

The Legacy

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

April, 2019

2018— What an Amazing Year!

We always have fun looking back at the pictures from the previous year when we get ready to send you this update of what we accomplished. It gives us an opportunity to remember everything we did as we often just don't remember what all that was accomplished. So it is great for us to do this and share with you our very generous supporters.

The year started with the Theta Chi Fraternity returning to help us with the spring clean up and basically ended the year with the Theta Chi Fraternity helping with the fall clean up. This group of young men are an absolute blessing to us.

There was a lot that was accomplished in between those two seasons but I don't want to give away all of the work that was done now. Armore Tree Service was there as well to assist along the way.

In 2019 the cemetery will celebrate the cemetery's **160th birthday**. There is so much great Cleveland history in the cemetery and it is exciting to think that we are all part of the history that 160 years from now our decedents will look back and realize each of us did in our own way to preserve their heritage.

We did have some disappointments. The grounds maintenance company that we have been using for the past 4 years moved out of the area and didn't tell us until it was time for vacuuming the leaves. So we will be clearing the piles of the leaves on April 27 and 28th with a lot of help from, you guessed it, Theta Chi Fraternity. We will also start doing our own mowing again. We have purchased a mower with money from our endowment and a donation from one of the trustees.

Wayne, Amy and I did not stop our work over the winter months. We still needed to complete some renovations on the back entrance way to the chapel and the storage area. We tore down part of a wall that was breaking free of the brick exterior wall and rebuilt it. In addition we add more shelving to the back store room for all the decorations, tools, etc that we utilize throughout the year for the cemetery events.

We can't thank each of you enough for your on-going support and words of encouragement. Please keep coming back for visits. We enjoy seeing that you have been there even when we are not there.

Thank you again!

Warmest Regards ~ Nancy



Theta Chi Fraternity
Thank you!



*Spring clean up
included picking up
branches, clearing
leaves from around
the headstones and
yes they spread 10
yards of mulch.*

**Even after all
that they were
not too tired
for the fun
picture above.**



Memorial Day

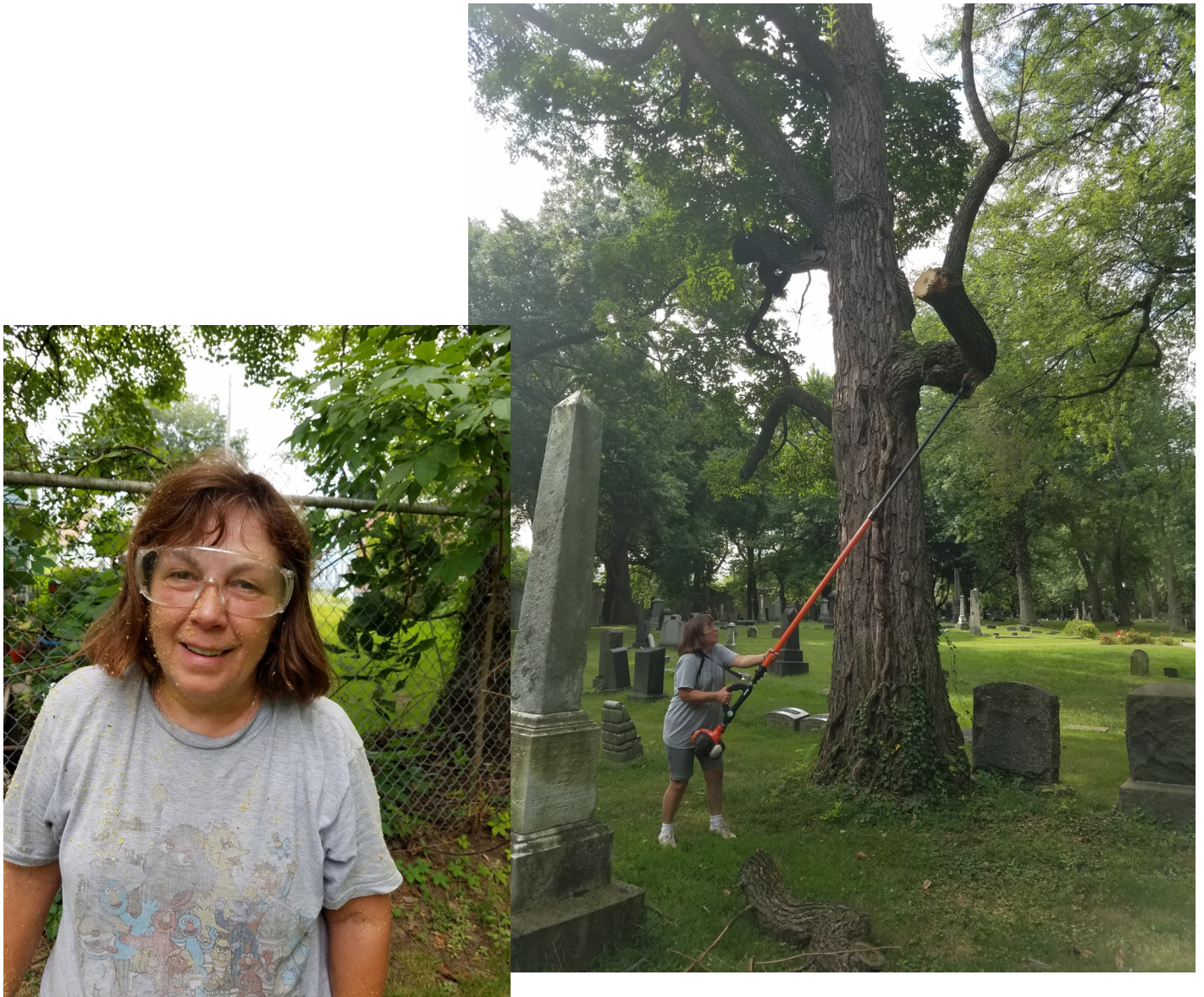
Each year on the Saturday before Memorial Day we place flags on each of the veteran graves in the cemetery. The Boy Scouts come to help along with other members of the community. After all the flags are placed we do a cook out with everyone that attends. This year the mounted police stopped by to say hello which was a great treat for all.

