



THE TRADITION



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A Publication of the Riverside Cemetery Association and Foundation

Greetings and 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.

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Holiday Wreaths & Bouquets

NOW AVAILABLE

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Riverside Foundation and Benevity

Recently, Our Riverside Cemetery Foundation has registered with Benevity. Benevity is a third-party company that partners with businesses to help their employees donate to worthy causes such as non-profits, disaster relief funds, etc. There are hundreds of companies currently registered with Benevity; Panera Bread, Fifth Third Bank, MSN, Google, NIKE, JetBlue and T-Mobile just to name a few. If your employer is a participant with Benevity, you can request that a percentage of your earnings be automatically deducted and sent to the charity of your choosing. Some companies will even match your donation up to a certain amount. Of course, it is our hope that you would consider Riverside Cemetery Foundation, and this provides an alternative way to support electronically. We appreciate donations of any amount as they all go to the preservation of our historic buildings, beautification of our grounds, and help raise funds for community events. The Foundation has an IRS 501 (c) (3) designation. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Special Thank You! to **Mary Lou Budziak** for your very thoughtful gift. Your Redbud trees have been planted throughout Riverside, improving areas in our valley and alongside our maintenance building near our Willowdale entrance.

Transformation of the Main Entrance:

From the Forman



We have been excited to begin the new vision I had for our main entrance to Riverside Cemetery from Pearl Road. Getting things started, my crew and I have removed all the crabapple trees and replaced them with young Chinese dogwoods. These have the potential to grow up to 25 foot tall! This specific species of tree will stay in bloom longer than the crabapples and will not take the same amount of upkeep to stay attractive. Also, we have put in new flower beds on each side of the gates with pink spireas, and different kinds of perennials which might take a couple years to get to their full potential. I cannot wait until spring; it's going to look so nice!



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Dorian Gray Youth Foundation

With compassion, conviction, and a desire to uplift the disproportionate number of LGBTQ+ youth (ages 12-24) who make up 42% of the housing insecure population in Northeast Ohio, the Dorian Gray Youth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to providing financial support to local, at-risk, LGBTQ+ youth. We provide financial support for safe housing, access to LGBTQ+ friendly healthcare, gender-affirming clothing and essentials, and a support system to fall back on. Our relief fund seeks to be the answer for a system that too often overlooks those in the LGBTQ+ youth community in the Greater Cleveland Area. We partner directly with local organizations that come in direct contact with at-risk youth to help identify and assess those with the greatest needs in our community. Our cause is funded by the sale of beautiful and unique artwork from various artists which is donated and sold through our online gallery with 100% of the proceeds going to help those in need. With our mission in mind, we also seek to honor the local pioneers in our community who came before us. One of those individuals is Avery Hopwood, an eternal resident at Riverside Cemetery. Avery was one of the most popular playwrights of his day, as well as an openly gay man at a time in our country when one could be jailed for living authentically. He passed away suddenly in 1928, leaving behind grand plans for a stunning garden to be planted around his tombstone without the funds to have it come to fruition. For nearly 100 years, Avery Hopwood's vision has been unable to be realized - until now.

The Dorian Gray Youth Foundation is proud to partner with Riverside Cemetery to restore Avery's grave garden to its intended glory, in hopes that planting new life there will inspire those in the present to pay homage to one of Cleveland's long forgotten sons. To learn more about the Foundation and to follow our restoration progress, visit DorianGrayCLE.org.

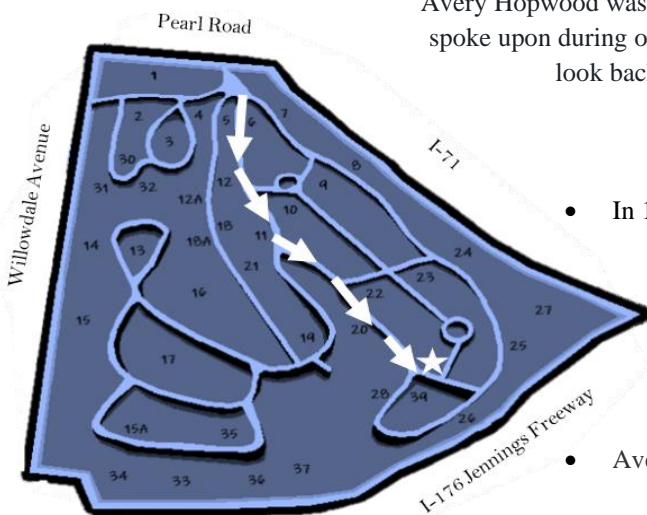


Above: Hopwood Monument Section 22, Lot 120 with Japanese Yew Trees



Avery Hopwood was just one of many names Riverside Cemetery spoke upon during our June 5th Fun Facts on Foot Tour. You can look back to our previous post that featured Avery on facebook.com/riversidecleveland

- In 1920, Avery had four simultaneous successes running on Broadway
- Avery was given the nickname “The Playboy Playwright”
- He attended West High School located on Franklin Blvd & 69th St.
- Avery donated a large portion of his fortune to the University of Michigan in order to establish the Avery Hopwood and Julie Hopwood Creative Writing Awards.



