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Lake View Cemetery's Tribute to the Cleveland Fire Department *By: Allan R. May*

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The Cleveland Fire Department

With this year marking the 100th anniversary of Cleveland's most tragic event - the Collinwood School fire, Lake View Cemetery takes a look back at the history of the Cleveland Fire Department and its greatest fire chief, George Alexander Wallace.

The first firefighting service in Cleveland consisted of a public well on Bank Street (West 6th Street) near Superior. Citizens lined up and leather buckets were passed hand to hand from the well to the site of the blaze. The first village-supported fire prevention legislation imposed fines on home owners for failing to outfit their fireplaces with "good leather fire bucket" protection. At a time where nearly all household items were made of wood, fire hazard were a constant threat.

This new law did not instill a spirit of fire safety awareness in the citizens of Cleveland. When the first fire engine was purchased in 1829, at the cost of $285, many of the town's people were upset by the "frivolous" expenditure, feeling water buckets were sufficient enough tools. In the next election, the citizens responded by voting out the trustees who supported the purchase of the new equipment.

In the early 1830s the first organized fire companies began to form in Cleveland. The Live Oaks Volunteer Company, consisting of 45 citizens, was the first to take up the task of firefighting in the Forest City. Soon, a hand operated fire engine was purchased. The first headquarters was established on Superior near Water Street (near West. 9th).

On January 20, 1834, Cleveland's first serious fire occurred when a business on Superior went up in flames. The destruction of the two-story building resulted in a $12,000 loss. Citizens responded by organizing more volunteer companies. The Live Oaks Company was re-christened Eagle No. 1. The new companies established were Neptune No. 2, Contest No. 3, Phoenix No. 4, Forest City Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, and Hope Hose Company No. 1.

The following year Cleveland suffered its first fire fatality when a blaze destroyed 22 offices and stores on July 29. A rooming-house boarder perished in the $45,000 blaze. As a result, a ruling ordered that the rebuilding had to be done with brick and stone material.

In 1836 four buildings were rented by the city to house the new companies. On May 17, City Council passed an ordinance establishing the Cleveland Fire Department. The bill called for a chief engineer, two assistant engineers, two fire wardens and firemen as needed. The positions were by the appointment of City Council, making them all political appointees. Members served without pay.

A new fire ordinance, introduced in 1838, required that church sextons, upon notification of a fire, ring their church bells for 20 minutes as a warning to the community. It was still a time when the average citizen did not appreciate the efforts of the young men who formed the fire brigades. The following excerpt from *Cleveland: The Making of a City*, by **William Ganson Rose** (Sec. 16, Lot 120), bears this out and best describes the operations of the fire department during the mid-1800s:

> *"Slow, startling taps from the old bell on the First Baptist Church at Seneca and Champlain streets were the signal for firemen to start for the engine house, whether in prayer meeting, at a horse race, or a-courting. The first to arrive*

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Lake View Cemetery's Salute to George A. Wallace The "Old War Horse" of the Cleveland Fire Department

By: Allan R. May

"In an organization like a fire department, a police department or a military body, efficiency depends on the confidence men have in their leaders. Leadership is born of character" - Newton D. Baker, March 1, 1931.

George Alexander Wallace was born destined for leadership. Named for both George Washington and Alexander the Great, Wallace was born on February 22, 1848, in Erie, Pennsylvania. His family home had served as headquarters for Oliver Hazard Perry while building his fleet before leading it to defeat the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

At the age of six Wallace moved with his family to Cleveland. He left school when he was 14 years-old and found work as a railroad brakeman. His dream was to be a fireman. As a teenager he hung around the fire houses hoping one day to become a member of the department.

