



# Ferncliff Cemetery, Arboretum & Crematory Newsletter

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM,  
Saturday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
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## 2nd ANNUAL *SPRING TOUR* – April 24, 2019

On Wednesday, April 24, Ferncliff Arboretum will host our second Spring Tour, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. A horticultural trolley tour of Ferncliff Cemetery lead by Pamela J. Bennett, of The Ohio State University, will explore our beautiful grounds and the many varieties of blooming trees and bushes that grace this historic treasure in the middle of the city. Our arboretum is home to two species of *Ohio State Champions*, one designated as the largest of its species growing in Ohio.



**Pamela J. Bennett**

**State Master Gardener Volunteer Program Director, Horticulture Educator, and Associate Professor at The Ohio State University.**

**A member of the Cemetery Association Board, Pam is also the author of the chapter on the diverse flora of Ferncliff in the book, Beautiful Ferncliff.**



In addition to the guided tour, there will also be a pictorial presentation in our chapel that will provide interesting stories surrounding some of the most famous people of Ferncliff. **AND** in honor of Arbor Day, April 26<sup>th</sup>, we will also be giving away seedlings for you to plant in your own yard.

**Trolley tours will begin promptly at 4:30.**

There is **no charge** for this event, however **reservations are required** (maximum 70) and should be made by calling Ferncliff's main office at 937-322-3491.

## Summer Grounds Hours

With Daylight Savings Time, the Ferncliff Cemetery grounds is now open the following hours: Main Gate 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM, Side Gates 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

## Pet Cemetery – News and Views

### Ferncliff Pet Cemetery to Host Official Dedication

Dedication of our Pet Cemetery is scheduled for later this spring. The dedication will feature the unveiling of a granite memorial to Rambo, a Springfield Police Dept. K-9 officer who passed away in 2013. Following the ceremony, we will be holding a reception in our House of Reflections. The date for this event has not been finalized as we are still awaiting confirmation of delivery of the statue.

We are accepting interments, cremations and pre-need arrangements for all of our pet cemetery services.

#### From Our Email Inbox:

*"We want to thank you for your time and efforts . . . as you might imagine, yesterday was a very difficult day for us (we have no children; our dog was our 'boy'). Most importantly, we want to thank you for the caring manner you displayed, and the caring manner in which you did and will handle our beloved pet. Despite the extreme difficulty of the day, we felt quite relieved and grateful to have found Ferncliff. And, we are grateful that our boy will have a peaceful resting place in your wonderful pet cemetery."*

-P. & K.,

Powell, Ohio

To learn more about Ferncliff's Pet Cemetery and Pet Services, call us today at (937) 207-0309 or visit us at [www.ferncliffcemetery.org/petservices/](http://www.ferncliffcemetery.org/petservices/)



COME JOIN US

PETS 101: A PET CARE SEMINAR



Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Time: 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Where: House of Reflections  
(Located in Ferncliff Cemetery)

705 Plum St., Springfield, OH 45504

RSVP: (937) 207-0309 by March 25th

Come out and discover new ways to take care of your beloved pet. There will be animal specialists available offering demonstrations and pet professionals to advise you on various topics on pet nutrition, grooming and obedience courses.

## Memorial Day Weekend – News and Activities



*Every day, people serve their neighbors and our nation in many different ways, from helping a child learn and easing the loneliness of those without a family to defending our freedom overseas. It is in this spirit of dedication to others and to our country that I believe service should be broadly and deeply encouraged.*

- **John McCain**  
1936 - 2018

### Extended Hours – All Weekend

Fernclyff Cemetery grounds will be open extended hours for the three-day weekend (Sat, Sun, Mon): from 8 am to 7 pm. Burial location assistance will be available from 8am-4pm on Saturday, 12-4pm on Sunday and 8am-4pm Monday, at the tent just inside the main McCreight entrance, as well as at our office.

### Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Floating Lantern Remembrance Service

Once again, Fernclyff will be honoring our loved ones lost within the past year, with an evening Lantern Service on Sunday, May 26 beginning at 8:00pm. Families will gather to pay tribute with a floating lighted lantern launched on our pond. This event is by invitation only and **RSVP is required**. Call for your reservation 937-322-3491. Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort

### Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Post Parade Veterans' Honor Service

Last year the Clark County Memorial Day Parade changed its route and no longer ended at Fernclyff Cemetery. The new route turned south from McCreight, and headed down Plum Street along the eastern edge of the cemetery. Regardless of the route, Fernclyff will be hosting a Veterans' Honor Service after the parade, at the main flagpole on the front lawn just inside the main McCreight Ave entrance, in front of our office building. We invite you to join us in paying tribute.

