

The Tradition

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Greetings & 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.

A TALE OF TWO SIGNBOARDS

In last Fall's newsletter we were excited to share upcoming ideas to improve the appearance of our Pearl Road main entrance, creating a better initial impression for those arriving or passing.

We recreated flower beds while also planting young Chinese Dogwood trees to replace the scary crabapple trees. The crabapple trees were gorgeous when in bloom, but this was only for one to two weeks of the year. With things starting to look much nicer, it became painfully obvious, and impossible to ignore, that it was time to retire our faded, weather tormented entry sign which served us well for so long.



When first imagining, it seemed best to plan a symmetrical look, having two identical signs, 1 on each side of the gate entrance. With 2 signs, any direction of oncoming travel would have a clear view. Even vehicles waiting to exit the I-71 offramp, could perfectly see the Northwest facing sign. We also really liked the idea of somehow spacing the letters off the signboard, so the font would cast shadows behind them, adding depth and quality.

We shared these ideas with a professional sign builder, local to the Cleveland area. The quote we received was by far out of our price range. Suggestions were offered to help bring the cost down. We could just have one sign he said. We could consider 2 smaller signs. Maybe we could forfeit the stand-off font idea with shadows. It was defeating to know we would still be spending plenty, and most likely not creating what we wished for.

Then we decided to make the signs ourselves!
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A TALE OF TWO SIGNBOARDS

Here we go! The ultimate art and craft project! We needed to buy enough wood, paint, and any other material for the lettering. When all was said and done, we were able to save on cost, spending only 20% of what we were quoted.

We knew a craftsman who was able to get us started with two signboards built strong, identical to one another, and both with a coating of white primer paint. Thank you, Mossman Project, LLC.

How exciting! 2 blank signs, ready for the lettering. Although we were amateurs, the goal was not to show it. Trying our best to avoid the “kid building a club house” look. RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FOUNDED IN 1876, times 2 signs, adds up to 60 characters. Craft stores or font websites offer bulk deals but ordering 60 characters would be over \$500.



The alternative idea was to make an all-weather font ourselves. At Menards, you can find an 8 x 4 ft. sheet of black acrylic quarter inch thick. That’s perfect! The lettering can be solid black, easy to work with, and automatically weatherproof.

So next we printed all the letters and numbers we would need onto white sticker paper creating stencils. The letters to spell RIVERSIDE and CEMETERY were made 10 inches tall, and the rest 4 inches tall. After fitting every sticker onto the giant sheet of acrylic, we used a jigsaw to carefully cut each out. This part of the project is what took the longest. Choosing white stickers made it easier to see what we were doing as we carved along the edge of each shape. Any imperfection could be smoothed out using a power sander.

With 52 letters and 8 numbers completed, each quarter inch thick, solid black and durable, it was time to attach them to the sign. To build the font off the backboard, just as we envisioned, we secured carved wooden blocks as spacers first. The blocks were taken from a game of Giant Jenga. Sorry kids!

Painting of the sign needed to be done strategically in between stages of assembly. A little bit here, a little bit thereafter. The majority of the sign, including the leg posts, are a rich dark brown with a hint of purple on a bright day. The white behind the matte dark lettering is the brightest of white, with high gloss making the sign appear to glow.

The natural shadows that cast darkness behind the font are the most prominent between afternoon and sunset.

We are all very proud with how they both came out, and hope everyone likes the way our new entrance looks, too!

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Season one of honeybees is coming to a close;
We're done with pollen,
leaves are fallin',
Take care,
Adios!



Below:
Use the link below to see the Hive Works Honey Co. story at Riverside featured on Cleveland NBC news.



Above:
honeybee hive as seen from too close

Left:
honeybee hive as seen from just right



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Holiday Wreaths & Bouquets

NOW AVAILABLE

Wreaths – **\$45**

5 styles available!! Price includes tax, easel-stand & installation

Poinsettia Bouquet –

Price includes tax, cone-shaped vase & installation

\$30

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**

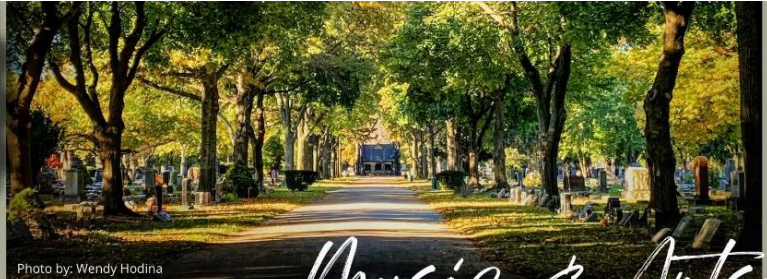


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Music & Arts Festival

LOOKING FOR VENDORS!!

We are looking for food and art vendors as well as musicians!

We are also looking for young entrepreneurs who would like to sell their items!

For More Information email:

Riversidecemetery.cle@gmail.com

Sunday July 28, 2024

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

3607 Pearl Road Cleveland, OH 44109

\$30 per vendor (with your own setup)

\$45 per vendor (we provide table and 2 chairs)



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8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday
Closed New Year's Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas

Cemetery Gate Hours

October – March 7:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
April–September 7:30 A.m.-7:00 P.M.

Grave Clean-off Dates *(Weather permitting)*

March 1st & October 16th ←

Oct. date is a NOT the 15th in 2023
due to falling on a Sunday

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