Wallace's dream came true in June 1869 when he joined the Cleveland Fire Department as a fireman 2nd class and was assigned to the Number 2 House on Champlain Street (now the Terminal Tower complex). The following month he was involved in a fire that destroyed 43 railroad cars loaded with fuel oil on the Atlantic & Great Western tracks. Wallace quickly developed a reputation within the department as an excellent hoseman and soon moved up the ranks. Four years after joining the department he was

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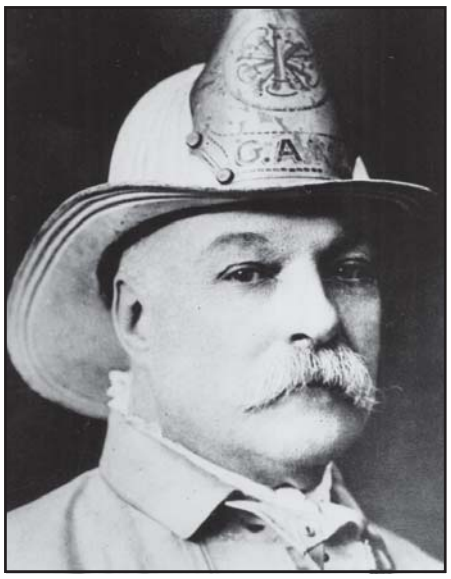

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George A. Wallace

What's New

Flowers

Lake View Cemetery will begin offering fresh cut flower bouquets beginning this spring as a service to our families who visit their loved ones throughout the year. Stop by the office to see our floral selections.

Staff Changes

Russ Smith joined Lake View Cemetery as a Memorial Advisor on August, 2007. He has 16 years experience in both the cemetery and funeral industry. When not at work, Russ enjoys his family and friends. He and his wife, Ginny, run a resale shop Welcome Home, that supports the Wounded Warrior program.

Lake View Cemetery hired Memorial Advisor Karen Drake in September 2007. Karen spent 28 years in retail sales for the Dental industry. Besides her pets, two dogs and a cat, she loves all types of animals. Karen enjoys wood working, gardening and golf.

Please welcome Russ and Karen.

Summer Concerts at Lake View

The Lake View Cemetery Foundation will provide three free concerts at Lake View Cemetery during the summer. The Hillcrest Concert Band will appear on July 15, at 7:30 p.m. All performances will be in front of the James A. Garfield Monument. Please check our website at www.lakeviewcemetery for information on the two other concerts. What a wonderful way to enjoy the beauty of Lake View. Come early and picnic before the concerts.

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seized the trumpet, and he was in command until the chief or an assistant came on the scene. Engines weighed from one to three tons and were dragged laboriously by ropes through sand and mud or over plank pavements. Curious citizens followed the company, and were expected to lend needed help under penalty of fine and imprisonment."

The year 1854 produced a number of serious fires including a blaze on Merwin Street, which caused $215,000 in property loss. By the end of the year, there was a cry for improved fire protection.

During the Civil War, the Cleveland Fire Department operated with a severe manpower shortage, as nearly two-thirds of its members volunteered for military service.

The first steam engine fire equipment was purchased late in 1862 at the cost of $3,250. The engine was hauled by two horses, while a third pulled the hose cart. Less than six months later, the city owned four steam engines and an ordinance was passed which, for the first time, created a paid fire department. The department consisted of a force of 53 members under chief engineer **James A. Craw** (Sec. 25, Lot 693).

Before the Civil War came to an end, a fifth steam engine was added and a separate engine house was provided for each piece of equipment. A new telegraph system was also installed, which allowed signal boxes, posted in the business district, to sound the alarm for any fire. Meanwhile, cisterns, which had been strategically placed throughout the city over the years, were being eliminated due to the extension of the city's water system.

In 1873, the management of the Cleveland Fire Department became the responsibility of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Heading the board was Cleveland Mayor **Charles A. Otis** (Sec. 6, Lot 37). The department had grown in size to 148 firemen and officers, with ten engine companies, four hook & ladder companies and 55 horses. Two years later the first piston fire engine was purchased and named the Charles A. Otis.

