



## Mess at Burr Oak

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Alsip is now known for something other than the Flea Market and Water Towers along the tollway. We can now lay claim to having the most notorious case of grave robbers since Dr. Frankenstein began his collection of human parts.

How nice. Here are some observations I've put together over the past couple of days. Feel free to add your perspective or comments.

- Jesse Jackson has really gone out on a limb and declared that the perpetrators should be banished to an everlasting hell.
- Sheriff Tom Dart looks something between confused and bemused when being interviewed on local news ... it's hard to tell with him.
- What's with all the Cook County buses that we've witnessed in and around the cemetery? Are prisoners from Cook County jail being brought in to help?
- And how about those "nice" green screen fences that have been added at the north end of the cemetery? At least they're covering up the over-grown weeds that had become an eyesore.

You have to feel for anyone having family or friends buried at Burr Oak. Our thoughts and prayers are with at this time.

It doesn't look like this mess will be resolved anytime soon - with a much larger question looming for the Village of Alsip. Victims of the crime will undoubtedly see actions for years to come unfold through the criminal charges and civil suits that will result from this travesty. Some time down the road – much of this will just be a bad memory – but what's in store for the people of Alsip?

What becomes of Burr Oak Cemetery? Will we see it as a locked and abandoned eyesore right at the gateway to our town?

Our Mayor and Trustees need to get out in front of this somehow – and take steps to see that the future of this cemetery is addressed to the satisfaction of the residents living in Alsip.