I still want to bring flowers what can I do now? Should I replace the Bronze vase?

The following options are available at this time.

- You can go to the company that you purchased the memorial from and order a new bronze vase. If you provide a copy of a police report you may get a discount. (We believe that the vase may be stolen again in the future.)
- You can purchase a replacement vase made of plastic. These vases are available in our office and fit most memorials.
- You can purchase a bronze “plug” that permanently covers the hole left by the missing vase.
- You can use the free “floral cones” that we provide on the front step of our office.

What are the flower regulations?
The flower regulations are simple. We allow only fresh cut flowers from Easter through Thanksgiving. From Thanksgiving through Easter you may also place artificial flowers, wreaths etc.

It is very upsetting for me to have to put this information together for our families. This little corner of North Brunswick has always been peaceful and park like. It is with the utmost sadness that I believe that this desecration of the cemetery is to fund the habits of drug users. Regardless of where the money goes I hope that in time the thieves responsible come to realize the full impact of their crimes.

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Thefts of Bronze Cemetery Vases has become a nationwide epidemic.

What happened to the vase?
Thieves have been coming into the cemetery and stealing the Bronze Vases from the Memorial Markers that families have placed on the graves. It is believed that the thieves then sell them on the “black market” for scrape metal. These vases have a high copper content. Copper seems to be a hot item for this type of theft. As you are probably aware thieves enter construction sites and abandoned buildings to steal the copper. They even steal the electrical wire and then strip off the insulation for what copper is inside! A quick search on the internet of bronze vase cemetery thefts yields stories from all across the country.

What is being done?
The police were contacted and night time patrols were established. A security camera was installed and the grounds crew was instructed to pay special attention to all visitors. Our observant ground crew did confront three suspects that then fled the cemetery. The license plate from the car was given to police and the driver has been charged, but as yet no arrest has been made. More recently, it seems that one of the suspects was seen again in the cemetery and a partial plate number was given to the police. We are awaiting the outcome of this. We have also obtained some surveillance evidence that we hope will be helpful when an arrest is made.

What can I do to help?
If your vase is missing file a police report with the North Brunswick police. When visiting the cemetery please report any suspicious activity by dialing 911. North Brunswick is very aware of our situation and upset about what has been happening. Many people on the force and at the township offices have loved ones here as well.

Why do I have to pay for the vase and not the cemetery?
The cemetery does have rules and regulations as to the material and size of the monuments allowed to be placed on a grave. Families purchase the monuments from various monument companies and remain the owners of their monument. Often homeowners insurance policies cover cemetery markers.