By 1880 the Cleveland Fire Department consisted of seventeen companies. New Fire Chief James W. Dickenson began the reorganization of the department into three battalions with an assistant chief in command of each. At the firehouses, wooden sliding poles were installed to save the precious seconds it took the men to race down the stairways to get to the horses and out the doors. The wooden poles were soon replaced by ones made of iron.

Despite its ever increasing size the Cleveland Fire Department found itself turning to neighboring suburbs for assistance. In 1883 the department ordered five new engines and an extension-ladder truck. The new ladder reached a height of 85 feet.

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Sandra Vodanoff discussed the Peck family monument.

All Saints Day

A small, but dedicated, group of people came to Wade Chapel on November 1, 2007, to remember loved ones who have died. The All Saint's Day program also included walking and non-walking tours, where participants learned more about the notable Clevelanders buried at Lake View.

Headstone & Monument Cleaning Program

Please call the office at 216-421-2665 to find out more about our Headstone and Monument Cleaning Program.

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appointed captain of Hook & Ladder Company No. 4. The following year he was named captain of Hook & Ladder Company No. 1.

It was while Wallace was in this latter position in 1881 that President **James A. Garfield** (Sec 15, Lot1) was assassinated. Before the funeral Wallace led his company in draping several of the downtown buildings with mourning banners. They then helped to construct a catafalque (a raised funeral bier) to bear the President's coffin on Public Square.

Wallace's next promotion came in 1893 when he was assigned to the position of 5th assistant fire chief. Over the next eight years he was elevated to the 4th and 3rd assistant positions. On March 4, 1901, Mayor John H. Farley appointed Wallace chief of the fire department.

The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History provides us with this character sketch of the famed fire chief:

> *"As chief, he displayed a high degree of executive and leadership ability, his strength due to the love of his subordinates and the admiration of civilians. Wallace projected a hard-boiled exterior that hid a sensitive inner self. He possessed judicial qualities, always maintaining discipline and inspiring the respect of his men; he treated his men as if they were his own sons."*

Wallace was easy to spot at the scene of a fire. He was draped in a white fire coat with a helmet of white. He could always be found barking out directions with his "trumpet voice" near the most dangerous part of the fire.

The department honored him in 1916 by naming its newest fireboat the George A. Wallace. The boat remained in service for nearly twenty years. In 1919, Wallace celebrated his 50th Anniversary with the department. At that time he was believed to have been a veteran of more fires than any firefighter in the world.

Wallace married Emma Stanhope in 1874. The couple had three children. Between the time Emma died in 1921 and his retirement ten years later, Wallace spent all but two nights living in Engine House No. 14, so he could always be on call. In 1925 the Chamber of Commerce awarded the Cleveland Medal for Public Service to Chief Wallace, "in recognition of more than 50 years continuous service in the Cleveland Fire Department."

During his years as fire chief, Wallace worked some of the city's most memorable fires. Among them were:

The Collinwood School Fire:
The largest fire, in terms of loss of life, in Cleveland's history occurred on March 4, 1908, the seventh anniversary of Wallace's promotion to Fire Chief. On this Ash Wednesday 175 people, 172

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Lake View Cemetery Association Leadership Changes

Mr. Alexander S. Taylor, II has retired as Chairman of The Lake View Cemetery Association. He will stay a trustee and member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Taylor was elected as a trustee in 1971 and has served as Chairman twice. Serving from 1977- 1982, Mr. Taylor was re-elected Chairman in 2004, serving until 2007. Besides Lake View Cemetery, Mr. Taylor is past trustee of Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, past presidents for the Cleveland Society for the Blind, Visiting Nurses Association and former Chairman Care Plus, former treasurer of the Union Club and former Vice-Chairman of WVIZ television.

Mr. David C. Fulton, Jr., was elected to succeed Mr. Taylor as Chairman of The Lake View Cemetery Association at our Annual Meeting in December. Mr. Fulton has been a trustee since 2003. Mr. Fulton is an Executive Vice President of National City Bank and the Chief Executive Officer of Sterling. Besides his involvement with Lake View Cemetery, Mr. Fulton is Treasurer of University School and Shaker Lakes Endowment Foundation and trustee of the Cleveland Botanic Garden, and Bluecoats.

