



Ferncliff

WINTER NEWSLETTER

January - March 2020

The Governing Body of Ferncliff

The governing body of Ferncliff Cemetery is a non-profit, volunteer organization. The Springfield Cemetery Association is comprised of twenty-five members of our community. Of these, nine members are selected to serve as Trustees (*marked below). **Currently, these members include:**

Pamela Bennett
 Bill Brougher
 Jim Campbell
 Darnell Carter
 Roger Evans..... *Trustee
 Martha Glendenin
 Harold Goodrich
 Deborah Hill *President
 William Lambacher
 Atty. David Martin *Secretary
 Larry McCoy
 Julie McGregor
 Daniel McGregor

Dale E. Miller..... *Trustee
 Plato Pavlatos
 Sheila Rice *Trustee
 Reed Robertson *Trustee
 Dr. Paul "Ski" Schanher *Trustee
 Steve Schumaker
 Jon Sterling
 Dr. Richard Umbaugh..... *Vice President
 & Treasurer
 Ed Urbanek
 Chester Walthall *Immediate Past
 President



In addition, the Ferncliff Funeral Home, operating as an autonomous organization, includes the following board members:

Dr. Paul "Ski" Schanher, *President*
 Richard Brougher, *Vice President*
 Myles Trempe, *Treasurer*
 Deanna Brougher
 Dale Henry
 Kevin Rose

Thank you to our staff, volunteers, board members and trustees. Your actions strengthen our community and continue Ferncliff's reputation as a respectful, sincere partner in afterlife care.

Our Mission: Ferncliff serves its community with supportive, affordable, and inclusive end of life services in a beautiful, historic environment in perpetuity.

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00AM - 4:30PM | ferncliffcemetery.org

Introducing a new look for Ferncliff

The same people, the same great service - a new logo to share with our community

Ferncliff, a non-profit organization, has always been more than the standard cemetery. Named for the beautifully unique fern-covered cliffs located near today's South Plum Street entrance, our cemetery and arboretum stands unequalled in its beauty, landscape, and care.

Over the past 156 years, Ferncliff has evolved to meet the needs of our community, now offering cremation, a full service funeral home, pet services and more innovative burial options.

Ferncliff's goal is, to steadfastly serve Springfield in a fashion unrivaled by its peers. We take pride in caring for Springfield in every stage of life, before during and after.

The new logo embraces this mission and our foundational values.



Ferncliff

- *Ferncliff protects, celebrates and memorializes that which is most precious to each person in our community.*
- *Sheltering the fern graphic within a gem shape, illustrates that harmony and sincerity are central to the core strength of Ferncliff.*
- *Ferncliff connects the living with those that have passed. While loved ones may be separated, like the stem of the fern, memories and legacies are protected within Ferncliff's grounds.*

Opening The Vault . . . Look What We Found!

The first photo to the right was taken of the new administration building built in 1931, and the McCreight Street entrance. Note the State Route 70 sign along the road. This road was re-designated prior to Interstate 70 opening in Clark County in 1968. We are amazed at the size and lack of trees. It looks so different now.

The architect, W.K. Shilling, who had just completed the restoration of the Pennsylvania House, both designed and built the offices. Shilling would later design and build the downtown post office which shares striking similarities.

When Mr. Shilling passed away in 1939, he was interred at Ferncliff in Section A, and his monument shows the influence of the Art Deco style that he often utilized in his buildings.



Photo Circa 1931-1935



Photo 2019



Daylight Savings Time Changes and so do our Gate Hours

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00am on Sunday, March 8, 2020. As the time changes, so do our gate hours.

Summer gate hours will go into effect on Sunday, March 8th as follows:

Main Gate 7:30^{am} – 6:00^{pm}

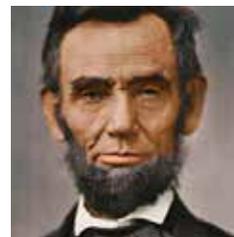
Lower Plum St. Gates 7:30^{am} – 4:30^{pm}

Note that gates may close earlier due to inclement weather.

