



THE TRADITION

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Cemetery Flourishes with Life

One of the most beautiful times of year in the Cemetery is right after a fresh snowfall when the only tracks you see are from the resident squirrels or family of deer. It is so peaceful and serene to walk through the Cemetery when it is covered with freshly fallen snow. Although winter is beautiful, we are looking forward to spring and the life and splendor it brings to the Cemetery, especially after one of the coldest and snowiest winters we have had in several years.

Speaking of spring, have you met George? He was born in our Cemetery in 2011 and was first spotted by crew next to a headstone with the name "George" on it (see picture above). It seemed rather fitting to name him George.

George's family has frequented Riverside over the years and includes Mamma, Gerald, Grandpa, Skippy and others. Visitors and families who have loved ones buried here find a level of spiritual comfort and peace when they spot George or other deer passing by or basking in the sun in the middle of a section.

Not only does Riverside Cemetery provide a sacred, eternal resting place in the Historical Landmark Neighborhood of the Brooklyn Centre Community of Greater Cleveland, it is a Certified Wildlife Habitat providing green space in the city for walking, reflecting, meditating and enjoying the magnificence of each season in Greater Cleveland.

2014 Events Calendar



Sunday, April 20th
Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.

Monday, May 26th
Memorial Day Service
9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 7th
Brewers & Notables Tour
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 20th
4th Annual JazzFest
1-4 p.m.

Monday, September 15th
History of Riverside Cemetery
7:00 p.m.

*At the Fairview Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, for the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society

Events at the Cemetery are FREE and Open to the public

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Memorial Day Service: Honoring Those Who Protected Our Freedom

Riverside Cemetery is pleased to partner with Walter Martens & Sons Funeral Home and to host this year's *Memorial Day Service*, "Honoring Those Who Protected Our Freedom."

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the William R. Halley Chapel at Riverside Cemetery you are invited to join us in remembering and honoring all who have died protecting our country and serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The program will include a flag ceremony, procession, memorial service and military honors.

This event is open to all and it is our sincere hope that you will pass this information on to your family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

For more information, please contact us at 216-351-4800.



Administrative Staff & Crew

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Serving the Community for 138 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.

Back in 1876, our founders gave us some very important guidelines for Riverside's operations, which include:

- **Consider and care for each person** selecting Riverside as a member of our extended family, and provide reassuring comfort and counsel.
- Provide the **highest quality maintenance and care** of our sacred grounds.
- Serve people with **personal consideration, honesty, and integrity without regard to religion, race, or background.**

These guidelines, along with our committed staff and crew have earned us a solid reputation among professionals as well as those we have been privileged to represent since 1876.

To assist our families, we are pleased to offer:

- **Interest-free payment plans** for pre-need graves and burials at reasonable prices.
- Graves for **full casket burials**, an Urn Garden for **cremation burials** and our "Natural Burial" section.
- Special areas for **infants and youth.**
- Anywhere in the cemetery you can have **grass level headstones**, and for those wanting **raised markers** or **monuments**, we offer these accommodations in designated areas.
- **Direct, personal assistance from non-commissioned office staff.**

As an **integral member of the community** we are proud to host several tours each year as well as an Easter Sunrise Service, Educational Programs, our annual JazzFest in July and new this year a Memorial Day Service to honor those who protect our freedom.

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. You will be pleasantly satisfied.



Silk Bouquets and Crosses Available



A **variety of Silk Bouquets** are available for purchase and viewing in the Cemetery's Office. **Handcrafted crosses, made by a local craftsman** are also available for purchase. Since crosses are custom made with your loved one's information, please contact the Cemetery to place your order.

***Remember:** The decoration policy limits the number of items on any grave to three items. Decorations placed now will remain on graves until our next scheduled clean off, October 15, 2014. At anytime, the Cemetery may remove decorations when there are more than three items, they are unsightly or pose a danger to visitors or our crew. If you have any questions about what can/cannot be placed on a grave, please contact us at 216-351-4800.

With two nationally registered historic buildings and 90+ acres, the ongoing mission of the Riverside Cemetery Foundation is to maintain and preserve the historic integrity of the buildings and grounds and support our educational and community programs and events.



In Grateful Appreciation

*New Contributors and Additional Gifts
To The Riverside Cemetery Foundation*

Joel W. Ager

In Memory of Elizabeth Ager

Clare Becker

Fred Brunner

In Memory of Jimmy Gibson

Carey Funeral Home

Friends & Families We Served

Earl & Susan Feierabend

*In Memory of John & Augusta and
George & Agnes Feierabend*

Fortuna Funeral Home

In Memory of Joseph L. Fortuna

Foster Family Foundation

Mr. Mrs. John H. Franklin, Jr.

