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THE RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION

Our Foundation was established in 1992 at the onset of our fundraising program for the restoration of our beautiful Nationally Registered Victorian Stone chapel. Through the generous gifts to it during the next six years, we were able to successfully accomplish this tremendous task without interruption.

Since that initial project, our Foundation has continued to provide financial assistance for additional grounds preservation embellishments which permits us to maintain the historical integrity of our now 129 year-old property for all to enjoy. It also supports ongoing efforts to educate and enlighten interested persons about our heritage and the many notable persons who were a vital part of its development.

More recently, our Foundation gifts have enabled us to continue the tri-annual feeding of all our trees and major plantings, assist the Association in its efforts to do much needed preservative resurfacing of our roadways, some restoration needs of our nearly 110 year-old Administration Bldg., which is also Nationally Registered, and some general landscaping improvements for the benefit of all Cemetery visitors.

Over the years, Riverside has always tried to provide very caring, quality personal service to all of its families and friends while keeping its various charges fair and very competitive with other Cemetery options. These dedicated efforts have earned us a highly valued level of respect and an enviable reputation of which we can all be very proud. At the same time, our aging grounds need increasing attention of roadways, waterlines, and landscape which naturally impose a financial

imposition on our general operating resources. Your thoughtful gifts to our Foundation do really help us to better address these aging needs.

The generosity of so many friends made our Chapel restoration a very successful reality. We now hope you will continue to show your much appreciated good faith in our integrity to use your monetary gifts for these capital necessities appropriately with your ongoing financial support through our Cemetery Foundation.

Enclosed with each Newsletter is a convenient envelope which can be used for the financial support of any interested person(s) through our tax-deductible Foundation. If you desire to memorialize or honor anyone with your gift, please note this on the form and we will recognize it in our next Newsletter.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

I hope you have noticed and enjoyed the asphalt resurfacing we had done last fall in front of our Office and on both the north and south roads around Section 6 and tying into the newer pavement around the front of the Chapel. Part of this project was supported by our Foundation. This spring, we will be reworking the pavement of the retaining wall approach to the valley as well as the entire lower valley roadway up to the Office.

Other roads are being considered for new surfacing in the future, but accomplishing this added driving pleasure and grounds enhancement for everyone will depend in part on the response level of our families and friends to the appeals for greater support of our Foundation.



Section 21



Section 30-31

NEW SECTION DEVELOPMENT

First we would remind everyone about the availability now of the new Section 21 in our lower Valley. This beautiful area is tucked away in semi-seclusion, back dropped with a scenic wooded hillside footed with a winding rustic split-rail fence. This is a traditional section with accommodations provided for family or personal two-piece monuments and single piece, double or single memorials up to 18" in height. Selection is maximum at this time and we would welcome the opportunity to show it to you.

We are also continuing to landscape Section 31 bordering Willowdale Avenue and directly east of our Maintenance Building. We also hope to begin pinning some family lots in this location. This section will mirror Section 30 across the street except that there will be greater accommodation provides for single-piece, double-wide above-ground and/or ground-level memorials.

Both of these new sections will also permit appropriate personal in-ground planting like is allowed in our older traditional sections.

We will also be working on the expansion of our Urn Garden which will be located across the street from the present location. Section 12-A will offer similar accommodations to Section 12, and also be back dropped by a wooded hillside footed with a rustic split-rail fence. We will continue our park plan ground burial spaces and additional columbarium niches as needed. The interment of cremains does not require a vault here. In-ground graves permit more than a single urn per space but with a single headstone. Our niches will accommodate two standard-size urns in the 11" cubic space with the name and dates being inscribed on the outer granite covers.



FLAG OF THE FREE

By Walter Taylor Field

Look at the flag as it floats on high,
Streaming aloft in the clear, blue sky.
Rippling, leaping, tugging away,
Gay as the sunshine, bright as the day.
Throbbing with life, where the world may see,
Flag of our country, Flag of the free!
What do we see in the flag on high,
That we bare our heads as it passes by,
That we thrill with pride our hearts beat fast
And we cheer and cheer as the flag goes past.
The flag that waves for you and me,
Flag of our country, Flag of the free?
We see in the flag a nation's might
The pledge of a safeguard day and night.
Of a watchful eye and a powerful arm
That guard the nation's homes from harm.
Of a strong defense on land and sea
Flag of our country, flag of the free!
We see in the flag a union grand
A Brotherhood of heart and hand.
A pledge of love and a stirring call
To live our lives for the good of us all.
Helpful and just and true to thee,
Flag of our country, flag of the free!
Flutter, dear flag, o'er the lands and seas
Fling out your stars
and your stripes to the breeze.
Righting all wrongs, dispelling all fear,
Guarding the land that we cherish so dear.
And the God of our fathers, abiding with thee
Will bless you and trust you, O flag of the free!

