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Introducing Our New General Manager

Greg Kapcar joined the proud and dedicated team at Riverside Cemetery as the General Manager in November 2012.

Greg's connection with the Cemetery dates back a quarter century when he began working as a student intern with the grounds crew where he spent several years learning and performing all facets of the daily grounds-keeping responsibilities. Years later, he accepted a volunteer position on the Cemetery's Trustee Board, which laid a solid foundation for his understanding of the fundamental mission, responsibilities, and compassionate commitment of this historic Cemetery.

For the past seven years, Greg lived and worked in Columbus, Ohio where he was known and respected around the Statehouse for his advocacy and lobbying as Legislative Director of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, a statewide membership association.

As a Licensed Social Worker with a Masters in Public Administration, Greg comes to us with a demonstrated track record of leadership, relationship and consensus building at various levels throughout his career, as well as coaching and counseling families dealing with very difficult life circumstances. His decision now to redirect his many successful career skills and accomplishments is appreciated by our Association.

We welcome Greg and his wife Sally, back to the Cleveland area and are excited to have him join the Cemetery's team as General Manager.

Scott Wm. Halley
President
Riverside Cemetery Association

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31, 2013
6:30 a.m.

In our William R. Halley Chapel

Annual Brewers and Notables Tour

Saturday, June 29, 2013
9:00 a.m.

3rd Annual JazzFest

Sunday, July 21, 2013
1:00-4:00 pm

(back-up, rain date: Sunday, July 28th)

**All Events are FREE and open to the public and will be held at Riverside Cemetery
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SUMMER TOUR

Our popular, annual Brewers and Notables Tour has been scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2013. It will be led by Doug Kusak, Cultural History Interpreter Canal/Way Center and former General Manager, Bill Halley. Doug will discuss six of our 19th & 20th Century brewing families and Bill will introduce you to several of our other notable persons, all at their respective gravesites, within our oldest and most historical section areas.

A background orientation will begin at 9:00am in the Cemetery Chapel. A walking tour will follow with conclusion at noon. Those unable to walk can car pool together in front of the walkers. If there is a risk of rain, having an umbrella is recommended. Water will be available mid-way on the tour.

There is **no charge for this event**, but any possible advance reservations by email riverside_cemetery@att.net, or phone 216/351-4800, would be helpful in our planning.

The Cycle of Life: Riverside Cemetery Is a Certified Backyard Habitat

Submitted by Guest Columnist
Gloria Ferris, Brooklyn Centre Naturalist

In 2010, Brooklyn Centre Naturalists asked Riverside Cemetery to become part of their effort to register and certify Brooklyn Centre, the 44109 zip code area, as a National Wildlife Community. Riverside Cemetery asked the obvious question, "How can we help?" The answer: "By becoming a certified backyard habitat, you will help Brooklyn Centre get one step closer to achieving our goal to be recognized as a Wildlife Community."

Food, water, cover, and places to raise young are the four basic elements of a certified backyard habitat. Riverside Cemetery overflows with these elements. In fact, even without the official designation, the Cemetery was already a wildlife habitat nestled in the midst of the most urbanized watersheds in Cleveland.

Stand on the northern bluff overlooking Steelyard Commons in the spring and you can see the demarcation of the original route of the Cuyahoga River.

Surface water in the form of puddles after a good soaking rain provides places for butterflies, toads and frogs to congregate within the Cemetery's grounds. Birds use the stand of trees along the Cemetery's southern boundary (the length of Willowdale Ave.) as a resting place as they migrate north in the spring and south in the fall. Owls, warblers, flickers, and many more species are sighted in and around the Cemetery throughout the year. Trees throughout the grounds provide homes and shelter for many different kinds of wildlife.

Rocks, ground cover, and low lying shrubs act as cover from predators and provide natural homes for many small creatures that otherwise would be unable to survive in our urban area.

The beautiful rhododendrons and azaleas provide a burst of color among the many shades of green that meander through this beautiful space. The striking fall foliage provides a different color scheme with an added cacophony of insect voices. Winter offers a great time to track the path of the Cemetery's deer herd.

Not only does Riverside Cemetery provide a serene resting place for our loved ones, but it allows us to revel in the four seasons which constantly remind us of the mysteries and wonders of the Cycle of Life.



"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."

Abraham Lincoln

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Gregory R. Kapcar..... General Manager
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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

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