Mark your Calendar

The Ferncliff Cemetery and Funeral Home offices will be closed on the following days:

- **Tue., Dec. 24 & Wed., Dec. 25, 2019**
- **Tue., Dec. 31, 2019 & Wed., Jan. 1, 2020**
- **Mon., Feb. 17, 2020 - President's Day**



"Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

- Abraham Lincoln

Spring Clean-Up!!

Spring Clean-up will begin early on Monday, March 16, 2020. **Families should remove any desired decorations prior to Sunday, Mar 15. Any decorations left will be removed.**

Note that last year, there were several families who did not remove decorations prior to the clean-up and were disappointed.

We try to make sure our families know well ahead of time about the clean-up, including signs on the grounds and notices on the Ferncliff Facebook page and website.

Please mark this date on your calendar. If you have any questions about our decorations policy, please call our office.

Fall Tour & Mausoleum Crawl Weekend

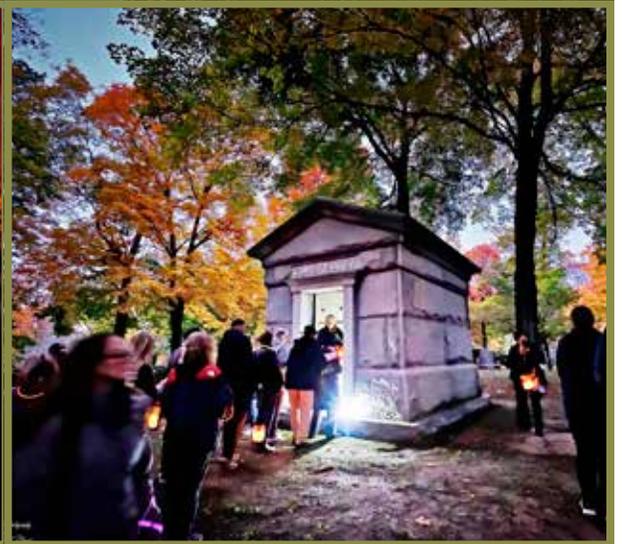
Another Great Year

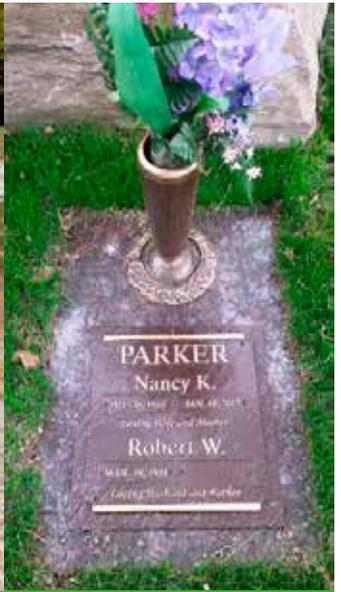
This year's 17th Fall tour weekend began with an evening walking tour exploring the history of the mausoleums at Ferncliff on Friday evening, October 25.

This year's crawl was led for the first time by **Kevin Rose**, an architectural historian for the Turner Foundation. It was the largest turnout ever, with over 95 attendees. Everyone had a great evening.

The trolley tours on Sunday, Oct. 27 were also very well attended and a huge success. This year's tours were led by **Ski Schanher** and **Pam Bennett**, both association members of our board.

A huge thank you is extended to our guides and to all who helped make this year's events so much fun.





Creekside Columbarium and Cremorial Garden is Now Open.

Our newest columbarium with 300+ niches is now open in Section 58 at the south end of the cemetery. Overlooking Benston Lake, this is a beautiful, peaceful choice of location for a final resting place. Each niche can accommodate one or two urns with cremated remains, includes the bronze nameplate, and is priced from \$2,100.

Along the outer edges of the walls are spaces for 25 in-ground cremation memorials, or Cremorials. Each cremorial can also accommodate one or two cremated remains, includes 12x12 bronze nameplate, and is available starting at \$1,230.

Interesting Tidbits . . . Did you Know?

Year Founded	1863
First Interment	June 21, 1864: <i>George Clemans, an 8-year old boy who died of spotted fever</i>
Number of Interments	78,000+
Number of Acres	240
Original 70 Acre Purchase Price	\$100 per acre
Administration Building Built	1931
Pet Cemetery Opened	2018

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We want your photos!!
If you have a good shot
you'd like to share, please
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