**Thank you to all
our Veterans!**
Your service to our
country is
invaluable.



Tree Trimming

Wayne, Amy and I did some major tree trimming along the back fence line of the cemetery and then took down some good size dead branches off several other trees. Wayne always has his camera ready when Nancy has gotten a wild idea about doing some of these things and always gets her looking her best. We sure do have fun!



2018 Halloween Tour

We held our 8th annual Halloween Tour on Saturday, October 29th. Despite the pouring down rain we had a great crowd. Wayne had to end the first tour in the chapel due to the high winds for safety reasons.



Do you see batman in the picture to the right. Who is that masked man you ask?

It's our very own Bill Garrison!



2018 Graveyard Charge - The Scouts worked hard and had some fun as well!

Thank you!

The Scouts came in November and moved all the leaves that had fallen by mid November to the side of the road. These folks have this down to a science, they come in, they are organized and spreadout throughout the cemetery and within a few short hours the entire cemetery has been raked. The head of the scouts in Cleveland came out this year to see what was happening It truly does take village!



Thank you all so very much!!!

2018 Leave Clean Up Continues Theta Chia Fraternity Returns!

The fraternity came back the 1st weekend in December to get the second round of leaves.



**Great job guys!!! You are
so appreciated!**

Ardmore Tree Service to the Rescue

We received a call from University Circle Police one day calling to advise that the officer who opened the gates for us that day found one of our trees had fallen over the night before in the wind storm. A quick visit to the cemetery found the tree below. Realizing that this tree was much too large for our chain saws a call was placed to Mark Derrickson at Ardmore who immediately dispatched his crew to the cemetery the next day to take care of the immediate concerns. **Over the years Ardmore has been a great partner with the cemetery and we can't thank you all enough!**



2019 Special Projects

Tree Project

We have formed a new partnership with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. This project was spearheaded by one of our new neighbors Ken Vinciguerra. You may recall Ken's name as he is the local bird watcher who did a study and created an inventory of the birds who are nesting and living in the cemetery a few years ago.

Ken wanted to make certain as time continues and our existing trees come to the end of their lives that there were trees to replace them. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy has a forestry division that will provide trees and support for maintenance of the trees. We just need to assist in the planting and on-going care and maintenance as we have been doing for our existing trees.

