Greetings and Introduction

The Tradition newsletter is a publication designed to introduce families new to Riverside Cemetery and to keep members informed of the current happenings around the grounds. 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.

If you wish to be added or removed from the newsletter mailing or emailing list, or have any questions regarding Riverside Cemetery, please let us know.

See page 4 for Contact Information and Cemetery Hours.

HOLIDAY WREATHS & BOUQUETS

NOW AVAILABLE

Wreaths – $42
5 styles available. Price includes tax, easel-stand & installation

Poinsettia Bouquet – $30
Price includes tax, cone-shaped vase & installation

Placement in early December. Items will remain on graves until the spring clean-off which starts March 1st.

WHILE THEY LAST!
SEE ORDER FORM FOR SELECTION AND DETAILS

What’s New, What’s Improved at Riverside

Caring for the extensive and historic Riverside Cemetery and preparing for the reception and honoring of new burials requires endless efforts. The maintenance of the land, monuments, and records is ongoing throughout the year. In addition to regular daily, seasonal, and annual tasks necessary to make this cemetery a dignified resting grounds for people from all walks of life, Riverside is proud to share a quick look at just a few of the special projects completed in 2018, designed to help keep the grounds a beautiful, efficient, and dignified resting place for our loved ones.

The cemetery has announced the opening of Section 37, which is located in the Northeast quadrant of our valley area. After the completion of Section 36 this spring, we were sure to be ready to begin our next natural-style burial area. Just as in similar styled sections, burials in this section do not allow burial vaults. Only biodegradable containers such as wood or pressboard are used. These graves are only sold at an at-need basis and each site selected by the cemetery at the time of burial. The section is designed to be affordable and to provide a more natural setting in which the deceased may be laid to rest.

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With the help of contracted construction professionals, the wooden supports hidden above the ceiling of the Gatehouse porch were replaced while maintaining the classic look of the historic structure that greets visitors entering the cemetery.

Spigots connected to the waterlines (some no longer in use) are found throughout the cemetery. Old metal piping has been replaced with age-resistant plastic, and those no longer in use have been capped below ground with their spigots removed.
Cemetery Memorial Symbolism

In a place full of historic monuments, many visitors notice images that appear repeatedly among the sculptures and engravings throughout the cemetery ask about the meaning of the symbols. Here’s a short list of some images often found around cemeteries like Riverside.

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<td>Symbolizes death, often of an older person</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Draped Urn" /></td>
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<td>LAMB</td>
<td>Purity and innocence. The most common symbol found on a child’s grave</td>
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<td>SHAMROCK</td>
<td>Common for Irish heritage, but may also indicate the luck of a gambler or luck in general</td>
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<td>RINGS</td>
<td>Eternity. Two rings may indicate matrimony. A broken ring may indicate a severed family circle</td>
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<td>FLAME</td>
<td>Represents Eternity.</td>
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<td>HOURGLASS</td>
<td>Passing time and life. On its side an hourglass indicates time stopped for the deceased. If paired with wings, may indicate a short life</td>
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<td>TREE STUMP</td>
<td>Indicates life interrupted. A stump with ivy may represent the head of a family</td>
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<td>FISH</td>
<td>Indicates faith, often used in Christianity</td>
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<td>WREATH</td>
<td>Victory, memory, and passage to eternal life. Different plants represent different meanings, such as laurels for achievement in art, science or athletics</td>
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<td>RAM</td>
<td>Mortality. A quiver of arrows may indicate a war-like nature</td>
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<td>SWORD CROSSED</td>
<td>Swords may indicate a military career, while crossed swords indicate death in battle</td>
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<td>KEYS</td>
<td>Spiritual knowledge. If held by a saint or angle, indicates the means of entry to heaven</td>
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(Continued from page 1)... Much work was needed to prepare this land for future expansion. Along with the grading of the land itself and the planning of future entry roads, our contractors successfully installed a new catch basin deep below ground and attached to an existing catch basin with an 18 inch sewer main. With the opening of this section, Riverside intends to accommodate several hundred more burial spaces to serve those who may choose this modest, natural setting.

