

## CHANGES...

Welcome to our new TRADITION. We are going to try a little smaller newsletter and send it out quarterly instead of semi-annually. This way, we will better be able to keep you apprised of upcoming events and changes within the cemetery. In addition, we would like to be able to e-mail the newsletter to you. This is better for the environment, and will help us to keep you informed by keeping costs at a minimum. Please send us an e-mail at [riverside\\_cemetery@att.net](mailto:riverside_cemetery@att.net) to be added to our e-mailing list. If you do not have an e-mail address, please let us know if you want us to continue mailing you the TRADITION. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are no longer interested in receiving our newsletter and we will remove you from our mailing list. Please call us at 216-351-4800 to continue receiving the TRADITION.

## MORE CHANGES?

Not really. We are happy to announce that in consideration of the economic state of things, we have decided to keep almost all of our prices the same for 2011 as they were in 2010. In a time where we see other cemeteries charging anywhere from twice as much, to TEN times (believe it or not) what we charge at Riverside, we are proving that we are truly concerned about caring for our community. We invite you to compare. Check the prices of various services from most other cemeteries, and you will see how favorable we are. On top of that, when you figure into the equation the beauty of our grounds, the historic significance, the variety of options available (including Natural Burial, Urn Gardens, Single graves, and Family Lots, to name a few) and the tolerance for decorations, plantings, and memorialization, we think you will agree that we have the best overall value that a cemetery can offer the families that it serves.

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We are pleased to announce our Second Annual Easter Sunrise Service which will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2011. Just as last year, the service will begin at 6:30 a.m. in our William R. Halley Chapel and will be a Non-Denominational Service. Our General Manager, Mark Bollinger will deliver the message for the day. He has been a lay minister for several years now, having spoken at various churches in the Greater Cleveland area. Additionally, we will have music, God's Word, and a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service. Last year, the sun rose at about 7:00 a.m., shining through our open doors at just the right time. We can only hope that we are blessed the same way this year!

If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Mr. Bollinger at the cemetery.

## THIS AND THAT

Remember that the first of two clean off dates for the year is fast approaching. It is **MARCH 1, 2011**. Regardless of the weather, we will clean everything off of every grave in the cemetery starting on **MARCH 1** and continuing the next day if necessary. If you want any of your decorations, be sure to come into the cemetery **PRIOR to March 1**. To be safe, you can start redecorating the graves on Monday, March 7. The second clean-off day for the year is on October 15, 2011. When we clean off the graves, we dispose of everything. We will not remove any wooden crosses or shepherd's hooks, or similar if in good condition. All items on the hooks will be removed.

We have a very nice selection of Silk Flower Bouquets available in the office for sale. They come in their own plastic holders which can be inserted directly into the ground or into vases. The entire selection is available on our website - [www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org](http://www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org). Each of the bouquets cost \$27.00 including tax and placement if desired.

Finally, we will be accepting applications through **March 15** for outside, seasonal work. Please do not call the office, but come in to fill out an application **Monday through Saturday from 8:00am - 3:00pm**. Thank you.

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# THE TRADITION

*SPRING 2011*

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## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mark J. Bollinger.....General Manager  
Valere Craig.....Admin. Assistant  
Shirley Bill.....General Foreman  
Kenneth Langley .....Asst. General Foreman  
William Halley.....Association Consultant

Cemetery gates April-September 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October - March 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Office Hours

Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (except holidays)

## CEMETERY GRAVE CLEAN-OFF DATES

MARCH 1 & OCTOBER 15

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS AT ANYTIME

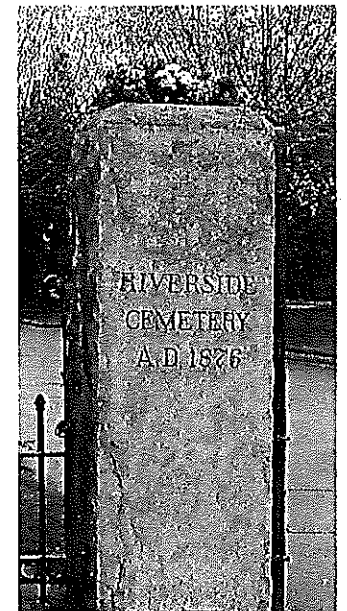
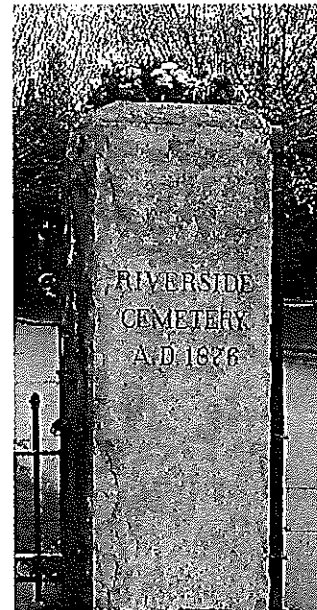
## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 24 6:30am*

*Brooklyn Centre Garden Tour Date TBD*

*Memorial Day Monday, May 30*

*Brewer's Tour Date TBD*



## Our Treasured Landmark Chapel

On the front of this Newsletter, you find two Nationally Registered Buildings within our Cemetery grounds. The one on the right is our historic Victorian Sandstone Chapel.

