

Rededicating the Cholera Cemetery-August 8 at 2 pm

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Sandusky officials welcome the public to attend a ceremony to honor Cholera Cemetery on Harrison Street. The event is scheduled for 2 p.m. Aug. 8. John Hildebrandt, local historian, will be speaking to the historical significance of this epidemic and the final resting place of those who came before us. “In 1849, the most severe cholera epidemic occurred in Sandusky when nearly 400 people died,” according to a city statement. “Fifty more died in a recurrence in the 1950s. Approximately 250 victims of cholera were buried in Cholera Cemetery, the city’s second-oldest cemetery, which was first restored in 1924.”

The city recently completed an overhaul in this area, which included refurbishing the sign and entryway, adding landscape details and the inclusion of a butterfly garden, where flowers and plants have been added to increase monarch butterfly population. Sandusky was named a Monarch City in 2016 to preserve and grow the dwindling butterfly population.