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THE TRADITION

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY ANNUAL JAZZ FEST

On Sunday, July 22 Riverside Cemetery in Cleveland, OH hosted their Second Annual Jazz Fest. With the historically recognized William R. Halley Chapel as a backdrop, two Jazz ensembles entertained over 200 visitors.

These Jazz Fests started last year as a tribute to some of the Jazz greats buried in our Cemetery. The first fest started with a horse-drawn carriage carrying the widow of one of our Jazz greats to lead a procession down our Centennial Drive. A New Orleans style jazz band played music during the procession and then for a couple of hours as guests enjoyed the beauty of the day. Horse-drawn carriage rides through part of the cemetery were offered to attendees at no charge.

This second Jazz Fest featured Latin Jazz from two different groups to honor the memory of Roberto Ocasio. His widow and family were present for the day. The fest was organized in association with the Roberto Ocasio Foundation which hosts a Latin jazz summer camp for high school youths. Several of these youths joined the professional ensembles to show what they had learned at the camp. Again, horse-drawn carriage rides were offered to the attendees as well as popcorn and bottled water.

A Special Thank you

To John & Sandy Stoika and their assistants for all of their diligent work in putting our burial records on their Website. Hopefully when the job is completed we will have a link to their Website so that anyone can research their deceased loved ones.

CROSSES, FLOWERS, WREATHS

Wooden identification crosses are 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 for sale. Please stop in for your selection.

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 $41 including tax and placement.

CEMETERY HOURS

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.

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION OF LOT OWNERS WHOSE REVENUES FROM SALES & SERVICES ARE USED TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE OUR GROUNDS.
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 items will be removed and thrown away.

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

Another reminder, especially for this time of year, please 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.

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FOUNDATION

The Riverside Cemetery Foundation, 501(c) (3), was established in 1992. Initially, it was intended as a resource for interested persons and Foundations to offer funding for the total restoration of our treasured, Nationally Registered Chapel. Since that project’s very successful completion in 1998, the continued thoughtful support of our Foundation by our many families and friends has provided much needed assistance in addressing other ongoing, special needs within our 1876 Cleveland Landmark cemetery. We have also been able to sponsor some community and educational program services as well.

We are trying to address some long overdue and badly needed roadway resurfacing, primarily in some of the oldest and most historic areas of our beautiful park. We have designated a special account within our Foundation to accumulate funding for this critical restoration. If you would like to participate in this endeavor, please note “Roadway Restoration” on any gift you wish to give to that fund. This summer we were able to resurface several of our roadways and we hope you are pleased with the work that was done. Non-designated gifts will go towards other appropriate general projects supported by our Foundation. We are requesting that those who are interested and able to help us consider a memorial or personal gift to our Foundation.

Contributions payable to the Riverside Cemetery Foundation should be sent to the office in the enclosed envelope.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

In Grateful Appreciation

New Contributors And Additional Gifts To Our Foundation

Gary & Linda Spiros
In Memory of Olivia Augustus Spiros,
August Alber & Maimu Alber
Michael & Diane Croce
In Memory of Lucille & Maureen Edwards
Foster Family Foundation
Frederick Hauret In Memory of N. Grace Pierce
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June E. Travis
In Memory of John E. & Catherine A. Joplin
& Oscar & Emilia Barth
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Donald Roberts In Memory of Wilma Roberts
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