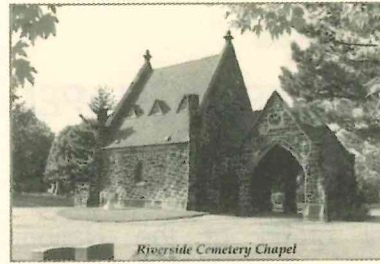


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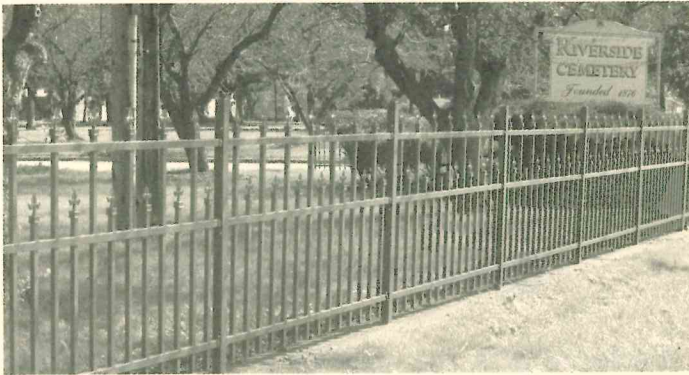
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Cemetery Fence

Our badly deteriorated Victorian fence along the Pearl Road border has now been replaced with a beautiful, complimentary new one which is similarly styled and includes our signature dark green color. Part of the cost was borne by our Foundation through thoughtful memorial gifts from many of our fine families. However, additional Foundation participation to help minimize the Cemetery operating funds burden for the uncovered cost will continue to be gratefully appreciated.



SUMMER TOURS

"Industry & Innovation"

Again this summer, the Foundation and Association were involved in two tour programs on our grounds.

The first was Sunday, June 22, and was co-sponsored with the Brooklyn Centre Community Association in conjunction with their fourth annual garden event and was titled "Industry & Innovation".

Seven volunteers doing character portrayals were stationed at appropriate sites on the grounds. We received very nice coverage from Channel 3 with two live interviews on grounds with Brooklyn Centre staff. A very successful start was finally stopped early when scattered thunderstorms that day finally became steady rain. We are told a rerun and rework of this program is planned for June 14, 2009.



"Brewers' Tour"

On July 19, our annual Brewers' and Other Notables tour was held. It was a beautiful, warm day and we had about 28 persons present. Doug Kusak from the Metroparks Outdoor Education Division discussed six of our eight brewing families here and Riverside's Bill Halley introduced guests to many of our notables along the way. Everyone seemed to enjoy their visit and the enlightenment we were pleased to share with them. Look in our Newsletter Spring issue for information on a similar tour next year.



**If God is your co-pilot,
swap seats !!**

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY CHAPEL, A.D. 1876

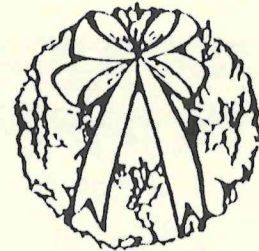
Riverside is very proud of the Nationally Registered, landmark, non-sectarian Chapel treasure which our founders built for us between August and November 1876 for the sacred purpose of having an interdenominational place for funerals.

The original building, without its porte cochere out front, covered rear stairs leading to the basement receiving vault, the coal bin, furnace room, and the three leaded glass gothic windows on the north, west, and south walls respectively, was built between August 4 and November 11, 1876. The architects were Bruch & Monks and the cost was approximately \$3,855. The detailed exclusions were added between July 7 and November 3, 1898. The architects for these additions were Steffens, Searles & Hirsh. These architects were known for their expert skill in blending additions and/or alterations to pre-existing structures so the old and new would be undistinguishable. The large carved medallion on the north side of the porte cochere is a reproduction of one by Brevet found in the Bere la Chaise Cemetery in Paris called 'Le Silence', enjoining all who pass by to be silent. The bird with outstretched wings and olive branch in bill on the south side is emblematic of the departing spirit.

Over the years, as traditions changed, funeral services were held more often in funeral homes so gradually the Cemetery Chapel was used less often. It was closed in August 1953. By the early 1990's, the once beautiful Victorian treasure had fallen into disrepair and was in dire need of restoration. The Riverside Cemetery Foundation 501 (c) (3) was established in 1992, with an initial mission to raise necessary funds to accomplish this monumental project. Work began in May 1995, concluded in the summer of 1998, and was almost totally accomplished with private contributions from numerous sources to our Foundation. All those who participated are recognized in a wall-hanging within the Chapel.