Tecovas Foundation

Lake View Cemetery is pleased to announce funding from The Tecovas Foundation for two new positions at Lake View Cemetery. In October, we received funding for a newly created position, an Educational Coordinator. This position will expand our educational programs at Lake View by marketing to schools, coordinating school tours and developing lesson plans for teachers.

We are grateful for a second grant to assist with funding the position of grant writer for Lake View. This person will be responsible to submit grants to local, regional and national organizations for specific projects at the cemetery.

We appreciate The Tecovas Foundation interest and support in Lake View Cemetery.

Garfield Hike and Wreath Laying Ceremony

Three generations of Garfields remembered their ancestor on November 17, 2007-the 126th anniversary of the birthday of President James A. Garfield. Cub Scout Pack 11, Webelos Den of Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights led the Pledge of Allegiance during the service at the Garfield Monument. Brigadier General Douglas Richardson spoke about the many accomplishments of the 20th president, and then placed a wreath in his honor on behalf of current President George W. Bush.

Wreath laying ceremony, Cub Scout Pack 11 and Boy Scout Troop 179 with Brig. Gen. Douglas Richardson.

Holiday Program of Music and Lights

The sound of music and great Christmas stories filled Wade Chapel in December for our annual Holiday Program of Music and Lights. The choir from Cory United Methodist Church blessed us with their voices during the early program, and Amy Alexy delighted the children with the retelling of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Wayne Bifano read two stories during the 4:00 p.m. service: *A Christmas Guest* and *The Last Straw*. Guests enjoyed the beautiful organ playing of Carol Haines at both programs. We would like to thank Mellon for their financial support.

Holiday Program Cory United Methodist Children's Choir

Volunteering

We're looking for a few good men, and women. If you've ever thought of volunteering at Lake View, now is the time. Contact Mary Krohmer at (216) 421-2687 if you would like to help.

Website

www.lakeviewcemetery.com

Keep in touch with us at our colorful website. Check out all of the happenings at Lake View, and stay on top of any last-minute changes, at www.lakeviewcemetery.com

Will Power

Consider Cleveland's "Outdoor Museum" when making your will. A legacy of giving is one of the best ways to be remembered. If you would like to learn more, call Gerald D. Wantz (216) 421-2665 x 3033.

Horticultural Corner

By: Dave Gressley, Horticulturist

I have to give my thanks to the Nursery crew who worked diligently and skillfully to install and maintain all the new plantings you see in Section 57-A, 58, 62, 64 and various other locations throughout Lake View Cemetery this past year. They did a wonderful job despite the dry season that made matters more difficult. Our planting season culminated with the installation of a Korean Spruce (Picea koraiensis) in early December. We replaced the diseased and stressed Colorado Spruce (Picea pungens) whose missing lower limbs added much difficulty in decorating it as the designated Schwan tree in Section 25 for Christmas.

The Korean Spruce is the first of its kind for Lake View Cemetery. Its native range is in North Korea near the Yalu River, and in Russia near the Ussuri River, and it actually has a low native population. One of the functions of an arboretum is to preserve the gene pool for species of flora that are endangered in their native habitat either as single specimen or even better in association with other plant communities from its native range. One example of a North American plant extirpated from the wild and surviving only in cultivation is the Franklin Tree (Franklinia alatamaha). The story is now almost legend. Early American botanist John Bartram collected this plant in 1770 along the Alatamaha River in Georgia. It reportedly hasn't been seen in the wild since 1790. Being a water loving plant, you can be assured that the new planting plan around Wade Pond will include a specimen of Franklin Tree.

