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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

October – March 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April – September 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday – Saturday

(Closed Holidays)

Grave Clean-off Dates

(Weather permitting)

March 1st & October 15th

PLEASE: No Glass, Porcelain or Rock decorations of any kind. No Fences or Stone Borders. No Bicycles.

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Introducing Our New Manager

Mark Craig has joined the proud and devoted team at Riverside Cemetery as the General Manager in March 2017.

Mark's history at Riverside goes back to his teenage years working alongside the grounds crew. During that time, he learned and performed all facets of the daily ground-keeping responsibilities. Mark credits the laborious yet rewarding duties encountered at that time as essential building blocks to the person he is today. The Riverside family helped him to understand the importance of honesty and commitment to all ventures of life. Many of the same faces from his time here in the 1990's are still present today and the great relationships developed then have pleasantly picked up right where they left off.

During this eighteen-year sabbatical for Mark, he has obtained many additional skills and trades which will help him in his management position. For several years, he left the Cleveland area with his wife Lulia to pursue career opportunities in Florida. During this time, they had their first child Derek. It was two years later that they came to the decision that Cleveland was home and they wanted Derek to grow up closer to family. Their second child Kylie was born shortly after their return home. This summer the children will be turning six and nine years old. They've made a happy home here in the Cleveland area, renewing friendships with their family and friends.

Mark has kept the memories of Riverside close to his heart and stayed in touch throughout the years, coming to visit the grounds and his co-workers whenever in the neighborhood. When the position of General Manager opened, he came to us expressing a great enthusiasm for the position, which is appreciated by our Association.

We welcome Mark back and are excited to have him join the Cemetery's team as General Manager.

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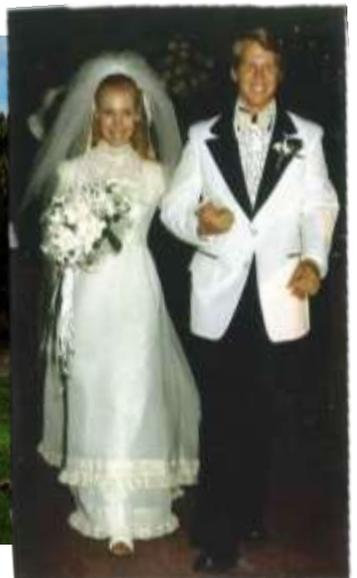
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IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of the late Ray Pianka, a valued member of our Board of Trustees since 2010. As the Housing Court Judge of Cleveland for the past 21 years, he was also a former Cleveland City Councilman, founding Executive Director of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, and member of the Sons of The American Revolution. His important counsel and always dedicated support of our historic Cleveland landmark Cemetery was greatly appreciated, and his regular presence among us will be greatly missed.

One of Judge Pianka's passions was researching many of the early settler families of the Ohio City Community which so often led him to our Cemetery as their place of eternal rest. He encouraged and assisted in the planning of our Summer Music Festivals which we've held on the grounds in recent years. Judge Pianka was a man of high ethical principles and character, a person of great faith, an individual who was proud of his lifelong Cleveland roots, and who was passionate about his city's long historic legacy. He always personified a profound and deep dedication to his professional responsibilities on behalf of the city and especially the persons whose housing concerns he tried so fairly to resolve.

On behalf of our Trustees and Administrative Staff, we extend our deepest condolences to his beloved wife Karen, daughter Kirsten, and family. We were honored to have had the blessing of his association with our Cemetery and Foundation.



ANNUAL BREWERS & NOTABLES TOUR

Join us Saturday, June 10, 2017, for this popular tour that highlights the lives and histories at the gravesites of several local Brewer families in Ohio City during the late 1800/early 1900 era. This will also include information about a number of industrialists, land developers, building designers, local government officials, musicians, playwrights, and business persons as we visit their eternal resting places along the walking route. Their life stories, including many others, focus heavily on the history and development of Cleveland, West of the Cuyahoga River.

Our speakers Doug Kusak from the Metroparks Outdoor Historical Education Division, and Bill Halley, former Riverside General Manager, will join together to take you on an interesting journey among the beautiful landscape, monuments, and headstones of our 140-year-old landmark Cemetery and tell the storied history of our community's fascinating legacy.

We will begin the tour with background orientation in our Nationally Registered, 1876 Victorian Stone Chapel at 8:30 a.m. Signs will direct you to its location. There is no charge for this event, but if you plan to attend, an advanced reservation email to riverside.cemetery@att.net or office call to 216-351-4800 will help our preparation.

Administrative Staff & Crew

Mark Craig
General Manager

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Mara Craig
Office Assistant

Bill Halley
Retired General Manager
Secretary-Treasurer

From the Foreman:

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 discarded.

Before planting any flowers, please confirm with the Office Staff that you are able to do so in that section. Not all sections are permitted to have in ground planting.

We ask to please park on the roads, not on the grass or in the sections. 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.

Another reminder, especially for this time of year, please do not put any glass or porcelain items out. They are a safety hazard to our crew and to the families walking in the sections. If any of these items are found, they will be thrown away.

One final reminder, our Clean-Off days are March 1 and October 15. This year October 15 falls on a Sunday, so Clean-Off will be on October 16.

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 Spring and Summer.



Your Generous Contributions

Support Our Community Events, Education Programs,

And Historic Preservation Efforts

Thank You!

(Donations received 10/1/16 –3/31/17)



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