A great number of Cemetery Chapels are located within community mausoleums. At Riverside, you have an intimate, Victorian, sandstone Chapel which is a free-standing place of worship. Since its reopening in September 1998, we have had well over 100 funeral services, a few weddings, and some general memorial services

within. And, without exception, the response to the very comforting and inspirational experience it offers has been very positive. We encourage your considering this beautiful Chapel for your Funeral and Memorial Service needs. It will comfortably accommodate 80-90 people and is best suited for a service or wedding of an hour or less. The charge for using the Chapel is presently \$125. Part of this fee is deposited in its perpetual building maintenance account; the remainder helps defray the high winter electric heating cost and the 24/7 dehumidification required during spring/summer/fall seasons.



Christmas Wreaths

Enclosed with the mailings of this Newsletter to most of our families is a flyer discussing the offering of a nice selection of Christmas Wreaths and one attractive silk poinsettia bouquet. A sample of each will be on display in the office in early October.

Wreaths purchased before Thanksgiving will be placed at your designated grave(s) on a sturdy stand during the first week of December.

If you choose to purchase a wreath elsewhere, be sure it comes with a **sturdy steel stand**. Do **not** use the flimsy, light-weight wires stapled in the boxes. They bend and collapse easily, dislodge the attached tribute, and allow most to just blow away. We have free steel stands available at the office; you only need some strong twine to tie it on securely. Also, **please avoid using Styrofoam** items. They will not hold together in challenging weather necessitating our having to constantly retrieve and dispose of their scattered debris.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q-Was the present Administration Building ever somebody's residence?

A-Our present Administration Building was built in 1896 and has been our office headquarters since that time. Prior to 1896, the Office was a small wooden cottage with a white rail fence which we assume was already on the property when purchased. The red brownstone used to build our castle-like, Victorian structure came from Long Meadow, Mass.

Q-What is the history of your Maintenance Garages?

A-The original Service Garage was a large barn-like, wooden structure located in a recessed area directly across from our present office building and north of the present Veterans memorial. Since the larger maintenance equipment was then powered by horses, we had to have our own stables. In 1936, the barn was replaced by a large, two-story brick building on the same site. It remained until the need for an I-71 entrance ramp off Pearl Road necessitated our relocating the Service Building to our south entrance on Willowdale Avenue where a new mural stone façade garage was built.

Q-Do you still have many graves available considering you are 132 years old?

A-Yes. Despite our existence well into our second century, we still have multiple thousands of available accommodations. Naturally, space is more limited in the original sections our founders developed, but we were fortunate in recovering our considerable wooded and brush filled cavernous land with soils displaced from various local freeway construction projects.

We still have some undeveloped land, developed land yet unopened, a large new section up front waiting to be pinned which will permit upright monuments and headstones, and a beautiful new traditional section in a very secluded and rustic setting deep within our scenic valley. And, I'm confident you will find our grave prices and service charges to be among the lowest available when compared to other local Cemetery choices. Your inquiries about them are always welcome.

FROM THE FOREMEN

BY SHIRLEY & KEN

The fall is upon us again. This year we would like to thank the many people who did keep their loose items per grave down to 3; but there were still many who didn't. This makes it much harder for us to do our job, plus we have to take a critical time-out to walk through and clear off the extras. Please keep your loose items to three per grave! This doesn't mean per person buried in the grave, but only the grave itself.

We also ask that when parking to visit, **please stay on the road**. The roads are wide enough for two lanes so that you don't have to pull off the road and park on the grass. And, the "**keep off grass**" signs refer only to vehicles, not persons.

We would also like to remind you that fall clean-off begins on October 15th and winter on March 1st. The shepherd's hooks will stay, but everything on them will be removed. If there is anything you wish to keep, please take it off **before** the 15th or the 1st as applicable.

Have a warm and safe Holiday season.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

William Halley.....	General Manager
Valere Craig	Adm. Asst.
Marijane Halley.....	Adm. Asst.
Shirley Bill	General Foreman
Kenneth Langley.....	Asst. General Foreman

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

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Saturday
(except Holidays)

CEMETERY GRAVE CLEAN-OFF DATES
MARCH 1 & OCTOBER 15

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS AT ANYTIME.

NAME CROSSES IN FLAT STONE AREAS PERMITTED
NOV. 1 - APR. 1 ONLY

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION OF LOT OWNERS WHOSE REVENUES FROM SALES & SERVICES ARE USED TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE OUR GROUNDS.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

SOME INTERESTING RIVERSIDE HISTORY FACTS

During the late 19th and early 20th Century, deceased persons were sometimes transported to the Cemetery gates in a special funeral car which was part of the public transit system. Robert B. Andrews, Supt. here from 1924-1977, told the present Manager that the car, often with family and friends, stopped at the front gate. Our horse drawn buckboard received the casket and proceeded to the gravesite with most of the mourners walking behind.