In Memory of the Lamson & Sessions Family

William & Marijane Halley

*In Memory of Madeline & Heber Halley and
Hilda & Paul Hiller*

Joseph Haven

In Memory of Thelma L. Haven

Linda Heiden

James Hennessey

Richard & Sally Hollington

In Memory of Dr. Robert & Florence Stecher

Julius Kanyok

In Memory of Barbara, John & Michael Kanyok

Linda, George & Elaine Kapcar

In Honor of Sally & Greg Kapcar

Gregory & Sally Kapcar

In Memory of Jack & Sally Bailey

Mrs. Louise Kroehle

In Memory of Vernon (Tad) Kroehle

Alexander E. Lancaster, Jr.

Herbert F. Leisy

Nory E. Maldonado

Jane Meade

In Memory of Ernest Meade

Tom Neal

Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Obert

In Memory of Families at Riverside

W. Otankis

In Memory of Andreis & Ina Otankis

James & Julie Pace

Teresa & Robert Polk

Ammer Smith

In Memory of Louis Smith

Linda & Gary Spiros

*In Memory of Olivia Augustus Spiros and
August & Maimu Alber*

Clariece Stuewe

In Memory of the Stuewe Family

Pioneer Ridge Sunshine Fund

In Memory of Helen Knowles

Eric B. Townsend

In Memory of the Townsend Family

June Travis

*In Memory of John E. & Catherine A. Joplin and
Oscar & Emilia Barth*

Mr. & Mrs. Hector Vega

In Memory of Edwin Vega

Robin Weaver

In Memory of John C. Dix

Betty Wells

In Memory of Arthur C. Wells

Raymond & Betty White

In Memory of Troy Christopher White

Martha Williams

*In Memory of Earl A. Williamson and
Kroehle Families*



JOHN C. DIX 1858-1926



John C. Dix
Former Superintendent-Clerk
of Riverside Cemetery

Cemetery Residence
Originally located at
3601 W. 25th Street

Great-granddaughters Rediscover & Rejoice Family Connection to Cemetery

“What an experience for us...visiting the Cemetery was the highlight of our trip!” While retracing family history, including visits to previous homes of distant relatives, Robin and Nancy could not leave town without visiting Riverside where their Great-grandfather, John C. Dix served for 42 years as Superintendent-Clerk. Although the Superintendent’s Residence where he and his family lived has long been gone (it used to stand where the entrance ramp to I-71 north is now located and had the address 3601 W. 25th Street), it was a homecoming of sorts as Robin and Nancy visited the family lot where John and other family members are laid to rest, toured the nationally registered Chapel and Gatehouse/Office Buildings, explored our 90+ acres and searched our burial records for any bit of information that would help them connect the puzzle pieces of their family’s history.

John C. Dix was born in Wales with three other siblings but only John and his younger sister, Luisa, came to New York when John was between 6-8 years old. Robin and Nancy are still researching why two siblings stayed in Liverpool and how his parents got John and Luisa to Ohio. However, they feel more connected to their great-grandfather through his crucial role in the early development of the Cemetery and his work with many of the original Founders and Trustees of the Cemetery. John worked his way up from a gravedigger to become Superintendent-Clerk in 1884 upon the death of his predecessor, Josiah Barber, Jr. John served in this role until his passing in 1926 at the age of 68.

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.

Cemetery Gates

April – September 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
October – March 7:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Saturday
(except Holidays)

Grave Clean-off Dates

March 1st & October 15th

PLEASE: No Glass or Porcelain items at anytime. No Fences or Stone Borders/No Bicycles

3607 Pearl Road,
Cleveland, OH 44109
216-351-4800



Annual Brewers & Notable Tour

Join us Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. for our most popular tour that highlights the lives and contributions of several local Brewers and Notables. Industrialists, land developers, commercial building designers, local government officials, musicians, playwrights, businessmen & women have their eternal resting places at Riverside Cemetery. Their life stories and those of many others tell the history of Cleveland and northeast Ohio. Exploring the grounds and strolling among the monuments and headstones allows you to step back in time.

Doug Kusak from the Metroparks Outdoor Historical Education Division and Bill Halley, former Riverside Cemetery Manager and resident historian join forces again to take you on this fascinating journey through Cleveland’s rich and storied history.

There is no charge for this event, but if you plan to attend, an advanced reservation would help us prepare. Please contact the Office at 216-351-4800 or email riverside.cemetery@att.net. Tour starts at the Cemetery’s Nationally Registered Victorian Stone Chapel.

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