several plots in another cemetery and don't plan to use one in Fruit Heights.

96 anonymous I've lived next to a cemetery in the past. I believe this can be a place of peace but also a place for mischief from those seeking for "fun". Additionally, when the wind blows, headstone decorations (flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, etc...) that are left in the cemetery go flying everywhere creating the need for constant cleaning, or left looking like "trash". Unattended and/or unaccompanied animals will use the cemetery as their pooping ground, despite signage. Huge cost to constantly maintain the grounds with sprinkler repairs, grass maintenance, snow removal, etc. Fruit Heights doesn't have the commercial presence to offset taxes and I pay more living here than anywhere else that I have lived...please don't raise my taxes to support a cemetery!

97 anonymous I don't want to pay extra taxes to maintain a cemetery forever. If you do decide to build the cemetery, you need to charge enough per plot so there will be enough money to go into a managed fund that conservatively has enough assets to maintain the cemetery forever. For example each plot may need to cost \$75,000.

98 anonymous This is a service that private enterprise cannot provide in our area. Those who love the city would really love to be buried here.

99 anonymous I would like to be cremated after I die, but I understand that not all individuals do (including my husband). I believe a city cemetery that only allowed for cremated individuals would exclude many residents of our city.

100 anonymous The cities surrounding Fruit Heights are restricting access to their cemeteries. Fruit Heights is my home and I would like to bury myself and my family here.

101 anonymous Our preference would be to be buried in Fruit Heights if it is in a good location. We do not know where the city Mountain property is located, but have heard very negative comments about it. We would also like to see the proposed plans and layout of the cemetery site.

102 anonymous I understand some want a cemetery. The idea of burial on the mountain seems risky to me. I imagine an earthquake and the graves being disturbed or finding the terrain very rocky to dig graves. Thanks for asking.

103 anonymous If it was free, sure a Cemetery would be great. I just don't think it's a good idea to commit a small town, with not much room for growth to such a big expense. And there are other things we need more. Cameras on the bathroom entrances to stop vandalism at Nichols park. Or a light on 400 N and Country Lane (it's getting SO hard to turn left there). And we will need more road maintenance with all the new people moving in on the east bench and more use of the roads. I just don't think we can afford it. I'd rather they turn the land into another park or a frisbee course.

104 anonymous Let's not raise taxes any more and then tax the good neighbors out of the city, especially as many long-time good citizens are retired/ retiring. We are a very wealthy community as a whole, but there are good people who don't have extra cash, ESPECIALLY after 2020 and housing prices went up. A cemetery for Fruit Heights seems like a real waste of money that could be spent on other things that will better the city for the living. This is a bedroom/commuter community, not a major municipality. Let's focus on necessary infrastructure and maintenance.

105 anonymous BUILD A CEMETARY THAT ALLOWS CASKETS TO BE BURIED!!!!

106 anonymous We have not been able to procure a resting place in any neighboring cities to Fruit Heights. I would like to have those arrangements made so my family doesn't bear the burden of finding a burial site for me.

107 anonymous It is important for citizens to know that there are limited options for burial in the cemeteries in cities which surround us.

108 anonymous Getting the community involved to help lower costs is a great idea. You wouldn't need full time employees for a small cemetery. Keep costs low. Get creative

109 anonymous Let's do this!

110 anonymous Please don't do this. Plenty of other resting places that are close enough. We don't need this expense.

111 anonymous City space would be better used for combining to rec areas and city funds should be put into better/rec areas such as updating city building park, creation of a dog park, paving walking trail by 89, amongst many other more useful projects.

