

# FAIR VIEWS

*Dedicated to a Future as Proud as Our Past*

2020

## New Windows Continue To Open

*Peaceful Retreat - Going Green - Property Updates - Tree Program - Staying Connected*



*Upon the removal of trees at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, a new "window" revealed the beauty of our surrounding mountains*

This past year, 2020, has touched all of our senses in ways we may not have noticed previously. From this serene office window I am reminded of our 130 years of history on the grounds. Just today, families have come to visit seeking a connection with a loved one who passed in 1916, as well as a family attending a service for their first generation. Be it 1890 or 2020, our challenge is to stay current and conscious.

### ***Cemeteries are places where people find peace and comfort.***

People also enjoy visiting these grounds for the tranquil surroundings, beautiful landscapes, history and magnificent monuments. From this window we regularly see our friend Rob Loveless walking the one-mile loop. He visits his wife, who is interred in section 14, "The Oaks." He also visits the grounds crew and office personnel. We all say, "He is the nicest man." We find his comments about Fair View are refreshing. To share one of his many quotes:



***"When I come through the Cemetery stone entrance, it's bittersweet. It's sad, but a very peaceful and quiet place. It's a sacred space to remember your loved one, while praying and walking along the tree-lined roads with the beautiful sky, mountain views and monuments."***

**—Rob**

Imagine you've been sitting in the house for a few months looking for something to do and you look out your window and think how peaceful it could be walking around the cemetery (Fair View or Cedar Lawn).

Your peaceful retreat will be staying current in 2021 and beyond. More and more options, especially during a pandemic, challenge our staff to meet your needs. You have asked how the pandemic has affected the cemetery. We have pretty much we have been business as usual. We have taken added precautions in the office for staff and visitors. Several funeral services have been graveside for the preference of either "family only" or to be outdoors. One benefit for all has been the ability to make arrangements and purchases through email. Even memorials can be designed and approved online.



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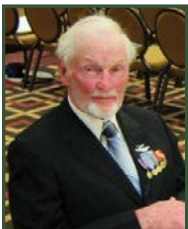
## HONORING A HERO

### Captain Russel Marion "Russ" Robinson



Interred in Fair View Cemetery on Thursday, October 22, 2020 with military honors and a personal flyover by his good buddy and fellow WWII buddy, Lee Anthony.

April 8, 1923 - October 19, 2020  
Captain Russell Marion "Russ"  
Robinson, 97, of Mount Pleasant,  
Virginia, went to be with the Lord  
on Monday, October 19, 2020.  
Robinson was 21 years old in  
1944, the pilot of a B-24 Liberator  
nicknamed "Arrowhead."



Russell was born in Salem, Va., on  
April 8, 1923. He graduated from  
Andrew Lewis High School and  
was a World War II veteran. Russell  
embraced a career as an architect for  
30 years and was actively involved  
with the North Carolina National

Guard. During World War II, Captain Robinson served as pilot of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber in the Mighty Eighth Air Force, United States Army Air Forces, 453rd Bomb Group. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and fellow veterans.

## tradition continues Local Scouts Honor Veterans

On an early Saturday morning in November, Scouts from Troop 352, along with their leaders and volunteers, grouped together to once again pay tribute to our veterans.

As in the past, the yearly gathering began with a flag ceremony that consisted of retiring an older flag and raising a new one. Then they went straight to work, seeking out the grave sites of veterans and placing a fresh American flag at those graves to honor their memory and the sacrifice they made to our country.



One of the many cedar trees at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park



A stately magnolia tree enhancing Fair View Cemetery

## Living Tribute Program

*Planting a memorial tree is a wonderful, eco-friendly gift that will act as a lasting tribute for years to come.*

Remembrance trees are living legacies meant to symbolize the continuance of life and provide a lifetime of remembrance for you, for future generations and for our earth.

We have started a **Remembrance Tree Program**, where trees may be purchased and given in memory of or in honor of a loved one to commemorate birthdays, weddings, anniversaries or other special dates and occasions.

