



THE TRADITION

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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.

See **page 4** for Contact Information and Cemetery Hours.

Facebook Photo Contest



Beginning in November 2020, we rolled out a new Facebook Page. With the hope of highlighting our new Facebook presence, we held a photo contest. The prize for the community chosen winner was to be featured in our 2021 calendar, have the photo featured as our page's profile picture/cover photos, and a mention in this newsletter.

Our photo contest had over fifty entries by various residents in the Cleveland area. We aimed to showcase the beauty that is Riverside Cemetery, with which we were not disappointed.

The photo contest overall winner was **Sean Mabin**. (Sean's photo to the right) He was born here in Cleveland and has resided in Old Brooklyn for most of his life. Sean is a 1993 graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, received a teaching certificate in 1998 and currently runs an art gallery in Parma called "Prama Artspace". He tells us that he is currently taking photos on his Samsung 9s phone using Snapseed for his edits. When asked what brought him to the cemetery to take the photos he writes "I started logging area cemeteries and graveyards about 5 years ago... I've always enjoyed architecture and art. I visit Riverside at least once a month."



Above: The Administrative Building at Riverside Cemetery Photo by: **Sean Mabin**

The photo chosen by the staff was taken by **Desiree Fender**. (Desiree's photo on back cover) She and her husband Rick reside in Oberlin. She tells us she comes from a family of amateur photographers and in 2017 decided to pick up a camera for herself! When asked about her photography background she writes "I take photos of everything magical I see and have been learning the ins and outs ever since. There's much more to learn but I've made great strides being mostly self-taught."

We hope to have another photo contest this year that might allow us to make a 2022 calendar! Please check out our Facebook page for the most up to date information.

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Spring is not Cancelled

Once again spring is upon us, which is always a highly active time for Riverside! We hope you have a chance to visit us soon and enjoy for yourself the wonderful impact the spring season has to our cemetery. You will see throughout a well-kept parklike paradise trees blossoming out of dormant, with a variety of unpredictable color, forgotten since last spring. Through their shadows, spontaneous rays of light filter across the breathtaking monuments and long winding roads.

Our staff will exchange waves from familiar faces as we stay busy to restore appearances after winter. As attendance begins to grow, so does everything else! We pride ourselves each year on what we can accomplish while still maintaining an excellent reputation regarding the preparation of funeral services within a highly active cemetery.

Some have been patient to leave their homes for other reasons. We have sacrificed so much throughout this pandemic with hopes to stay safe and return to a more functional and enjoyable life soon.

We appreciate the understanding we ask from those we love to help, and we hope to conduct business through unlocked doors and welcomed handshakes very soon!

There is however no shortage of company clichés for COVID, and instead of repeating to you the *New Norm* phrases about *Unprecedented Times* or that *We Are Here For You*, we are very excited to share with you some of the new things coming up for Riverside this Spring!

A Helping Hand



Beginning this spring, we have arranged with nearby Saint Ignatius High School, through their student community program, the wonderful opportunity to receive assistance with beautification type projects that will certainly be appreciated, and hopefully have a wonderful impact for us as well as the students!

New Landscaping Company



To continue to always provide a fresh cut lawn for the families visiting Riverside, we have begun a partnership with Asturi Landscape. To stay ahead of our headstone installations and those weeks with busier than average funeral schedules, it is very nice to rely on a separate company whose sole focus is to be sure grass never grows past undesirable lengths while displaying care and caution when working so closely to monuments and grave decorations. From what we've heard from company owner Massimo Asturi, we are truly optimistic towards this upcoming season and the possibilities we have to accomplish great things! 2



We have added a fourth Columbarium for those that seek an above ground option after cremation. Niches with granite covers can hold up to two standard size urns each, with availability on both the front or the more private hillside faced backside



Development in our Northeast Valley

So many things must be considered when deciding to develop unused land for future burials. How should roads be planned? Will low points in the land create unwanted puddling during heavy rainstorms? Can we achieve an attractive outcome while still utilizing as much limited land as possible for future grave space? This area (seen in the drawing above) has been referred to as future expansion since 1876 and has already begun its first phase toward becoming ready for use. Platt Construction, a company well-established with Riverside, has already begun work to the area by installing new underground drain lines, with plans for additional catch basins strategically placed according to the pitch of the ground. New roads have been designed to reduce walking distance to Section 37, while allowing for easy traffic flow when passing through. We are most definitely looking forward to see the new look when all is finished!

