

# THE TRADITION

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Summer 2013, early morning  
Centennial Drive  
Riverside Cemetery

*A Brief Note from the  
General Manager...*

## Heaven on Earth

Just the other day, Rose stopped by the Cemetery office to introduce us to her adorable, three year old granddaughter, Mia.\*\*

With Mia in her arms and head nestled against her shoulder, Rose said, "Mia loves to come here and help me tend to the graves on our family lot, especially her mother's

grave - she thinks this is heaven."

Mia's sweet and innocent comment about Riverside Cemetery being Heaven on Earth, is a testament to the important role we play in the lives of family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors who have loved ones eternally resting at Riverside Cemetery. What a tremendous honor that they have chosen this beautiful and historic Cemetery as their final resting place.

Whether it is from interactions with our families like Rose and Mia, or guests who visit Riverside for the first time and say something like, "Wow, I've driven by here for years and never realized how big this place really is and that you still have space available after all these years," on a daily basis, our crew and staff are mindful of just how special our role is in helping others grieve loss as well as celebrate and memorialize life. We have an important role in the community.

This is why we were proud to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual JazzFest this summer, as well as the popular Brewer's and Notables Tour, plus we were one of many garden sites along GardenWalk Cleveland.

With Fall upon us and Winter around the corner, I hope you will visit Riverside Cemetery as each season unveils its remarkable beauty against the backdrop of our 90+ acres.

Very truly yours,  
Greg Kapcar

*\*\*While this story is true, names were changed.*

## God's Heavenly Garden

Sometimes God picks the flower that is still in full bloom; sometimes the rosebud's chosen that we feel He's picked too soon.

Sometimes the flower is fading with petals floating down, but God knows the perfect time to gather flowers from the ground.

There is a heavenly garden in which God takes great pleasure because He's placed within it the loved ones that we treasure.

He walks among the blossoms giving them eternal rest, and I know that it must please Him because He chose my very best.

--- Dorothea K. Barwick



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## Riverside Cemetery Welcomes Two New Board Members; Thanks Another for 33 Years of Service

We would like to welcome two new individuals to the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Cemetery Association, Elizabeth (Liz) Cornachione and Mark Schmitzer.

Liz is the Northeast Ohio Hub Director of the Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition. She has a Master of Science Degree in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University.

Mark is a Civil Engineer with Richard L. Bowen & Associates and has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Ohio University.

As we welcome Liz and Mark, we want to thank Don Obert for his many years of dedication, commitment and service. Don brought a number of valuable skills to the Board, including his knowledge and experience as an Administrative employee of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. During his tenure as a Trustee, Don served as President of the Foundation. We look forward to Don's continued support and participation as a Trustee Emeritus.

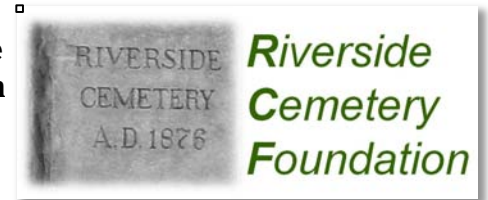
### CHRISTMAS WREATHS AVAILABLE

Seasonal holiday wreaths are now available for ordering. These will be placed during early December and remain on the graves until the spring clean-off on March 1. Prices range from \$30 for a Poinsettia Vase to \$42 for a variety of wreath styles. Prices include tax and placement. As with silk bouquets and any decorations placed on graves, if you wish to keep your wreath, please remove it BEFORE March 1 or it will be removed and discarded at clean-off.



**SEE INSERT FOR DETAILS  
AND ORDER FORM**

With two nationally registered historic buildings and 90+ acres, the ongoing mission of the Riverside Cemetery Foundation is to maintain and preserve the historic integrity of the buildings and grounds.



In addition to maintaining our historic buildings, the Foundation supports our educational and community programs and events; the replacement, care and maintenance of trees and landscaping on the grounds; and the ongoing restoration of our several miles of roadways.

**Donation Envelopes  
Enclosed**

**In Grateful Appreciation**

*New Contributors and Additional Gifts  
To The Riverside Cemetery Foundation*

**Andrew & Bob Allman**

*In Memory of Rose Foss*

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*In Memory of Edwin Vega*

**Betty & Raymond White**

*In Memory of Troy C. White*

**Mary Williams**

*In Memory of Leonard Williams*

**Janice L. Wray**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Riverside Cemetery Jazz Festival

On the beautiful Sunday afternoon of July 21<sup>st</sup>, over 250 people enjoyed the musical talents of the *J Blues Quartet* led by Joe Bonsignore, the toe-tappin' sounds of *Joe Miller*, a jazz trumpeter with his extraordinarily talented keyboardist, and the crowd-pleasing, strolling, solo violinist, *Mary Beth Ions*.

Horse drawn carriage rides were provided by Barton Farms and the narrated historic tours by our former General Manager (and resident historian), Bill Halley really tapped into the nostalgia of our historic Cemetery. Dave the Magician entertained and helped pass the time for those waiting for the carriage rides, mystifying young and old with his magical talents.

The addition of delicious food, dessert and treat vendors gave the event a true festival atmosphere this year and information tables highlighted organizations and services available right here in the neighborhood, city and county.

Many thanks to our 15 sponsors and partners for making this year's JazzFest a huge success! Plans are already underway to host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual JazzFest next summer. Hope to see you there.

## 2013 JazzFest Photo Gallery:



*Riverside Cemetery is a non-profit association of lot owners. Revenues from sales and services are used to fund day-to-day operations of this active and historic Cemetery.*

### Cemetery Gates

April – September 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

October – March 7:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

### Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday – Saturday

(except Holidays)

### Grave Clean-off Dates

March 1<sup>st</sup> & October 15<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE:** No Glass or Porcelain items at anytime. No Fences or Stone Borders/No Bicycles

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## Brewers & Notables Tour

Over 70 people braved cloudy skies and some light rain to take part in our popular Brewers and Notables Tour. Participants learned about: the fabulous restoration of Riverside's Victorian Chapel, which was built in 1876; the social/cultural importance of Cemeteries; and more than a dozen historic and prominent residents of the Cemetery, which included-

**Isaac Leisy** – founder of Leisy Brewery on Train Ave. in 1873. At one time it was the oldest Cleveland Brewery and one of the longest surviving family-owned breweries in America.

**Titus Brainard** – the visionary farmer who sold 102+ acres of his family's property in 1875 so Riverside Cemetery could be built.

**Avery Hopwood** – Broadway's leading playwright in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Thomas & Isaac Lamson and Samuel Sessions** – moved their carriage bolt company to Cleveland in 1869. Started the Cleveland Nut Co., which became Lamson & Sessions Co. – operated over a century in Cleveland, as one of the nation's leading fastener companies and played an important role in Cleveland's growing automotive industry back in the day.

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