



# the TRADITION

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*A Publication of the Riverside Cemetery Association and Foundation*

## 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.



## Riverside featured on Monopoly Cleveland Edition




On October 18th, 2023, the unveiling of the new "Monopoly Cleveland Edition" was held at the arcade downtown. Riverside was honored to be featured on the gameboard and invited on this day to celebrate with some of Cleveland's most iconic landmarks and businesses. The memory of that day will stay with us forever!

What we hope does NOT stay with us forever are the few remaining boardgames we have here for purchase in the office! We ordered several boxes around the holidays and need to sell them out! Including tax, a game is \$44.

Left to right: Mark, Jamie, Mr. Monopoly, & Kris



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## New Sections

Our busiest section 15-A has begun its final row. Soon this means we will need to move to the open land on to opposite side of that split rail fence with what we will call Section **15-B**

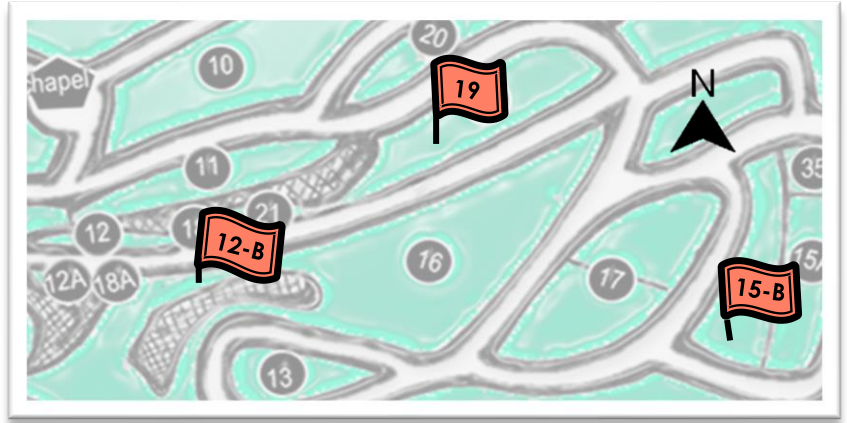
Next is Section **19**, which is not technically new because Case Western Reserve University has owned the very top along Wall Road for years. Section 21 is starting to fill, and this neighboring land will be very similar as it will allow for an upright monument, and you can plant a garden.

Section **12-B** will soon be added to our map, and it will be a lot like original Urn Garden Sections 12 & 12-A, but also very unique and like no other section currently at Riverside.

Last year, in 2023, we had more cremation burials than any other year in our history! They made up over 30% of every burial. Times seem to be changing, and cremation is no longer taboo, mysterious, or even forbidden. An urn is much smaller than a casket, and families can make plans for a burial service almost anywhere in the cemetery, so long as they already own a grave, or make a new selection in the spot they choose. We had an idea to create a brand-new section, cremation only, that could offer something that no urn has earned until this point!

Sure, we will continue to appreciate the original Urn Garden Sections for their above ground columbariums and low cost 3 X 3-foot graves that can allow 1-4 urn burials. Headstones are never mandatory, but if wanted, they do allow a flush to ground headstone (24 X 12 X 4 inches).

Also, in case you didn't know, we are able to create a 3 X 3-foot urn grave in any of our historic sections. When browsing the old giant map books, we see 5 ft. paths everywhere, running North & South, and West & East. Some find it neat to be amongst our Cleveland notables. Not only does your spot have stunning views of colossal monuments, 100+ year old trees and historic landmarks, but these create-a-graves can allow an upright headstone up to one foot tall.



What will set 12-B apart from anywhere else, is that the graves will allow a small to big monument, and be a spot for cremation only! For the first time, you do not have to buy a 10 ft. monument grave just to get a monument! This hybrid grave will also allow up to 6 urns if desired. When designing a big monument, one could easily fit that many names and dates on it. Plus, like other family lot sections, feel free to plant a garden within your space.

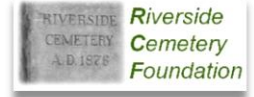
Contributing furthermore to the trend of cremation may be the overall cost from start to finish. At a cemetery, prices become understandably less when the grave is smaller, and the physical work of burial changes drastically. At the funeral home, the expense of a casket and burial vault are traded for the cost of an urn container. With cremation, there is not the same urgency to quickly make burial arrangements while grieving. Now, just wait until after winter for the funeral service held at the cemetery. Even with these financial advantages, what is not changing is the need people feel to get the best memorial possible for their loved ones. Perhaps it's more justifiable to spend money on something that will be visible for eternity, like a monument. With what you save from selecting this new type of grave, you can put it towards the monument. Perhaps even the family's shared monument.

The best area at Riverside we feel for 12-B is in the valley, across from the monument lot section 21 (as seen above). This area was always considered a sort of panhandle to Section 16. This land has a sandier soil better suited for cremation and not ideal for the opening and closing of traditional burials.

Just like the original 2 urn gardens, this area will begin off Valley Road with its furthest row shadowing beneath a cemetery hillside. From any place you stand in this area you will get an amazing 360-degree view. This is an opinion, but autumn would be the most breath-taking. They will be appropriately priced less than the full-size traditional graves, but more than the other urn graves without these amenities. Coming in 2024!



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## Upcoming Events

Walking Tour at Riverside indicated with: 



### Symbols & Stories: Part IV

Apr 28, 2024 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Murders, Mysteries, and Amazing Stories

May 16, 2024 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Cuyahoga County Public Library, Middleburg Hts.

### Symbols & Stories: Part II (Rerun)



Jul 19, 2024 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### Music & Arts Festival

Jul 28, 2024 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Riverside



### Roads to Riverside

Sep 8, 2024 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Symbols & Stories:

Sep 24, 2024 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Willowick Public Library

### Doctors, Diseases, & Dreadful Cures

Oct 13, 2024 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at our Chapel

**FULL EVENT:** Please visit the website for additional dates

### Murders, Mysteries, & Amazing Stories



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## Riverside Cemetery Assn.

3607 Pearl Road, CLE, OH 44109

### Cemetery Gate Hours

October–March 7:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

April–September 7:30 A.M.–7:00 P.M.

# 216-351-4800

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>

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