Also this summer, a major rehab project of our Gatehouse porch roof has been completed. The gutters have been improved with an imbedded fabric and epoxy adhesive which will strengthen their seal and extend the life of the 19th Century porch roof, as well as the Romanesque sandstone walls of the castle-like building housing the cemetery office and records. In addition, replacement and reinforcement of the existing woodwork in the ceiling of the porch was necessary to renew the support of the ceiling. The Gatehouse is on the National Registry of Historic Places, so restoration is preferred over replacement whenever permissible.

Riverside also spent this season repairing and relocating waterlines. In the its early days, underground lines and spigots were installed to provide families with easy access to water for their plantings and flower pots. You may have noticed roadside digging on your trip into the cemetery grounds. Look in our spring newsletter for a new map of water access on the grounds.
Donations Received 2/17/2018 to 8/31/2018

Your Generous Contributions
Support Our Community Events, Education Programs,
And Historic Preservation Efforts
Thank You!

The Tradition  Fall 2018

Barbara Lemperly Grant
In memory of the Lemperly & Brainerd Family

Karen & George Lucas
In memory of Ann & Warren Brandt

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In memory of Henry & Marion Buckholdt,
Ernest & Scott Meade, Frank Road, and
Mathew Mozina

Rita J. Novak

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In memory of the Hohlfelder & Oldenburg
Families

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In memory of
Thomas Prager & Virginia Gobel

Diane & Vince Strazzo
In memory of Mary Fuller

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In memory of
the Townsend and Beach Family

June Travis
In memory of
John E. & Catherine A. Joplin

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In memory of Troy Christopher White

Jean Wolske
In memory of Mike Wolske

David Bishara
Bernard & Marian Buckner
In memory of Ruth P. Buckner

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In memory of Robert Ellenberger

David L. Enzman
In memory of Maghale Gamble

John H. Franklin
In memory of the Lamson and Sessions
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Rothacker Family
In Memory of Shirley J. Graff

Grace E. Green
In memory of Baby Boy Green

Gwendolyn Golden
In memory of
Ruth Campbell & Archie Parker

Joseph R. Haven
In memory of Thelma & William Haven

Richard & Sally Hollington Jr.
In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Stecher Sr.
and Robert M. Stecher Jr.

Julius G. Kanyok
In memory of
John, Barbara, & Michael Kanyok

Alexander E. Lancaster, Jr.
In memory of the Lancaster Family
Winter Decorating

Decorating a loved one’s gravesite is a comforting way to personalize their memorial and remember them. When winter arrives, decorating graves can become a little more challenging. (We know this about most outdoor Cleveland activities!) During these times of harsh weather, there are a few helpful things you may consider.

Being close to Lake Erie, wind can be strong and items not secured may blow off the grave. Avoiding items like styrofoam can help prevent this. It is also suggested that you attach or mark the name of the person and their identifying location number to your decorations. If you need location numbers, our office will be glad to assist you.

When deciding what to decorate with, you may want to consider the use of bold colors so they contrast well and can be seen against the snow and the grey winter skies. It is also now common to find decorative lighting that renews itself with solar energy, which can add quite a bit cheer to a winter scene. Just remember, no glass items are permitted. Plastic is usually more durable, less expensive, and safer should it break out in the winter elements.

Using upright spray arrangements can be a wise choice as well. They will catch and hold some snow that falls, but it will blow off and melt quicker than ground level arrangements. Plus, on your next visit you can easily shake off the snow and place it right back. Items like wreaths can be sold with stands for display. Riverside also encourages the use of shepherd hooks to hang decorations on, making it easy for decorators to swap items during the changing of seasons while keeping them off the ground.

In any cemetery, please remember to review decoration rules and removal dates (Ours are around March 1st and October 15th. The office will be happy to confirm these each year with you.) Keep in mind, to prevent overcrowding, Riverside asks for a 3-item limit per grave. Items such as glass, porcelain and rocks will be removed and discarded for safety reasons. It is recommended also to not decorate with items that are expensive, that can easily be damaged, or that have sentimental value. Those precious ornaments and photos may be better displayed within the home for remembering your loved ones. Our office will help let you know if the items you want to use are acceptable. Happy Decorating!