

# The Legacy

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

April, 2017

## *2016— It was a fun filled year!*

We have continued working on our long term plans for the on-going care and maintenance of the cemetery. And we continue to greatly appreciate each of your commitments to continue to help us with your financial donations and memberships. These funds go along way in assisting us with the current care and maintenance of the cemetery.

We continue to utilize Apartment Services for lawn mowing and leaf vacuuming in the fall which continues to leave us time to focus on other tasks. A couple years ago we started assisting families in the design and purchase of headstones and this also continues to assist us with some funding that we would have previously directed to other companies.

In last years newsletter we shared information about the birds that were making East Cleveland Township Cemetery their home. As we were working in the cemetery this past summer the hawk to the right was watching us as we cleared the brush pile near the railroad wall. There were small animals that had taken up residence in the brush pile and he was waiting for his opportunity. These are incredible birds to watch.



Springtime will be back soon and we are excited to start another new year.

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!

Regards ~ Nancy Adams



# *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. Part of the tradition we established for this day is lowering the flag that has flown at the entrance of the cemetery during the previous year and replacing that flag. It is a great opportunity for new Scouts to learn the proper way to fold and retire a flag and to raise the new one. This Spring we will be replacing the flag pole that has seen better days and replacing with a telescoping pole that will have a solar light at the top to make certain that the flag is always visible.



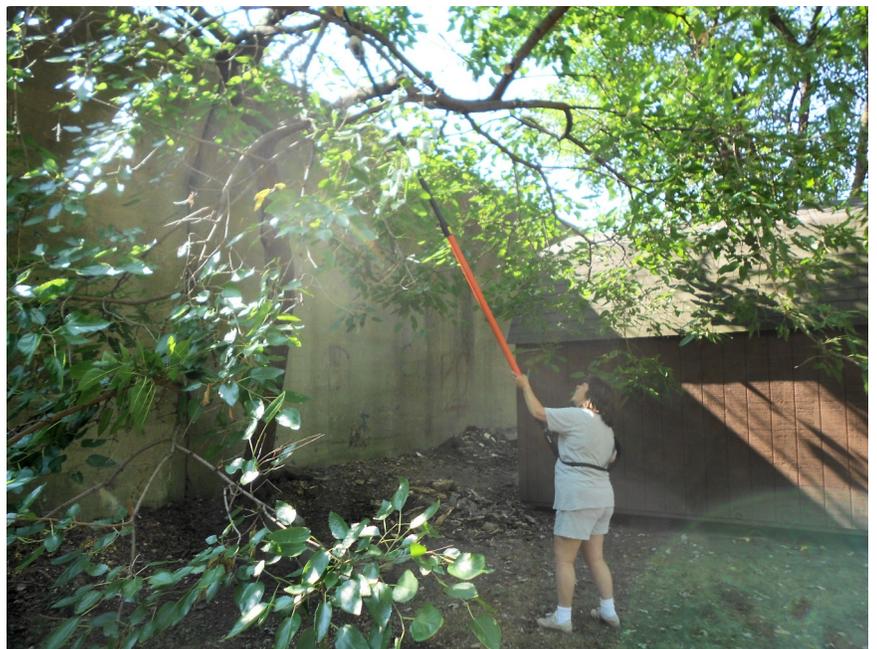
# *Garden Spruce Up*

We spread 15 yards of mulch around the front gardens, around the chapel and back by the gazebo last spring.



# *Tree Maintenance*

This year we decided that we were going to focus on pruning the trees and bushes in the cemetery. It had been several years since the trees were pruned and we wanted to make certain that the tree canopy didn't get so dense again. We even focused on the Sycamore trees by the chapel. The extendable chain saw is the perfect tool for those hard to reach spots but sometimes you still need a little more height with the larger trees.



# *Tree Surprises*

Every Sunday at the cemetery we arrive with a plan of what tasks we want to complete that day, but we never know if there will be a surprise waiting for us that may change our plans for that day. On this particular Sunday, we arrived to find the branch (pictured below) had fallen. Even though this branch looks like a good size tree it is really a branch. Please also note that it fell completely missing all the headstones around it. This happens more times than not.



