



Ferncliff Cemetery, Arboretum & Crematory Newsletter

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM,
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"Death is more universal than life; everyone dies but not everyone lives."
– A. Sachs

Fall Tour AND Mausoleum Crawl Weekend

The 2nd annual night walking tour will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017. Join us for a night walking tour of Ferncliff Cemetery, where mausoleums will be opened and history comes alive. A true night to remember. **Reservations required** – please call the office. Registration 5pm- 6pm, Crawl 6pm – 7:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person.



On Sunday, October 22th, the 15th Annual Fall Tour takes place once again. Free trolley rides will provide a unique perspective on Ferncliff's history and local character. Local historian, Dr. Paul (Ski) Schanher and Doug Keister take turns presenting on each trolley ride. Ski will dress in his historical attire. Five tour times are available. Space is limited. **Reservations are required** and are now being taken. Please call the office.

Veteran's Day Services

Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11. The Ferncliff office will be closed in observance of the holiday on Friday, Nov. 10. We will re-open on Saturday morning and will be holding a special observance ceremony at the War Wall at 11:00am.



"Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise"
-Victor Hugo, Les Miserables



Happy Holidays!

**From: Ferncliff
Cemetery Staff
& Maintenance
Team**

House of Reflections to open soon.



Previously built in 1890 for the Superintendent of the Cemetery, the historic home on Plum Street has been fully renovated and is soon to open as the House of Reflections. In its new role, the building contains 368 indoor niches in a choice of glass fronted or granite, where family and friends of loved ones can privately reflect in comfortable, updated, tranquil surroundings.

The glass front niches have beveled glass and LED lighting, with etched lettering for memorialization. Varying sizes and configurations are available to meet a wide range of needs, from 12" x 12" to as large as 24" x 24", many accommodating two urns. "Making niches available in what will be a beautifully restored building is an extension of our commitment to meet the interests of the community", said current Ferncliff Superintendent, Stanly Spitler.

The House of Reflections will also offer an environment conducive to small, intimate services, with kitchen facilities, handicap accessibility, and convenient parking available. An open house for the public will be held on Saturday, November 18, from 9am to noon.

2017 Holiday Hours



The Ferncliff Cemetery office will be closed on Thursday, November 23, 2015 for Thanksgiving Day. The office will reopen Friday, November 24th at 8:00 am.



The Ferncliff Cemetery office will be closed Friday - Monday, December 22-25, 2017 so our employees may spend time with their families during the Christmas holidays. The office will reopen Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

Lastly, the Ferncliff Cemetery office will be closed Friday - Monday, December 29 - January 1, 2018. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Grounds Hours

Ferncliff Cemetery grounds will be open the following: Main Gate 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Side Gates 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM. The only reason that the gates may close earlier is due to inclement weather. We feel the safety of our families comes first.

Winter decoration period from 11/15/17 – 3/15/18



Items permitted during this time are as follows: artificial flowers, wreaths, grave blankets. Artificial monument saddles, monument vase decorations permissible year around. Live decoration monument saddles, monument vase decorations will be removed when it becomes unsightly. Items not permitted at any time include lights, toys, photos, rocks, pin wheels, wind socks, fence panels, etc. A more detailed list can be found in our Lot Decoration Policy, posted at each entrance, or available at the office.

The Niche Garden and Scattering Garden can be decorated only with fresh funeral arrangements for the week following inurnment or scattering. Please, no other decorations permitted.

Please help us in preserving our beautiful grounds by honoring the wishes of our families and friends and adhering to our decoration policy.

New Sections are now Open...

New burial sections have been opened for purchase. Sections 50, 54, 56, and 58 are located at the south end of the cemetery near the pond and fountain areas. If you would like to consider selecting a sight in these new sections, please call our office and speak to one of our Family Service representatives.



Why Prearrange?

The difference in families who have prearranged their final requests and those who have not are like night and day. The loss of your loved one is hard enough, but the added worry of money and what is required is more than most can bear. We here at Ferncliff Cemetery would like to encourage all our families to prearrange. What does that mean? Your money goes into our trust fund, and is immediately available to pay cemetery costs. This eliminates the potential delay of services that may occur while waiting to verify life insurance benefits or secure funds for the arrangements. Call us and make an appointment to see how easy this process really is.



"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple."



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