Donations Received 9/1/2020 to 3/1/2021

Anonymous

John Betcher

Bernard L. Buckner

In memory of Ruth Buckner

Laurie Boyer

In memory of Thomas R. Morgan

Alexandra Braun

In memory of Serhij & Katharina Terentiuk

Bernard L. Buckner

In memory of Ruth Buckner

Stacy Candow

Val Craig

Carol Edel

In memory of Mother Clara Edel

Rev. David L. Enzman

In memory of Maghale Gamble

Bonnie Eyring

In memory of Ronald Eyring

Beatrice Glover

In memory of beloved husband Bernard Glover

William & Marijane

Halley

In memory of David P. Halley

Patricia Henderson

In memory of James Paul Robinson

John Hornsey

Don & Patricia Isenstadt

In memory of Ann Ragalyi

Lea Kupp Junkers

In memory of Olev, Karin, Natalie & Ilmar Kupp

Jill Keppler

Cynthia L. Kuehn

In memory of Richard A. Kuehn

Fred Lambing

In memory of Barbara Lambing

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In memory of The Lancaster Family

Sean Mabin

Gail D. Malcolm

In memory of Willie Mae Rucker & Jacqueline B. Rucket

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Ed Miller

Kathy Moreschi

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Teresa D. & Robert Polk

Mary Lou Prager

In memory of Thomas Prager & Virginia Gobel

Lori Salvador

Linda Spiros

In memory of Olivia Augustus Spiros, Gust Spiros, August Alber, Johanna Alber, Maimu Alber

Celina Stewart

Jack Tibbitts

Eric Townsend

In memory of The Townsend & Beach Families

David M. Trebing

Christeen C. Tuttle

In memory of Florence Brewster Rutter

John Volkenant

Robin Weever

In memory of Grace Dix Townes & John Dix

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In memory of Troy Christopher White

Shirlie G. Wozniak

In memory of Thaddeus Wozniak & Wilburt Ghatz

Pauline "Polly" Zehnder-Swader

THANK YOU for your generous contributions! With your support, we have been able to accomplish great 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!





Please help yourselves to our mulch mountain left over from major tree trimming projects. Contact the office if interested in helping us clear out this area. Donations are always appreciated but not necessary

Hours & Contact Info

Cemetery Gates

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

March 1st & October 15th
(Weather permitting)

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Cleveland, OH 44109

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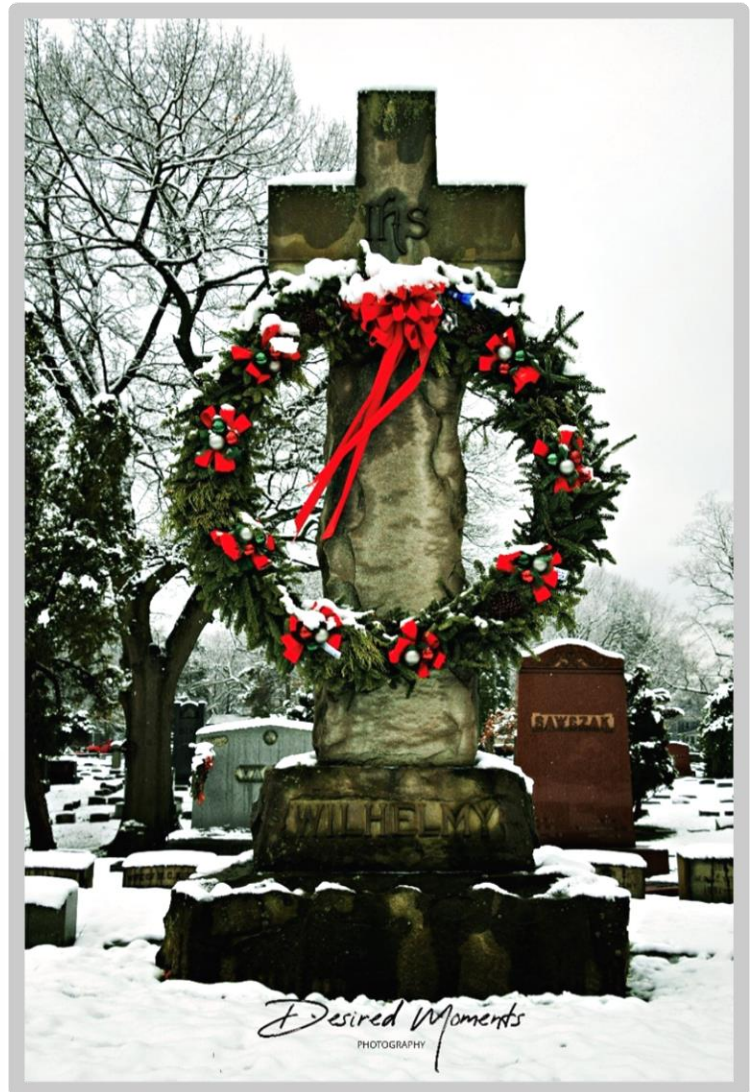
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*Above: The Wilhelmy
Lot at Riverside
Cemetery during winter*

*Photo by: **Desiree Fender***

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Grounds Keepers**

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