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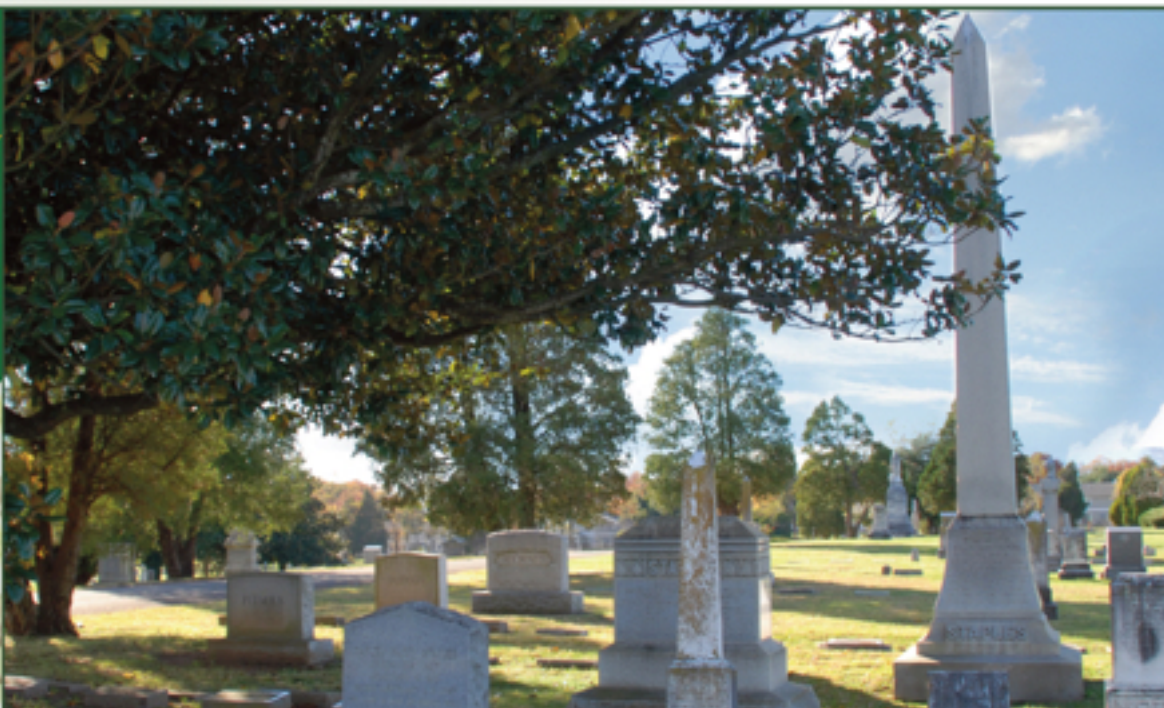
SERVING THE
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FAIR VIEW CEMETERY

EST. 1890

CEDAR LAWN MEMORIAL PARK

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FEBRUARY 14, 2015 COMMEMORATES 125 YEARS • CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR EVENTS

Recently, I read an article about twelve interesting places in the history of Roanoke (Rebecca Barnett/*The Roanoke Times*). Each of the twelve places, detailed from the late 19th century and the early 20th century, were highlighted to visit and acknowledge historic places close by. One of those places was The Roanoke City Cemetery, where burial lots were all sold by 1890, and by 1900, the cemetery had been overgrown and vandalized. The timing coincides with the start of Roanoke's first publicly owned cemetery.

On February 14, 1890, a small group of men envisioned the need for a beautiful cemetery and organized Fair View Cemetery. Seventy-five acres of farmland was purchased for the establishment of the cemetery. Stock certificates for the corporation were sold, and almost a hundred years later, the company became a non-profit corporation. Since that time, twelve cemeteries have been moved to Fair View, preserving history before 1890.

In 1909, Fair View Cemetery established one of the first perpetual care programs in the nation, and the first in Virginia. Beautification and improvements to the land have been continuous for 125 years. In 1983, The Fair View Foundation was created to receive tax-deductible contributions toward capital improvements and beautification. Funding needs continue as we work diligently to maintain this history.



Interestingly, over 20,000 burials and 125 years later, with the space and burial options available today, the cemetery is less than half full. Just imagine the history that will be chronicled here in the next 125 years.

Myrteen Heslep, President

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EMBRACING CREMATION:

Although Fair View Cemetery has the distinction of being a historic cemetery, our Board of Directors is certainly not behind the times in terms of interment and memorialization options. As more people are choosing cremation, the Fair View Group is striving to give you a true sense of the many options there are for final resting services involving cremation.

Cremation is just one way a family can inter their loved one; it is another option in addition to earth burial or entombment in a mausoleum. People often think that cemeteries are not for urns, but commonly, cremated remains are placed in an urn and are laid to rest in a family burial plot; committed to an indoor or outdoor mausoleum or family columbarium. Additionally, a bench estate may memorialize cremated remains. We've been approached by families who are not sure what to do with urns from generations back. We have been able to guide the family to choose an appropriate interment for the remains and a permanent memorial.

We've identified there is a need for education about memorializing cremated remains. People have a preconception that there are fewer choices for a ceremony when selecting cremation, and that notion couldn't be further from the truth. In actuality, cremation is only part of the commemorative experience. Cremation can actually increase your options when planning a funeral.