Plants have a mystique that I find fascinating; whether through their morphology, symbolism or lore. The yew (Taxus spp.), which is abundantly planted at Lake View Cemetery, is held with sacred esteem in Druid culture. Christian churches in the present day United Kingdom were established on these same sites adopting the sacred stature of the yew. I elevated my respect for the yew after seeing ancient specimens in the UK some years ago. Although many homeowners shear their yews along the house foundation into geometric shapes, I prefer to see the forgotten specimen in the back lot that grew with some openness displaying long strips of rich reddish cinnamon colored bark bathed in equally deep emerald green weeping foliage. With that same appreciation, I bet I can find a site on the grounds where a yew in tree-form can grow in solitude and with un-sheared grace to eventually display its true sacred character. Until that time however, you can find a wonderfully mature, upright spreading yew draping the Oliver Hazard Perry monument in Section 6.

I promised the Nursery crew another plant filled season for 2008.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Saturday, June 14, 2008
1:00 p.m.

Local Boy Scouts will lead this annual program at the Euclid Gate. Bring your old or soiled flags to the main office beforehand, and the Scouts will dispose of them in this time-honored ritual.

Scouts start to retire a flag.

Sunday Trolley Tours

Here's an interesting way to spend a summer Sunday afternoon. Come to Lake View and climb aboard Lolly the Trolley for a trip through Cleveland's past. See monuments and gravesites of our famous forebearers and tour Wade Chapel. Your journey begins at the Garfield Monument, but does not include a tour of that building, so leave time before or after for a visit. Lolly rides begin June 22 and end August 31. Reserve your $6.00 ticket at (216) 421-2665.

All aboard

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Collinwood School fire: Special Collection, Cleveland State University Library

of them children, perished when the Lakeview Elementary School, located in Collinwood, was destroyed in a mid-morning blaze.

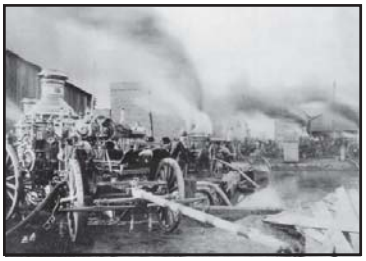
After the flames subsided and the horrific process to identify the children was completed, there were 19 bodies that could not be identified. All were buried in a common grave (Sec. 25, Lot 559) in Lake View Cemetery.

While the initial belief was that the pupils were trapped by doors that only opened inward, an ensuing investigation proved otherwise. A coroner's investigation showed that the students died due to their own panic.

S.S. Kresge Fire Photo Credit: Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center

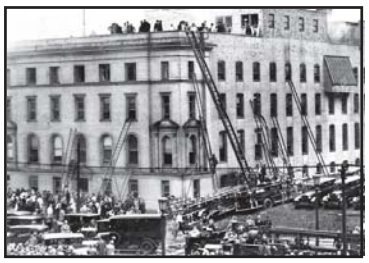
The S.S. Kresge Fireworks Explosion:
On July 3, 1908, seven people died at the S.S. Kresge store at 2025 Ontario Street when a fireworks display caught fire resulting in an explosion. In the store, on this day before the celebration of America's Independence, was $30,000 worth of fireworks. A clerk demonstrating a sparkler was believed responsible for starting the tragic fire.

Ten days after the explosion and fire an ordinance was passed by Cleveland City Council to legislate the sale of fireworks. Other cities soon followed Cleveland's example.



Flats Lumber Yard Fire: Photo Credit: Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center

Flats Lumber Yard Fire:
During the bitter winter of 1914 a fire broke out in the lumber yard of the Fisher & Wilson Company in the Flats. The fierce fire destroyed some 21 lumber-occupied acres and several buildings, culminating in a loss of more than a million dollars. The towering flames also severely damaged the expansive Central Viaduct, once the longest bridge in Cleveland. The structure took nearly a year to repair. During the exhaustive battle, Wallace worked 72 hours straight without rest.



Cleveland Clinic Fire: Special Collections, Cleveland State University Library

The Cleveland Clinic Fire:
In the early 1920s the Cleveland Clinic Foundation was established. Soon a hospital opened on the southwest corner of East 93rd and Euclid Avenue. In the building's basement, where tens of thousands of x-rays were stored, a 100-watt bulb was placed too close to some of the x-rays during some routine repair work. The heat from the bulb caused the x-rays to decompose, releasing poisonous gases into the basement.