**We would like to send a special thank you to Ardmore Tree Service who provides assistance when large branches come down, with chipping and shredding services and spring clean up.**

**Thank you so much!**

Now we get to work on the clean-up and the project for this particular day gets pushed out another week.



# *Chapel Updates*

When we started the renovations on the chapel 13 years ago, the coal chute was still in the basement. Wayne and his son Jeff bricked up the coal chute, but we were still getting a lot of moisture in the basement. So we decided we needed to dig a trench down 4 feet on this side of the chapel, tar the wall, place visqueen to help with drainage and then back fill to allow the basement to dry. The good news is that the soil is sandy so it makes for easy digging.



University Circle Police often stop by to say hello but on this particular day he thought it would be fun to start back filling the dirt while we were still in the trench.

University Circle Police are a great friend to the Cemetery and we appreciate their partnership.

# *2016 Halloween Tour*

We held our 6th annual Halloween Tour on Saturday, October 29th. The weather was beautiful and good time was had by all. We had a good turnout, despite the fact that we were competing with the Cavaliers.

We have already started compiling new stories of some of our permanent residents for this year's tour that will be held Saturday, October 28th.



# *Railroad Wall*

After pruning the trees and cleaning out the brush pile along the railroad wall we decided it would be a good idea to weed along the railroad wall. We have cut the brush before but this time we actually dug out the roots to help prevent regrowth. During that process much of the brush was burned in a fire pit we purchased and we also installed two composters.

During the removal of several large weeds we found the two headstones below that had sunken in the sandy soil and brought them back up to the top and reset them to help prevent further sinking.



And sometimes the weather just doesn't want to co-operate and you get a little wet.

*2016 Graveyard Charge -  
They came, they saw, they conquered! Again!!*

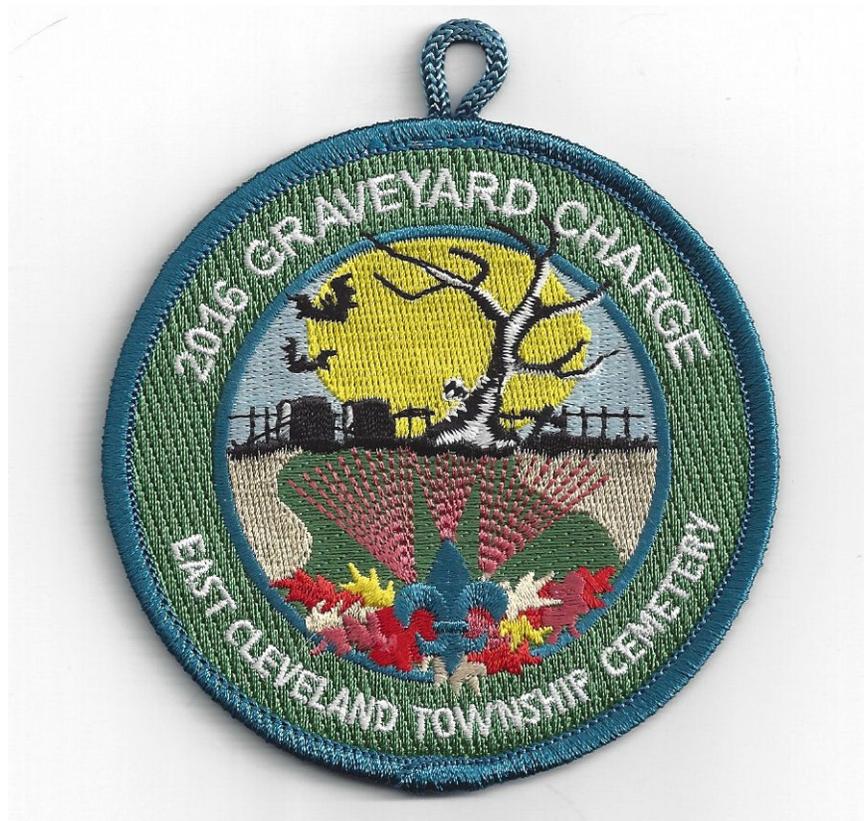
*Thank you!*

What the Scouts and Theta Chi Fraternity at Case Western Reserve University accomplished last year was extraordinary, but what happened this year was unbelievable. There must have been between 150 and 200 Scouts, adults and members of Theta Chi Fraternity that came out this year. They came to repeat what they had done last year and that was to clear the cemetery of leaves in one day!