Donations Received 3/1/22 to 9/15/22

Kamilia A. Abadier

Anonymous

Dan Baillis

In memory of Family members at Riverside

Terry Bauman

In memory of The Kolb Family

Bernard L. Buckner

In memory of Ruth Buckner

Laurel A. Cawrse

In memory of Edward Cawrse

Carmen Iris DeJesus

In memory of The Lamson & Sessions Families

John & Betty

Franklin

In memory of Ronald Eyring

Beatrice Glover

In memory of Beloved Husband, Loving father Bernard Glover

Agnes Hindulak

In memory of Agnes Hindulak & the Hindulak Families, Sofia Farquaharson & the Farquaharson

Lea Junkers

In memory of the Kupp Family, Olev, Karin, Natalie & Ilmar

Julius G. Kanyok

In memory of John, Barbara & Michael Kanyok

Cynthia Kuehn

In memory of Richard A. Kuehn

Dave Katona

In memory of Susanne & John Katona

Cynthia L. Kuehn

In memory of Richard A. Kuehn

Fred Lambing

In memory of Barbara Lambing

Alexander E. Lancaster Jr.

Lenore E. Maxa

In memory of Brugge, Forchner, Guentzler, Schneider Families

Everett O'Dell

Robert Oldenburg

In memory of the Hohlfelder & Oldenburg Families

Teresa D. & Robert Polk

Mary Lou Prager

In memory of Thomas Prager & Virginia Gobel

Gene Reagan

In Honor Riverside Cemetery Staff

James Paul Robinson

In memory of James Paul Robinson

Ray Ruhlmann II

In memory of Amanda (Seelbach) Ruhlmann

Howard Sack

Eugene Schmick

In memory of Lee Schmick

Eric Townsend

June E. Travis

In memory of John & Catherine A. Joplin, & Oscar & Emilia Barth

David Trebing

In memory of The Trebing Family

Christeen C. Tuttle

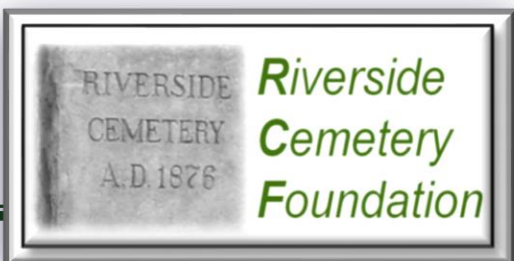
In memory of Florence Brewster Rutter

Raymond & Betty White

In memory of Troy Christopher White

Nancy Wirth

In memory of Louis A. Wirth



THANK YOU for your generous contributions! 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!



Holiday Wreaths & Bouquets

NOW AVAILABLE

Wreaths –

\$45

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

Poinsettia Bouquet –

\$30

Price includes tax, cone-shaped vase & installation

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

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 Holidays)

Grave Clean-off Dates (Weather permitting)

March 1st & October 15th

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Office Gets New Curtains

You may have noticed a change recently when visiting Riverside Cemetery and making a stop inside our office building. For years we accented the inside with a multi-colored window curtain pattern, which served us well for a long time. We felt it was finally time to retire these for a more current, simpler design. There are many windows and doors that are curtained in the building, so to keep replacement costs down, we took our own measurements and shopped many different fabrics on-line for deals. We hoped to brighten the rooms by choosing a material which would allow more natural light to pass through. We also felt that a solid color would feel less busy. We considered a choice that would not clash with existing furniture, our tall yellow-brick walls, woodwork, and carpeting before ultimately settling on a taupe color as the best fit. We were thrilled when they arrived, and one by one, we swapped each curtain out. When finished we stood back and enjoyed the vast difference. We hope you enjoy the update as well!



Office Staff & Foremen

Mark Craig

General Manager

Jamie Spinelli

Admin Assistant

Kristin Gardner

Office Assistant

Bill Halley

Past GM / Treasurer

Shirley Bill

General Foreman

Kenneth Langley

Assistant Foreman