These gases then spread throughout the hospital via the ventilation system, which coincidentally was located in the x-ray storage room. By the time the first explosion occurred most of the 123 victims (80 visitors and patients, 43 employees) were dead or dying. Among them was **Dr. John Phillips** (Sec. 30, Lot 56), one of the four founding physicians.

Chief Wallace was one of the first firemen to reach the hospital. Racing into the building, Wallace pulled one victim from the bottom of the elevator shaft, and fell twice in his attempts to save others. He was 81 years-old at the time.

On March 1, 1931, at the age of 83, after nearly sixty-two years as a fireman, Chief George Wallace retired. On that day, 10,000 Clevelanders packed Public Auditorium to observe "Wallace Day," and show appreciation for a life and career dedicated to serving the public.

Inside the auditorium an elaborate celebration ensued, highlighted by a parade that featured fire apparatus, which had been employed by the department over the past century. Among the speakers that day were former Secretary of War and former Cleveland Mayor **Newton D. Baker** (Sec. 30, Lot 198) and City Manager **Daniel E. Morgan** (Sec. 8, Lot 144).

Baker told the crowd, "There are two kinds of leadership - the 'go on' and the 'come on.' The real leader is of the 'come on' type. Wallace was of this type. He never sent his men where he wouldn't go himself. There hasn't been a fireman in Cleveland in the last 50 years who hasn't looked at the most dangerous spot expecting to see Wallace there."

Fire Chief Emeritus George A. Wallace died of pneumonia on August 3, 1940, at the age of 92. He is buried in Section 14, Lot 256.

Upcoming Events

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING WALKS AND TOURS at 216-421-2665. The cost for each program is $5.00 per person. Payment requested at the time of making your reservation.

Birder Tour

Saturday, May 3, 2007
10:00 a.m.

Whether you are a dedicated ornithologist, or just a person who enjoys looking at our feathered friends, come to Lake View for this walking tour. Lake View is the home to dozens of species, so bring your binoculars. Hopefully, we might see the Bald Eagle that has been seen at Lake View Cemetery. Dr. Andy Jones, of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will lead this tour.

Azalea Sunday

May 4, 2008
7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Bursts of pink, purple and white flowers can be found all over the grounds—a sure sign of spring and the approaching summer. Come enjoy our azaleas, as the grounds are open to the public all day. Red arrows will be posted to guide you through Lake View Cemetery. FREE

Horticultural Walking Tour

Saturday, May 10, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Lake View horticulturalist Dave Gressley will lead you on this walk discussing the many wonderful trees, bushes and flowers found at Lake View.

Mother's Day Walking Tour

Sunday, May 11, 200
2:00 p.m.

Bring Mom to Lake View to the cemetery's Mother's Day walk. Local author, Vicki Vigil leads this informative walk on famous women buried at Lake View.

Peeks Into Paradise

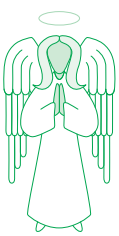
Sunday, May 4, 2008
2:00 p.m.

After looking at the azaleas, get inspired by the lush gardens of some Greater Clevelanders! Whether you have simple window boxes, a terrace garden or a big backyard full of flowers, what you see in this slide presentation of stately properties is sure to get you ready to plant. Master gardener Phil Iannarelli is our host at Wade Chapel.

Angels of Lake View and Other Sculptures

Saturday, May 17, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 18, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Dale Hilton from the Cleveland Museum of Art will discuss some of the marvelous sculpture found at Lake View. This walk includes both the James A. Garfield Monument and Wade Memorial Chapel.