Shortly after our Cemetery's official public opening on July 8, 1876, it was decided by our founders that an ecumenical Chapel should be provided where our families could meet for funeral and memorial services. On Aug. 4, 1876 the architectural plans of Bruch & Monks were approved for a building whose interior was 25' x 25' with a first floor sanctuary seating from 80-90 persons, and a full basement underneath. The only windows were in six small dormers in the roof. The pews faced toward a center aisle in somewhat British Cathedral style, and there was no apparent provision for heating. The cost was approximately \$3855.

In 1898, it was decided to add a Porte Cochéré extending eastward over the roadway, an enclosed coal bin and furnace room, and three leaded-glass windows on the south, west, and north walls. Architects Steffens, Searles, and Hirsh, well recognized for their skill in providing additions which blended perfectly with original structures, designed and completed construction from July 7-Nov. 3, 1898. The cost was about \$2700.

After continuous use for 77 years, and in need of restoration and upgrades for which funds were unavailable, the Chapel was closed and boarded up in the fall of 1953 for 42 years. In 1992, it became apparent we needed to undertake a total restoration of this historic building or risk structurally losing it forever. In that year we established the Riverside Cemetery Foundation with a 501(C)(3) federal tax deduction consideration, and conducted a private fund raising program for the next three years to allow us to begin this critical program. In May of 1995, we had received enough donations to start the project and in the good faith that continued financial support would be forthcoming as progress proceeded. By August 1998 we completed the project without interruption under the very competent and dedicated oversight of our General Contractor, the Platt Construction Co. of Cleveland. Among our treasured 'new furnishings' were beautiful late 1800's pews which were once a part of Cleveland's Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Our first funeral service was held in September 1998, and our Re-dedication was held in early June 1999. Since that time, well over 125 families have used this beautiful facility for funeral services, and even some weddings. And, none has ever been disappointed with the very warm, comforting and peaceful serenity which envelopes all those who share in the spiritual environment of this very intimate historic Chapel.

We invite our many fine families and friends to consider including this very special facility in your funeral arrangements. Presently, the usage charge is \$150, and allows for a complete memorial service, including a brief visitation period preceding, if desired.

### *MEMORIAL BRICKS and THE URN GARDEN*

*We started accepting orders for our Memorial Bricks over the Winter, and we were surprised by the response! They will be engraved shortly. You can see them this Spring in our beautiful Urn Garden. A brick can be purchased at anytime, for anyone, or for any memorial reason. The cost is only \$100 which includes the brick and up to three lines of engraving (11 characters or spaces per line). Contact the office to reserve yours today! Orders received prior to May 1st will be ready for Memorial Day.*

*Also, we have a very limited amount of space if you want to purchase a Memorial Bench for the Urn Garden. Other types of Memorialization in this area include private family urn estates, pillars, and boulders, besides the Columbariums.*

## In Grateful Appreciation

New Contributors and Additional Gifts to our Foundation Since the Fall Issue

Jocelyn & John Schweitzer  
Teresa & Robert Polk  
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Mike & Diane Croce  
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*In Memory of Donteze Thomas*

*In Memory of Lucille K. Edwards*

*In Memory of Glenn J. Bollinger*

*In Memory of Martha B. Horsburgh*

*In Memory of Edwin Vega*

*In Memory of Baby Green*

*In Memory of Oscar & Emilia Barth/Catherine & John Joplin*

*In Memory of Margaret & John Koelges*

*In Memory of Jimmy Gibson*

*In Memory of Thomas M. Spehar*

*In Memory of Ben Burrows & Ellen & John Salzer*

*In Memory of Wm. Sr., Wm. Jr. & Anne Lancaster*

*In Memory of Zarbock Family*

*In Memory of Anton, Erna & Margret Leszkowicz*

*In Memory of Anna B. Easterly*

*In Memory of Carol & Jim Forbes*

*In Memory of 1st Lt. Wilburt W. Glatz & Thaddeus C. Wozniak, WWII Vet*

*In Memory of Dr. Lidija Davis, Ludmila Zandbergs, & Sergejs Zandbergs*

*In Memory of Ann & Warren Brandt*

*In Memory of John H. Schweitzer*

*In Memory of Doris J. Urbansky*

*In Memory of Vernon Kroehle*

*In Memory of Ellen Graham*

*In Memory of My Ancestors*

*In Memory of Vernon Kroehle*

*In Memory of Arthur C. Wells*

*In Memory of Ray Griffin*

*In Memory of Patricia & John Figueroa*

*In Memory of Earl A. Williamson & Kroehle Families*

*In Memory of Elizabeth C. Ager*

*In Memory of Vernon Kroehle*

*In Memory of Olivia Augustus Spiros, August & Maimu Alber*

*In Memory of Glenn J. Bollinger & In Honor of William R. Halley's Years of Service*

*In Memory of John Sosenko, Michael J. Sosenko Sr., Mary-Lou Stefan*

*In Memory of Parents & Grandparents*

*In Memory of Robert Homa Parker*

*In Memory of William & Collette Townsend and Beach Family*