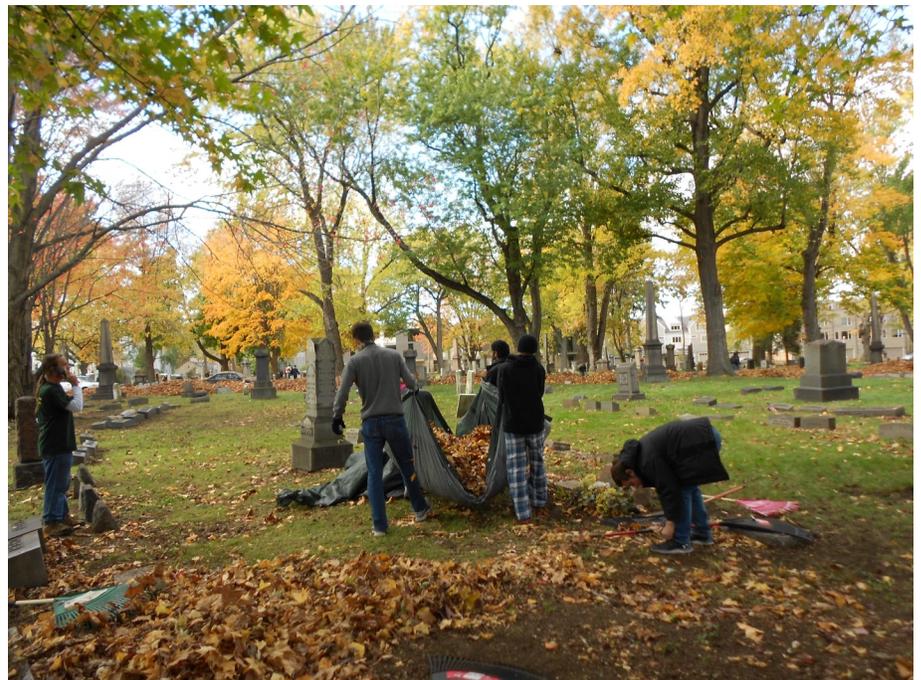
There were several senior members of the Scouts in attendance to watch as this unfolded before their eyes. Not only that but Thea Chi Fraternity has adopted the cemetery as its on-going service project and purchased a number of back pack leaf blowers to add to their tool kit.

The Scouts pass out a patch each year to acknowledge the service these boys and girls provide to the cemetery.

*We truly cannot thank all of you enough!!!*



*2016 Yard Charge -  
They came, they saw, they conquered!!! Again!  
Continued*



*2016 Yard Charge -  
They came, they saw, they conquered!!! Again!  
Continued*



**Theta Chi Fraternity  
after their work was  
completed.**

**Thanks Guys!**

# *2016 Calendar of Events*

## *Memorial Day, Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 AM*

ECTCF will host our 13th 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!

## *Halloween Tour , Saturday, October 28th*

ECTCF will host the 6th annual Halloween tour on Saturday, October 28th 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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*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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**East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation**  
**2017 Membership Application/Donation Form**

**Information (please print or type)**

Name	
Street Address	
City	
State	
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**Both the membership fees and donations are completely tax deductible.**

**Membership Levels**

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**Lifetime Membership - \$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* and an East Cleveland Township Cemetery shirt.

Designate size for polo shirt:   \_\_\_ Medium   \_\_\_ Large   \_\_\_ Extra-Large

**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

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