

# The Tradition

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A Publication of the Riverside Cemetery Association and Foundation

## Serving the Community for 147 Years

Riverside is an active, historic cemetery performing hundreds of burials a year and has substantial space available within our 90+ acres to serve generations to come. When you have time, please feel welcome to stop in to meet our caring staff and take a look at our historic grounds and all that we offer.

Whether someone was interested in finding one grave or multiple graves for the future, we can lock in the current price of those graves without a down payment. You will not be subject to interest or an annual price increase. We will still record them in our books under your ownership and allow you to comfortably chip away at your invoice through monthly payments in the \$ amount of your choosing. If you called our office to make an appointment, then together we can tour the cemetery to search for what best fits your family's needs. We will consider things like finding availability near relatives already laid to rest at Riverside, or maybe a section that allows the type of monument size you want, or maybe we simply decide on a location your eyes fell in love with while browsing the landscape.

We are always thankful to work with the families that show interest in our cemetery! The families that choose Riverside will also work alongside the funeral homes and the monument companies of their choosing, whether here in Northeast Ohio or beyond,

## 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.

making at-need and even pre-planning arrangements. We will work daily with these same businesses in our industry and over the years have developed strong friendships with them, with the common goal of servicing the families. The licensed funeral directors will lead families through our gates at the time of someone's passing away. The headstone designers and staff from the monument companies will work with us from start to finish during the process of headstone production. We work with vault companies on the day of a burial, the historians finding info for their search websites, flower, and wreath companies, and so on.

We are always looking for ways to keep improving how we do things. We are restructuring our website to be more current and helpful. We are planning beautification projects along with indoor projects to help preserve our record keeping and ways we can access 147 years of data collection. We have done so much to keep in touch with the community through our Facebook page and through events and tours like the ones you can read about on the final page of this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy the 57<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Tradition*, and hope everyone has a wonderful Spring!!

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# The Latest Riverside Buzz

At the start of 2023, Riverside Cemetery was introduced to a local, community-focused, family business owner and beekeeper named Chris Bush. He was reaching out to us to inquire about the possibility of hosting hives at our cemetery as part of a special needs work training program. We learned that Chris is the founder of Hive Works Honey Company and felt that hosting-controlled honey hives at our cemetery would be a mutually beneficial arrangement, as it would create a pipeline of employment skills for young people with disabilities, while also helping to promote environmental conservation and sustainability.

Chris shared success stories from other cemeteries already hosting bees and added that the bees would be cared for by trained professionals and would not disturb the cemetery's visitors or operations. He believed that the foliage around Riverside would be ideal for supporting this project.

Chris had got into beekeeping in 2012 out of curiosity about honey production, and how to help the dwindling population. He has since expanded his knowledge through the community of beekeeping, including trips to California, New York, Florida, and Canada to learn from beekeepers and their processes. In addition to providing a safe environment for maintenance and production, Hive Works Honey Company hopes to raise awareness about the dangers bees currently face.



ABOVE: The private area chosen for the hives will be between Section 3 and 13. This is a quiet area dividing the top of two hillsides before leading down into the cemetery's valley. This area is not used for graves and less likely to be disturbed.



For millions of years honey bees have been major pollinators of flowers and, therefore, the plants producing the flowers have relied on the bees to survive. Honey bees are responsible for about 80% of the world's pollination. The bees unwittingly help the reproduction of the plants by transferring pollen from one flower to another. Without pollination, many plants would not be able to procreate, and would eventually die out. If our planet loses both bees and the plants they pollinate, we will see a massive change in our ecosystem.

Humans benefit from this relationship through crop and honey production. Many of the crops people consume are pollinated by honey bees. Many crop growers will also maintain honey bee colonies for this very reason. Our cemetery has tons of flowering plants and trees which could benefit from the program.

As we learn more, we see that many businesses and homeowners are stepping up to help the endangered honey bees by installing hives on rooftops, and in backyards across the country. If you find maintaining hives to be difficult, one of the most important things you can do is grow a diversity of flowering native plants that bloom throughout all seasons.

Besides pollination, honey bees extract nectar along with pollen from the flowers. The nectar is transported back to the nest where, through a process, it is converted into honey. Those working in the program will collect honey to later be sold at Northeast Ohio farmer markets. We are told that the honey that is jarred will have a label that references the honey coming from Riverside Cemetery hives, and that samples will be shared with us to taste!



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for your generous contributions to the Riverside Cemetery Foundation! With your support, we have been able to do wonderful things! Your donations have been specifically assigned to help, and continue to help us preserve our historic buildings, repair roadways, contribute to beatification projects, and participate in community events!

**Bryan Lazar**

*In memory of all involved with this great place in history*

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*In memory of Odiorne Family in Section 3*

**Old Brooklyn Historical Society**



# Upcoming Events

## Symbols And Stories Through History Walking Tour PART TWO March 19, 2023, at 11:00 am

Part two of our Symbols and Stories tour will continue the journey through grave symbolism and the stories behind the people who chose those symbols to represent their legacy. This tour will focus on the front portion of the cemetery so we ask that everyone meet at the office.

Tours & Events are free of charge nor require an RSVP. We currently must address some long overdue and badly needed restoration to our beloved Nationally Registered Chapel & Administration Buildings. The significant cost required for such projects are well outside our general operating budget needs, so we are requesting that those who are interested and able to help us, consider a memorial or personal gift to this restoration fund. The extent to which we can accomplish

our objectives in this task will depend upon the level of support we are fortunate in receiving from our valued families and friends. Contributions payable to:

## Historical Society of Old Brooklyn May 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Jamie and Maria will be presenting a virtual tour through the cemetery at the quarterly meeting of the HSOB. This presentation will feature many of the same people we saw at our Symbols and Stories Tour as well as some additional history specific to Old Brooklyn and the founding of Riverside Cemetery. This is a PUBLIC event so all are welcome to attend. For more information about the Historical Society, we recommend: [oldbrooklynhistory.org](http://oldbrooklynhistory.org)

the **Riverside Cemetery Foundation**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

## Fun Facts on Foot: Franklin Blvd. June 25, 2023, at 11:00 am

This year's Fun Facts on Foot will feature the west side's prominent residents who built and/or owned the beautiful homes along Franklin Blvd. We will begin our tour at the chapel with a short presentation and then begin the walking portion.

## Hours & Contact Info

### Cemetery Gates

Oct - Mar 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Apr-Sep 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

### Office Hours

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

### Grave Clean-off Dates

*(Weather permitting)*

March 1<sup>st</sup> & October 16<sup>th</sup>

2023 Fall date changed ↗

due to the 15<sup>th</sup> landing on a Sunday

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