Architectural Walking Tours

Sunday, June 1, 2008
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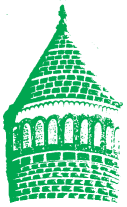


Dale Serne, partner in Gaede, Serne Architects', will lead this walk looking at the many different types of architect found at Lake View. Buildings discussed will include the James A. Garfield Monument, Rockefeller Monument, Brush Monument, the Lake View Cemetery Community Mausoleum and Wade Memorial Chapel.

Geology Walking Tour

Saturday, June 7, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Ever wonder about the various types of stone used for cemetery monuments and gravestones? Learn how to tell them apart and see how they have held up over time. We will also look at the stone used for the Garfield Monument and visit the old quarry. Led by Joe Hannibal of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Legendary Personalities Non-Walking Tour

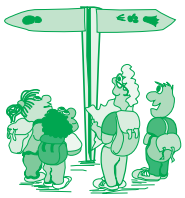
Sunday, June 15, 2008
2:00 p.m.

This non - walking tour in Wade Chapel will discuss some of those interesting people buried at Lake View. Maps will be provided for those that would like to visit the graves. This non-walking tour will be lead by Ralph Fotia.

Father's Day Walking Tour

Sunday, June 15, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Vicki Vigil leads this informative walk on notable sports figures buried at Lake View Cemetery. This is a nice way to celebrate Father's Day.



Nature Trail

July 12, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Come explore Lake View's nature trail, an interesting walk through the wooded portion of our grounds. This program is a joint venture with The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

Bat Night

Friday, August 15, 2008
8:00 p.m.

It's just like an old Hollywood movie .... a full moon, rolling fog and bats screaming across a cemetery sky. While we can't promise the scary atmosphere, we can assure you that Tim Krynak of the Metro Parks will lead you through the grounds in search of bats. Bring a group of friends and learn more about the types of bats that come out at night, when the rest of us go home.

Cleveland Entrance to Lake View Cemetery

at 12316 Euclid Avenue. Heights entrance at Mayfield and Kenilworth Roads. Walking tours start at the Garfield Monument. To make reservations or for further information, please call (216) 421-2665.

Foundation Frameworks

By: Clara D. Sherwin, President Lake View Cemetery Foundation Board of Trustees

On behalf of The Lake View Cemetery Foundation, I sincerely thank all of the donors that have given to this year's annual campaign. Your gift is very important to us and vital to our ability to sustain that which makes Lake View one of the finest Cemeteries in the nation: rolling hills, beautiful trees, thoughtful and personal plantings, individual markers and mausoleums, and the historic monuments as well as the history of Cleveland as told by the individuals buried in this restful peaceful arboretum.

As you walk or drive on a visit to Lake View, natural vistas appear around each corner. It may be daffodil hill in yellow splendor, scurrying squirrels scampering from tree to tree, birds calling to their mates or the bright oranges, yellows and reds of fall arrival.

The character of Lake View depends on the families of those resting here, those who have burial rights, and the many many friends who enjoy the natural and historic surroundings and educational programs.

The Foundation depends on your gift for, as you know, costs continue to rise. The monuments and markers grow older as do the trees, shrubs and other plantings. A constant vigil is needed to try to maintain what is beautiful and remarkable for future generations.

If you haven't given as yet to the annual campaign, please consider a gift at this time. (An envelope is enclosed for your convenience). If you are not sure whether you have given, please feel free to call Mary Krohmer Assistant Secretary of The Foundation at 216-421-2687. She will be happy to help answer your questions.

A last reminder before I close, The Foundation, a 501(c)3, is able to accept planned gifts, bequests, and donations of any amount directed to the general care of the cemetery, to Lake View's historic buildings and to our educational program. A donation of this kind helps to build and strengthen The Foundation for the future.

To all our friends and families thank you for keeping Lake View in your thoughts. We know that everyone stretches to support those organizations that they care about. We are extremely grateful for the generosity big and small that you give to us so that we can ensure the future of Lake View.

Many good wishes for a beautiful spring!

Recent Additions To Our Growing List of Contributors

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Arbor Day

Friday, April 25, 2008
10:30 a.m.

