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FOR OUR CREMATION FAMILIES



NEW BURIAL SECTIONS

Riverside Cemetery is pleased to announce the opening of two brand new burial sections. The first is Section 31 which is located along our Willowdale Ave. border and is a "Monument Lot Section". The section is divided into several smaller areas each bordered on three sides by various shrubbery. Larger family monuments are permitted in much of the section, along with smaller monuments and flush markers, as well. Now is the perfect time to reserve your family lot(s) and, even for larger groups, i.e. Churches or ethnic communities, to purchase multiple lots so families and friends who have a common belief or background can all be together.

The second new section (Section 36) is being called our "Natural Burial Section". This is as close to "Green" as we can get. No burial vaults are required or for that matter, allowed in this section. People are to be buried in a biodegradable container, i.e. corrugated, wicker, press board, or wood. These grave sites are only sold on an "at need" basis and can not be reserved in advance. The burial location will be a site selected by the cemetery at the time of death. We are offering this "Natural Burial" option at a reduced package price, including the grave, burial charges (grave opening and closing), and head stone foundation/setting fees. Ask your Funeral Director or contact us directly for this exciting new burial option!

O.K., so you have decided on cremation as your preferred means of disposition. Now, what are you going to do with the urn? We offer several options for the cremation customer. First, an urn can be buried on top of a family member already buried here. There is no extra charge for this option, simply the burial charge. Secondly, we will soon have available a new section of in-ground cremation graves. The dimension of these graves are 3 foot by 3 foot, and each will accommodate a single flush headstone and up to 2 urn burials within one grave. The third option is above ground inurnment in a niche in our columbariums. Each niche can hold one or two urns depending on their size. Lastly, we are open to many other customized options such as cremation boulders (see picture below), private family columbariums, private cremation benches, and soon scattering on one of our hills surrounding the urn garden. We will also have a memorial patio where a brick can be engraved to commemorate the life of a loved one. So as you can see, we offer many options for the family that prefers cremation. Come in and ask us what we can do for you!



GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Things have certainly been exciting this past year and a half since I came to Riverside. We are constantly looking at what can be done to improve the cemetery. Believe me, the list is long and we'll get to as many items as possible as soon as possible.

We have opened several new sections, including our "Natural Burial" section, our new "Cremation Gardens" and Section 31 a "monument" and planting-permitted section along the southern border of the cemetery.

We have replaced many bushes and shrubbery that weren't doing too well and planted dozens of new plants and bushes.

We have made several updates in our Administrative office for an improved atmosphere, and ability to help our visitors better. We are looking at some major improvements with the roads and headstones and monuments throughout the grounds. It will be a long and costly endeavor, but we are looking at all possibilities for improving your experiences at Riverside.

We remain an independent, all-faith cemetery with something for almost everyone. The only thing that we presently don't have is a common mausoleum (private, family mausoleums exist and are allowed) but we are researching the feasibility of a large mausoleum. Like the roads and monuments, this would require a huge investment, but at this point nothing has been removed from the realm of possibility.

If you have any questions about anything here at Riverside, please feel free to call, e-mail, or simply stop in. We are here to serve you. We aren't commissioned sales people looking for our next sale. We simply offer the best value in cemetery memorialization. We think you'll agree with us when you compare everything that we can offer you along with our reasonable costs. Thanks for considering Riverside Cemetery.

"Tombstone Humor"

On a grave in Nova Scotia:
Here lies Ezekial Aikel Age 102
The Good Die Young

In a New Mexico Cemetery:
Here lies Johnny Yeast Pardon Me For Not Rising

CROSSES, FLOWERS, WREATHS

Effective immediately, wooden identification crosses will be allowed year round in all sections of the cemetery. This will count as one of the three items permitted to adorn a grave site. These crosses must be no taller than 36 inches, and no wider than 24 inches. We have two sizes of crosses available in our office. Please stop in for your selection. Also, if we have your cross in storage, please come in as soon as possible to pick it up.

Additionally, we have beautiful silk flower bouquets available year round. Our selection changes occasionally so stop by our office to see what is in season. Each bouquet is \$27 including tax, holder, and placement. Flowers are permitted year round, with the exception of our two clean-off days, March 1 and October 15.

Seasonal holiday wreaths and bouquets are now available for ordering. These will be placed around the first week of December and remain on the graves until the spring clean-off on March 1. Prices range from \$30 to \$38 including tax and placement.

IN SEARCH OF ...

As we look through the records of our beautiful cemetery, we have noticed that there are substantial numbers of unused graves in many old family plots. We may be interested in buying back some of these unwanted or unused plots.

Some of our older historic sections have limited availability for new lot purchases, however, some lots which were purchased decades ago do have available grave space which remain empty. People today may not even be aware that there is available space in their family lot or that they can sell the unwanted plots back to the cemetery. As time passes and the right to these plots passes from one generation to the next, it becomes more difficult to settle these issues. The rights pass to all direct blood descendants and therefore obtaining permission or affidavits from them all becomes more difficult. The family does not have to possess the original deed, although that greatly simplifies the process.