In the next several months we will be planting about 20 new trees in the cemetery that will fit with the existing landscape and trees.

Columbarium Project

Over the past 10 years since the cemetery has become more welcoming and cared for, we have had a number of requests by individuals who would like to have their final resting place be East Cleveland Township Cemetery. At the time we were not able to accommodate the requests for many different reasons. If individuals already owned lots in the cemetery or wanted to be buried on top of great-grandmother or mother we could and did accommodate those requests. But for the others who did not already own burial rights in the cemetery we were not in a position to assist.

In an effort to meet the on-going requests we have partnered with Johns Carabelli in the design of a columbarium that will be constructed around the gazebo in the center of the cemetery. At this time we are working on funding for the project but are hopeful we will have the first two sections installed in 2019 for cremation burials.

If you are interested in pursuing some of the first available niches please reach out and we will be happy to share the design and vision.

2019 Calendar of Events

Memorial Day, Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 AM

ECTCF will host our 15th annual tradition of placing flags on the graves of the 435+ veterans in the cemetery. The activity begins at 10:00 AM and takes only a couple hours to complete. We invite those assisting to join us for hamburgers and hot dogs after we complete the placement of the flags. This time is used to remember and honor our veterans. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 216-536-7432 otherwise we look forward to seeing you again!

Ice Cream Social and Walking Tour

On Saturday, August 24th we will host an ice cream social and free historical walking tours of the cemetery. We will start at 1:00 PM and remain open until 5:00 PM. There will be a small charge for the ice cream, however, the tour itself will be free of charge. Bring the kids and let's enjoy!

Halloween Tours, Saturday, October 19th at 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM

ECTCF will host the 9th annual Halloween tour on Saturday, October 19th with tours starting at 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM. The walking tour will begin at the cemetery chapel, please bring a flash light; dressing in costume is optional.

ECTCF—Memberships/Donations

The on-going maintenance of the cemetery grounds including the office/chapel and gardens generates on-going expense that include utilities, equipment maintenance, supplies, etc. None of the Board members are paid for the hours of work we put into the foundation/cemetery every year. We donate our time and resources.

We count on donations from the families of our permanent residents and others who enjoy the urban park we have created and those that participate in our tours. We are excited about our annual newsletter that lets us share with you everything that has occurred over the past year, however, there are costs associated with the newsletter as well. With a mailing of nearly 500 newsletters this cost is substantial. We want to continue to share our successes with you and are therefore initiating an annual membership to the East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation that includes the receipt of the annual newsletter and continued notification of our annual events. We have several levels of membership:

Individual—\$25.00—Includes annual newsletter that includes advance notification of all events.

Sustaining—\$50.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events and helps to support the on-going preservation of this historical site.

Patron—\$75.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* .

Lifetime—\$250.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* along with a new updated East Cleveland Township Cemetery t-shirt.

Because of the Foundation's non-profit status (501(c)3) status your membership is tax-deductible and allows you to continue support to preserve the pioneer Victorian legacy for your children and grandchildren. Please utilize the enclosed form to submit your membership application.

We thank you for your on-going support of us and the East Cleveland Township Cemetery!

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Trustee



The mission of East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation is to provide educational and patriotic events for the community in an urban park setting that demonstrates the honor and respect due the early pioneer settlers of the Western Reserve.

The East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation's vision is to restore and maintain the East Cleveland Township Cemetery as a historic landmark, creating an urban park where the community can relax, reflect, and discover the historical significance of the area, and to build a solid financial foundation for its future.

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2019 Membership Application

Information (please print or type)

Name	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Telephone (home)	
Telephone (business)	
Fax	
E-Mail	

Both the membership fees and donations are completely tax deductible.

Membership Levels

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Individual Membership - \$25.00

Includes annual newsletter and advance notification of all events.

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Sustaining Membership - \$50.00

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Patron Membership - \$100.00

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Lifetime Membership - \$250.00

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Donations Greatly Appreciated

In addition to the membership fee any and all donations to continue to support the on-going work are greatly appreciated. Donation included: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

Mail to: P.O. Box 1874, Cleveland, OH 44106-0074