We are eager to hear your questions and encourage you to call to arrange a meeting so we may discuss with you or your group and address the cremation questions you may have. Our Board Chairman and President are both available to share a history of Fair View, provide a tour, answer questions, or present an educational program.

For 125 years, Fair View has served the families of the Roanoke Valley. The park has provided an amazing refuge and a place to remember loved ones. Our plan is to continue to do so for generations to come.



AS SEASONS CHANGE

As the epic snowfall of 2014 blanketed the Roanoke Valley, pictures flashed across social media. Perhaps you saw pictures posted on the Fair View and Cedar Lawn Facebook pages? We live in a beautiful place, and the whitening effect of twenty inches left us in awe with respect to the simply beautiful, peaceful, quiet views across the grounds of both Fair View and Cedar Lawn properties. Both parks remained open, but no services were requested. You may reflect and enjoy more pictures on our website (www.thefairviewgroup.org).



The seasons continue to change, and as we enter into November, we are hopefully listening to lawn mowers and weed eaters for the last time. As the mowing season ceases, we admire seeing the fall sun illuminating our green lawns for just a little longer before the imminent winter settles in.



Serving you and your family throughout the year is important to us. We send our heartfelt Thanksgiving Blessings and Peace throughout the Holiday seasons. If you are visiting either park, we welcome you to please stop in the office (located at Fair View Cemetery) to introduce yourself and let us know of any suggestions or observations you are willing to share.

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EASTER SUNRISE

*For 77 Years, Worshippers Gather to
Welcome The Hope of Easter*

DID YOU KNOW....

Each year Cedar Lawn Memorial Park hosts an Easter Sunrise Service? The sunrise shown was taken Easter Morning, April 20, 2014, at the Annual Sunrise Service.

The service is sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grace Church, and Covenant Christian Church, and takes place in front of the monument statue of *The Last Supper*, a sincerely beautiful setting.

As we mark this anniversary of the Easter Sunrise service, it's time to acknowledge its history. This Sunrise Service was begun 77 years ago by the members of the Roanoke Christian Endeavor Union. At one time, more than 3,000 participated in the service. The Christian Endeavorers faithfully continued to coordinate the service for 65 years. Thanks to the support of several local churches and The Fair View Group, the blessing of gathering early each Easter morning to worship continues, and there are a number of, "Endeavorers" who still attend every year.

The statuary monument, *The Last Supper* continues to be a focal point of the park. You may have noticed that this beautiful piece is in need of cleaning and repair. Following is a list of issues we will try to improve:

1. Mold and/or mildew (organic/biological growth) covering the stone.
2. Lost features and details, for example, digits and nose
3. Fractures in the stone
4. Open joints allowing moisture intrusion, breaking down the original anchors over time
5. Missing or cracked tiles on the flooring area and at the verticals.

As we move into fall, our goal is to clean and remove most if not all of the biological growth and to continue to clean and make repairs throughout the spring. If you are interested in helping with this preservation, please call our office or earmark your contribution to the Cedar Lawn Foundation.



KAYDEN'S KAUSE CONTINUES TO GIVE

Each year we continue to uphold the family of Kayden James Barnes. Kayden was born in 2007; he had a bilateral cleft lip and palate as well as a congenital heart defect. During his short life he endured 6 surgeries, and while waiting for a heart transplant at UVA's Children's Hospital, Kayden passed away at the age of 3 1/2.

In Kayden's memory, his mother, Misty Ferris, with the support of her family, established a memorial fund to support other families affected by CHD. Each year, on Kayden's birthday, they donate toys to UVA's pediatric unit.

Both Cedar Lawn and Fair View are honored to continue to be a sponsor for the 3rd Annual Toy Drive. We are now accepting toy donations for "Kayden's Kause."

Please help Misty Ferris collect toys to be donated to UVA's Pediatric Unit in memory of her sweet son, Kayden.
Thank you for your support.





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THE FAIR VIEW ROCK GARDEN A NEW VISION

As you gaze up the hill of Fair View Cemetery from the vantage point of the Salem Turnpike entrance, you will see the cemetery office. Back in the early

1900s, that same view was of the landscaped location of the original Rock Garden and Lily Pool. It was a serene location that served many families as a place for calm and reflection.



The "today" picture is compared with this to consider a good use of this space going forward. The rock garden could be restored for a cremation memorialization area. The area is perfect for columbarium, benches, niches, etc. Interlocking pavers can be engraved in memory of loved ones.

Now is the time to ensure your place in history by purchasing an interlocking paver for this location, with your name or a personal message engraved in memory of loved ones. If you are interested in becoming involved, please let us know! *We welcome your input.*



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125 YEARS OF HISTORY



To commemorate our Quasiquicentennial (125 Years), the History Room at the offices at Fair View Cemetery is being expanded. We will continue to exhibit the many artifacts, ranging from the first lots sold to the first board meetings, but among the mementos, you will also see notable monuments, families, and historic photos.

As we make strides with this project, we are happy to report this room will also be available to display our products and serve as a gathering room for counselors and families requiring privacy. The museum items are available to see during open office hours.

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