Students from Buckeye - Woodland school will learn what it feels to be like Johnny Appleseed by planting seedlings on this day when we celebrate the beauty and importance of trees. The students will read essays on why trees are important and assist in planting a tree at Lake View. Arbor Day activities will be located around Wade Chapel. Come join them.

Students reading their essays.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26, 2008
10:30 a.m.

The Civil War. World War I. World War II. Korea. Vietnam. Iraq. Many men and women who gave their lives during these conflicts now call Lake View Cemetery home. Come and honor them, along with the other brave veterans who are still with us. Meet behind the Garfield Monument at 10:15 a.m. for the annual parade, or join us for a traditional remembrance service at the Garfield Monument starting at 10:30 a.m.

Groups placing wreaths at Memorial Day

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On September 7, 1884 a fire in the Flats began on the docks and raced across the Cuyahoga River, destroying a lard factory. The spreading fire became so perilous it threatened the business district on Superior. Cities throughout Ohio, including Columbus and Youngstown, sent horses and supplies by rail to help. The blaze caused a record $890,000 in damage. Two weeks later, a second fire in a Flats lumber yard caused another $110,000 in damages and pointed out the need for a fire boat, as well as improved equipment. Two years later, the first fire boat was launched.

Property loss from fires reached a record $1,482,000 in 1892 resulting in the largest appropriation for firefighting equipment to-date. Purchased were six new engines, three trucks, a fireboat and three engine houses. A new water tower was also built.

On the night of January 25, 1896, a bitter cold evening, a fire started on the lake front at the foot of Seneca Street (West 3rd). A steam engine from the No.2 fire house raced out onto the icy street and headed north on Seneca. A fireboat had been dispatched to the scene and the drawbridge opened to allow its passing. Approaching the now-opened bridge the firemen were unable to bring the horses to a halt, and the engine plunged into the freezing waters. The men were rescued, but the horses drowned.

In 1901 George Wallace became fire chief of the department. He would serve the longest of any chief and by the time of his retirement was one of the best known fire chiefs in America. He would be replaced by **James E. "Fighting Jim" Granger** (Sec. 18, Lot 137) in 1931.

By 1909 the Cleveland Fire Department had grown to 30 engine companies, 11 hook & ladder companies and two hose companies and employed 515 members. The department entered a new era in 1912 when the big and powerful picturesque horses were replaced with motorized engines. The first gasoline powered fire engine went into service in Cleveland on June 28.

In 1939, 110 years after the citizens of Cleveland expressed their displeasure at the spending of $285 for the city's first fire engine, two new pumper trucks costing $15,000 a piece were introduced at a demonstration on the East Ninth Street Pier.

During the 1930s the department's manpower topped 1,400 members, distributed among 13 battalions. Over the next seven decades as fire safety awareness and fire prevention became a practical way of life, the number of firemen in Cleveland dropped, even though the number of calls they handled increased. By the mid-1990s, due to a decreasing population and city budget cuts, the Cleveland Fire Department's manpower dropped to under 900 members.

On October 12, 1965, the Cleveland Fire Fighters Memorial was dedicated. At the time, the memorial commended the 76 members of the department who had given their lives in the line of duty. The memorial is located on the northwest corner of Lakeside Avenue and East Ninth Street.

In the fall of 2009 volunteers hope to open the Western Reserve Fire Museum and Education Center at 310 Carnegie Avenue, opposite Progressive Field. The site, the former Cleveland Fire Station No. 28, was in use from 1926 to 1982. For more information, visit their website at http://web.mac.com/carpenterdesign/Fire_Museum/Home.html.

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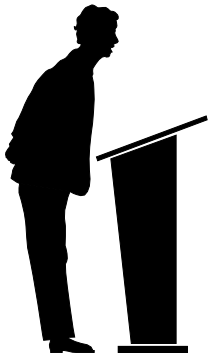

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The books can be picked up at the cemetery office, Garfield Monument or Wade Chapel.