The funeral car then proceeded to the intersection of Denison & Pearl Rd., then the end of the line, where it rotated 180° and returned to pick up everyone following committal services.

All grass cutting was at that time done by horse drawn mowers. Trucking was also accomplished similarly. A fully stocked wooden stable was situated in a recessed area across from our office until 1936 when a brick service building replaced it. We still have a large spoked wagon wheel from that era.

The trimming around the markers and trees was once accomplished with hand-held sickles. These were eventually replaced by electric trimmers. Two employees, each with a steel bladed trimmer and an 100' electrical cord plugged into a portable generator, did all of the required trimming. When this industry-standard electric trimmer manufacturer retired and closed his business in the 1970's, the nylon "weed whip" became the universal means of doing the needed trimming. This was really a disguised blessing by speeding up the trimming process generally, while allowing a more thorough closer to the ground result and which then grew slower and maintained a neater appearance.



TOMORROW----SHE NEVER COMES

During my last job evaluation, my supervisor's only complaint was that I tended to put things off. She asked me if I had any ideas on how to improve.

I told her I'd give it some thought and get back to her in a week or two.

Author Unknown



A Prayer For Bad Times *By Cardinal Cushing*

Dear God,

Help me be a good sport in this game of life. I do not ask for an easy place in the lineup. Put me anywhere you need me.

I only ask that I can give you 100 percent of everything I have. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I thank you for the compliment.

Help me remember that you never send a player more trouble than he can handle.

And, help me, Lord, to accept the bad breaks as part of the game. May I always play on the square, no matter what the others do. Help me study the Book so I'll know the rules.

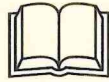
Finally, God, if the natural turn of events goes against me and I'm benched for sickness or old age, help me accept that as part of the game too. Keep me from whimpering that I was framed or that I got a raw deal.

And when I finish the final inning, I ask for no laurels. All I want is to believe in my heart that I played as well as I could and that I didn't let you down.

Submitted by John L. Carey



**GOD ANSWERS
'KNEE'- MAILS**



The 23rd Psalm For the 21st Century

*I belong to Jesus,
He provides all my needs.*

*He is always with me
and protects me night and day.*

*In the midst of chaos, I can be calm
For He refreshes my spirit.*

*I will go where He leads me
So to bring Him Glory.*

*Jesus will be with me
through the perils of life
So I will not be afraid.*

*As I read your Word, God,
I find comfort and guidance.*

*Your presence nourishes me
When the entire world seems against me.*

You sooth my soul in times of struggle.

I am blessed beyond my wildest dreams.

*I will know your love and forgiveness
each and every day
And I will live in your presence forever.*



*By the Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group
Olmsted Community Church*



WOODEN CROSSES NOW AVAILABLE

Wooden identification crosses are permitted from November 1 through March 31 in grass level headstone sections to assist in locating gravesites during the non-growing season. The Cemetery now offers these memorials for sale in two different sizes and wood types.

The smaller size, especially appropriate for children but also, for adults, is 23 1/2" tall. It comes in pine for \$50 and oak for \$60. The larger size is 35 1/2" high; it also comes in Pine for \$55 or oak for \$75. Lettering is \$.50 per letter and the total is plus tax. Either natural or varnished finish is available. Payment is due when your cross is ordered. The delivery time is from 10-14 days after an order is submitted.

Samples are on display in the Cemetery Office.

er Special Thanks er

Periodically, we are given special items and historical information about persons and events relative to the proud heritage of our Cemetery. We truly appreciate these valued gifts, and want to recognize the thoughtful donors whenever possible. Recently we have received:

- ❖ Amanda Bill, daughter of our General Foreman, presented us two large, black line drawings of our first burial, Margaret Taylor, and the owner of the farm we purchased for the Cemetery, Titus N. Brainard. These are hanging above our Great Room fireplace.
- ❖ Michelle Baran gave us a colorful art pencil picture of our Administration Bldg. which she beautifully made and enclosed in a vintage styled frame.
- ❖ Robert Zay, heir of founding trustee Nicholas Meyer, gave us a 123 page, genealogical report, plus index and bibliography, of The Meyer Family in the United States from 1833-1991. Nicholas was a neighbor of Titus Brainard and a business partner/friend of our first Superintendent, James Curtiss. Included were pictures of Nicholas and his wife Dorothea.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

New Contributors and Additional Gifts To Our Foundation Since the Spring Issue

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& Thaddeus Wozniak*

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