If you have family buried at Riverside and are interested in learning if there are available lots, or you are interested in selling back any part of a plot or plots, please contact us directly.



SUMMER TOURS

This past summer, we had two major public tours at Riverside as well as some smaller and more semi-private walking seminars. The latter, as well as one of the larger tours were done with the valued assistance of Doug Kusak, Historical Interpreter with the Metroparks Outdoor Educational Division.

On Sunday, June 13th, the Brooklyn Center Association held their annual Garden Tour event at our Cemetery from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m... Seven volunteers in Victorian era dress portrayed noteworthy persons from the latter 1800 to early 1900 period. From the porch of our office building, Councilman Brian Cummins represented our first President of the Cemetery and oriented each small group of walkers about our founding. Then, stops were made at the gravesites of Martin Ruetenik (Rick Nicholson), a well known farmer and greenhouse innovator from Old Brooklyn; John Ackley (Roger Bundy) Cleveland surveyor hired to oversee the development of our original burial sections and model for the statue of Moses Cleaveland on Public Square; Ida Tinnerman (Marge Pauls) who represented the Corporate family who revolutionized the mass production of automobiles among other innovative products; Anna Coffinberry (Rev. Pam Buzalka) who represented the wife of prominent 19th Century Common Pleas Judge who was the legal counsel to our founders and who herself led the campaign which led to the gate requirement at all railroad crossings; Rutherford Hayes (Tim Ferris) Ohio Governor and U.S. President-Elect who participated in our 1876 dedication ceremonies; James Curtiss (Bill Halley) our first Clerk-Superintendent and second President who told of how the Cemetery was conceived and of the buildings and later restoration of our 134 year-old, now Nationally Registered Chapel. Also participating were Ken Wolgelmuth, representing Governor Hayes's personal photographer as well as tour guides David Boyce and Greg Czonadel and water stop angel Ann Kuula. Chairpersons for

this very successful event were Gloria Ferris and Sharon Martyn.

The second major tour was our Annual Brewers and Other Notables event. Here, Doug Kusak discussed the once highly active brewing industry in Cleveland during the mid 1800's – mid 1900's. We stopped at the burial sites of six prominent brewers and learned their rise and falls. Along the way, Bill Halley introduced a number of other distinguished 'permanent residents' of Riverside. This has become a popular event each year, and interested persons should look for information in the Spring Metroparks "Emerald Necklace" publication or our own "Tradition" for details.

FROM THE FOREMAN

By Shirley Bill

Fall is upon us again. We have a few reminders to help keep our Cemetery looking nice.

Please take a few minutes to read the signs. Remember to limit your items to 3 per grave. Any more than 3 will be removed and thrown away.

We are also asking to please park on the roads, not on the grass or in the sections.

Another reminder, especially for this time of year, do not put any glass or porcelain items out. They break very easily in cold weather. If any of these items are found, they will be thrown away.

We are also having problems with people bringing in their dogs. A reminder, ***NO PETS ALLOWED.***

Also, no bikes are allowed. If you have a bike you must walk the bike while on the grounds. This is for your own safety.

Keeping within the rules helps out greatly and makes it much easier to keep our Cemetery looking nice. Thank you very much and have a great holiday season.

Free Woodchips

For personal use

While supplies last

Contact our Foremen

A Special Message From:



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

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MEDALLION BENEFIT

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a medallion, by request, to be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran.

This new product is furnished in lieu of a traditional Government headstone or marker for those Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 ½ inches. Each medallion will be inscribed with the word "VETERAN" across the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Once a claim for a medallion is received, approved and processed, VA will mail the medallion along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the device to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

Important: This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible Veterans are entitled to either a traditional Government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both.

For Veterans interested in submitting a claim for the new medallion, instructions on how to apply for a medallion will be updated on the NCA Web site at

www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp.

Until a new form specifically for ordering the medallion is available, applicants may use the form used for ordering government headstones and markers, VA Form 40-1330.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Our Inaugural Easter Sunrise Service was a huge success. The setting in our William R. Halley Chapel was perfect as we were able to open the doors (which face east) to witness a beautiful sunrise, capping our holiday celebration. We had beautiful organ music by Jack McKee, a special song by Bill & Marijane Halley; Scripture reading by our Administrative Assistant Valere Craig; and an inspirational Easter message by our General Manager, Mark Bollinger. The service concluded with fellowship over coffee, juice, and muffins. Plan to be at our next Easter service on Sunday, April 24, 2011 at 6:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Mark Bollinger..... General Manager
- Valere CraigAdm. Assistant
- Shirley BillGeneral Foreman
- Kenneth Langley.....Asst. General Foreman

Cemetery Gates April-September 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
October-March 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Saturday
(except holidays)

CEMETERY GRAVE CLEAN-OFF DATES
MARCH 1 & OCTOBER 15

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS AT ANYTIME.

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 Bill & Marijane Halley's
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 Bill & Marijane Halley's
 50th Wedding Anniversary*

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*In Memory of
 Hilda & Paul Hiller &
 Madeline & Heber Halley*

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 Glenn J. Bollinger &
 In Honor of
 William R. Halley's
 years of dedicated service.*