Consider dedicating a tree to an office worker, award winner, a beloved pet, or to commemorate a birth. You can add a plaque for remembrance, a stone, or even a special bench. Trees make a perfect memorial gift.

Contact Nihkolos Tipton for more information.

### We are grateful to our donors for your contributions.

If you would like to give, donations to the Foundation may be made online through our website. If you would like to use a contribution envelope, please contact our office. The Foundation is also receiving stock contributions.



# Thank You To Our Community of Heroes

*- On Behalf of Fair View Cemetery & Cedar Lawn Memorial Park -*



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# Keeping up the Grounds Being Good Stewards



## Tree Stump Cleanup

Our grounds staff has worked hard this year to cut down and remove a total of 5 older trees and 25 stumps. With this, we have started a tree planting program that allows families to help cover the cost of new plantings throughout both Fair View and Cedar Lawn. There will be the opportunity to place a plaque for a loved one or in honor of a family at the base of the tree. We have specific places for the trees to be placed, along with a short list of the kind of trees that we have in mind. Contact Nihkolas Tipton for more information.



## Remembrance Trees

A NEW WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE  
*A remembrance tree can grow in your loved one's honor and be present for decades and for centuries to come.*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE,  
NOTE 'TREE DONATION' IN YOUR EMAIL AND YOU  
WILL BE CONTACTED BY OUR DIRECTOR OF  
FAMILY SERVICES, NIHNIKOLAS TIPTON

## Our Staff: We couldn't do it without them!

We couldn't do what we do without our AMAZING crew! Each person is key in maintaining our organization, and we appreciate their helpful, conscientious, and proactive attitudes! It is a pleasure to get to work with them every day!

### Office Crew

Patricia Crawford ..... Customer Service Coordinator  
Valerie Slater ..... Administrative Assistant  
Nihkolas Tipton ..... Director of Sales  
Jonathan Burns-Carrara ..... Family Service Counselor  
Myrteen Heslep ..... President

### Grounds Crew

Brian LaTempa ..... Supervisor  
• Irwin Gill (retiring in 2020) • Logan Woods  
• Kenneth Myers • Phillip Myers

*thank  
you!*

## New Fence Project

This year we have had a lot of feedback about adding a partition along the back side of Cedar Lawn, where we have done a lot of work in the past few years. This project will allow us to block the view of the grounds equipment areas and the pile of accumulated dirt



**Proposed new  
fence will cost  
\$5,480.00**

(that we continually move). Fortunately, we will still have the mountain view above the fence line.

This cost includes a six-foot privacy fence made from premium pressure-treated pine pickets. This will help advance our mission to continually improve the beautification of the grounds, along with helping better serve our families and their wishes. If you are interested in supporting this project, please mark your Foundation Contribution for the Cedar Lawn fence project.

## We're Going Digital!

*We are seeking to update our email lists.*

Each holiday season we prepare our annual newsletter, and going forward our goal is to reduce our costs, by making an effort to be more environmentally friendly, and make the shift to emailing our newsletter.

***In order to do this, we need your help!***

### How to update your email\*:

- **Call:** 540-344-4263
- **Email:** [pcrawford@thefairviewgroup.org](mailto:pcrawford@thefairviewgroup.org)
- **Visit our website:** [www.TheFairViewGroup.org](http://www.TheFairViewGroup.org)  
Complete the contact form on the home page of the website and add "digital newsletter" in the subject line.

\*Your email will not be shared. Even if you are certain we have your address, please send your current email and we will verify our records.



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## Holiday Wreath

The Historic Fair View Cemetery is hosting a seasonal memorial program that will offer our beautiful locally made, mixed-herb Christmas wreaths to be placed at your loved one's final resting place. Arrange for your remembrance using the online contact form or by contacting our cemetery office. A separate order form is needed for each order, and will have a total cost of \$50.00.

All wreaths will be set in place by the second week of December, and all that remain in good condition will be displayed until our yearly spring cleaning.

*Orders should be made and received by:*

**December 1st, 2020**

*If you have any questions, please contact our office.*



Call to learn about  
our pre-need specials  
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