**Always fly your flag proudly
(Flag Day June 14)**

SILK FLOWER BOUQUETS



We are still offering a nice selection of beautiful silk flower bouquets for our families and friends to purchase for gravesites. Total cost for the bouquet, tax and placement if desired, is \$24.00. They are all on display in the office

Each bouquet comes with a small green plastic self-standing vase, will fit into the various fold-in vases, or can be inserted in the ground directly. They are very appropriate at anytime of the year, but are especially nice for birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's and Father's Day, and Memorial Day. Other than our 3/01 and 10/15 clearing times, we will not remove these items. And, we cannot assume responsibility for them after they are placed.



IN-GROUND FLOWER VASE

We also have two types of fold-in vases available for sale. One is made of aluminum and costs \$22 installed. The other is zinc and costs \$37 installed.

*Once a task has begun,
Never leave it until it's done.
Though the task be great or small,
Do it well or not at all.*



FROM THE FOREMEN

BY SHIRLEY & KEN

The warm weather is finally here. Just a few friendly reminders for the summer season.

- Please limit the items to 3 per grave; Anything more than 3 will be removed.
- We ask that no glass or porcelain items be put out. They break too easily and our staff and visitors can get hurt.
- Also, please do not put out rocks or pebbles around headstones, plantings or decorations. They do not stop the grass from growing and they are very dangerous when trimming and cutting the grass.
- For the families that plant flowers on their lots, please remember it is your responsibility to keep them weeded. The plants make the cemetery look very nice, but when the weeds take over they resemble overgrown fields and look terrible. When this situation occurs, we will have no alternative but to cut them down.
- Always check with the office first to see if your section allows in-ground planting. If the section does not, annuals must be put in a pot which can be moved comfortably.

Your co-operation in these guidelines will be greatly appreciated by your Cemetery's administrative and grounds maintenance staff as well as our valued families and many welcome visitors.

"HAVE A GREAT SUMMER"

Seasonal Gate Closing Hours

During the summer and early fall this past year, we experimented with a later closing of our gates. Our gates remained open until 7:00 p.m. during the week and on weekends. We feel this later accommodation better served our working families, and was well received. Therefore, we'll continue the later weekly closings again this year starting with the first Saturday in April through September. In October, we'll adjust the extended closing time with the dwindling daylight hours until 10/29 when the winter close of 5:00 p.m. will prevail everyday.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

JULIUS SPANG 6-13-1853 – 12-31-1950

Julius Spang was born in Germany, June 13, 1853. He was a farmer before coming to the United States from Germany in September of 1882 with his wife, Frederica Wolf and his five children, Lena, Albert, Emil, Arthur and Lydia. Eventually, two more children were born here in Ohio, Henry and William. It is said that they first settled in Brook Park, Ohio.

He was a member of the West Side Evangelical and Reformed Church, (now United Church of Christ) and to the Concordia Masonic Lodge.

Upon arrival in the United States, Mr. Spang began working at the Ohio Baking Co. In 1888 he and his first wife started baking a few loaves of bread at their home, which Mrs. Spang sold from two market baskets. This was so successful that the following year (1889), they opened up a small bakery at 2911 Barber Avenue. They built their business on the "home delivery" principle. Their slogan for the business was, "He Who Eats Spang Bread Lives Long". The Bakery headquartered on Barber Avenue for seventy years, and employed 433 persons in 3 plants before being sold to the Laub Baking Company. When Julius died at the age of 98, he was still the President of the company.

Three years after his wife Frederica Wolf Spang died in 1922, he married his second wife, Louise Dannenman, who died in October of 1950. Two months later, on New Years Eve, Julius himself passed away. He was laid to rest on January 3, 1951 beside Frederica and in front of his magnificent family monument in Section 23, Lot 119 in Riverside Cemetery.