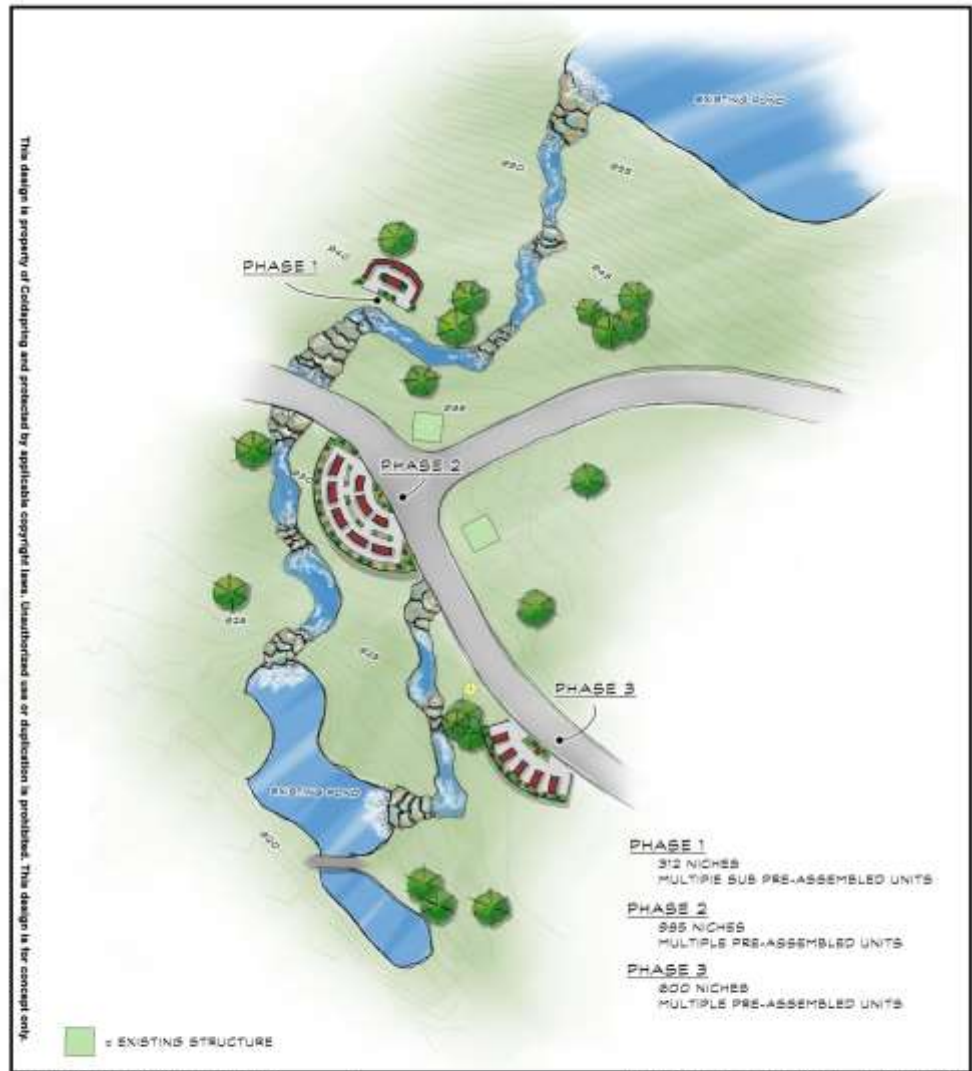
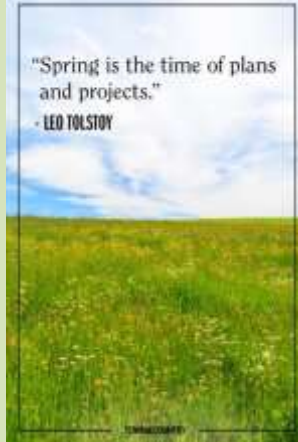


We wish to thank our local VFWs with assistance from area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in decorating our veterans' sections with the American flags.



## Changes Coming this year...

During the coming months, Ferncliff will begin several construction projects. The below design rendering shows our plans for development in Sections 56 and 58 at the south end of our grounds. The landscaping, including boulders and a landscaped creek connecting Kelly's Lake with the Anne E. Benston Lake, we are hoping to have completed by summer. Phase I will include the building of a new Niche Garden to include 312 niches and is planned for later in 2019.



Also, later this year, new roads will be built on the western edges of the cemetery, connecting the older northern sections with the fields in the southern area.



## Ferncliff Funeral Home - Questions & Answers...

### From Our Mailbox: Death out of Town

*"Since our retirement, my husband and I enjoy traveling as often as we can. But we are wondering what to do if we pass-away out of town or even out of state?"*

*-R & E, Urbana, Ohio*

Your question is very common and raises a situation we deal with quite often at Ferncliff Funeral Home and Crematory.

When a death occurs beyond the greater Clark County area, after notifying authorities, if necessary (911, etc.), your next phone call should be to Ferncliff Funeral Home and Crematory (937/207-0309), or your funeral home of choice.

At Ferncliff, our licensed funeral directors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. And, we can begin coordinating all the details regarding the death (such as securing necessary permits, certificates and paperwork), the subsequent transportation, and making arrangements for the care of the deceased and the travel back to Clark County.

As a member of several national and international associations and organizations, we can be certain to contact and work with a reputable firm near your location of death. By coordinating the details through us, we will assure everything is handled in a timely manner without the duplication of services and charges.

If you are a frequent traveler (and even if you are not), contact Funeral Director Rob Jones today to begin a discussion about your final arrangements. There is no cost or obligation for this confidential service.

Call (937) 207-0309 or email Rob at [RJones@FerncliffCemetery.org](mailto:RJones@FerncliffCemetery.org)



Join us for the **Greater Springfield Business EXPO** on **Wednesday, April 10th, 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM** at the Clark State Performing Arts Center.

This year's event will include **38 Chamber member exhibitors**, including Ferncliff, in the Grand Hall, and our new **IDEATE Speaker Series** throughout the day in the Kuss Auditorium.

**The EXPO is open to the general public and all sessions are free of charge.**

**Mother's Day.....Father's Day**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16

Burial location assistance will be available on both Mother's Day and Father's Day from 12 - 4 pm in our main office. Light refreshments will be available.



**Ferncliff Arboretum – celebrating Arbor Day Friday, April 26.**

“ The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”  
- Chinese proverb

“Trees do not preach learning and precepts. They preach, undeterred by particulars, the ancient law of life.” – Herman Hesse

“Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky.” – Kahlil Gebran



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*Remember to RSVP*