Information provided by the Spang Family Web Pages

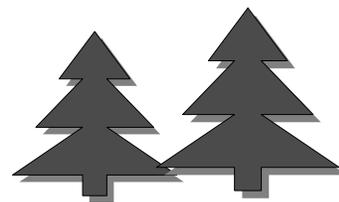


SUMMER TOURS

On Sunday, July 17th, Nancy Desmond, the Manager of the Outdoor Educational Division of the Cleveland Metroparks Canal Way Center, will team with Riverside General Manager Bill Halley for a return of the popular Brewers' Tour. Nancy will enlighten us about the seven 19th and 20th Century Brewers interred within our grounds while Bill will tell us about other notables as we pass by their resting places along the way.

We will meet for introduction and orientation at our Nationally Registered Victorian Chapel at 1:30 p.m. **Those interested in attending** should call reservations to Nancy's office at (216) 206-1000.

Persons unable to walk can hopefully car pool and either step out to join us at each stop or listen from the vehicle.



Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves. Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.

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FROM THE MANAGER

By Bill Halley

A misconception shared by some individuals is that when they purchase a gravesite(s) within a Cemetery, they own a small part of real estate within the grounds. Cemeteries always retain ownership and control of their property. When one purchases a grave(s) within a Cemetery they are actually acquiring the burial rights within an identified area in those grounds. The Cemetery management also has the right to establish appropriate rules, regulations, and guidelines to maintain their Burial Park.

It is recommended that one decide the type of permanent gravesite memorial they prefer to have **before** selecting a Cemetery. Monument Dealers tell us that often customers, who have had a burial in a memorial park plan Cemetery where all headstones must be grass level, are very disappointed when they "fall-in-love" with a beautiful above-ground headstone or monument which is not permitted at their Park.

Riverside offers accommodations for nearly every type memorial one could desire for their final resting place. There are a couple areas where only grass level single headstones are permitted, but most other sections will permit some form of above-ground markers as well. One of the first questions we ask a potential new buyer seeks to determine the type of memorial they prefer. Once that fact is known, we make sure that the areas shown will permit their preferences. Also, your sales experience here will be with myself or our Adm. Asst. Val Craig who are non-commissioned employees. Our only purpose is to serve your best interests in helping you select the most meaningful resting place for yourself or family member(s).

Sales appointments are not necessary, although they are helpful in our arranging a mutually convenient time to meet with you. Val and I personally escort and supervise the interment of all our Cemetery family members, and we consider this to be among our most important responsibilities in serving you here. Because of this commitment by us, we both are sometimes on the grounds with funerals. With advance notice, we can better arrange meeting times which are uncommitted.



Don't point a finger – lend a hand.

Remember "Your" Chapel

A great number of Cemetery Chapels are located within community mausoleums. At Riverside, you have a Victorian, sandstone little Church which is a free-standing place of worship. Since its re-opening in September 1998, after a four-year total restoration, we have had over 100 funeral services and religious ceremonies within. And without exception, the response to the experience encountered has been very positive. We encourage your considering our beautiful Chapel for your memorial service needs. It is best suited for a funeral or memorial service of an hour or less. A short visitation preceding is also possible. This 129 year-old facility does not have restrooms; only the nearby office building has these accommodations. The charge for using the Chapel is presently \$100. Half of this fee is deposited in a facility maintenance account; the remainder helps defray the electric heating cost, which is especially high during the winter months.

Our families should be very proud of this Nationally Registered, landmark, non-sectarian Chapel treasure which our founders built for us between August and November 1876. Please consider including it when making your at-need or pre-need funeral arrangements. We know you will not be disappointed.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William Halley.....General Manager
Valere CraigAdm. Asst.
Marijane Halley.....Adm. Asst.
Shirley BillGeneral Foreman
Kenneth Langley.....Asst. General Foreman

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**

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS AT ANYTIME.

**NAME CROSSES IN FLAT STONE AREAS PERMITTED
NOV. 1 – APR. 1 ONLY**

*RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION OF LOT
OWNERS WHOSE REVENUES FROM SALES & SERVICES ARE
USED TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE OUR GROUNDS.*

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