

Upcoming Events

Holiday Memorial Service

This special service is provided for all families who have experienced the loss of a loved one, whether recently or in the past. Our service is open to all! Saturday, December 7th, 1:00 p.m., Adams Chapel at River View Cemetery

National Children's Memorial Day Candle Lighting Service

This is a special service held to commemorate the lives of all children, loved and lost. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially parents who have lost a child of any age, for any reason.

Sunday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m., Adams Chapel at River View Cemetery

Memorial Trees

We invite you to place an ornament on our memorial trees in the lobby at River View Cemetery between December 3rd and 31st. We will have ornaments available for you to use, or feel free to bring your own from home.

For more information on any of our events, please call our office at 503.246.4251 or visit our website at www.riverviewcemetery.org.



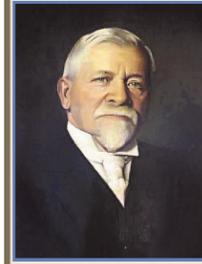
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Historical Figure—Henry Lewis Pittock



Henry Lewis Pittock was born on March 1, 1835. In 1853, at age 17, Henry Pittock travelled by wagon train from Pennsylvania to Oregon, where he began to work for the weekly Oregonian newspaper. He took ownership of the paper by 1860, and began to build a local empire that included real estate holdings, banking, railroad and steamboat investments, silver mining, and entries into the pulp and paper industries.

Henry Pittock was a member of the first party credited with climbing Mt. Hood. A famous quote attributed to Henry Pittock during one of these climbs, when it was suggested the climbers rest, "The man who sits down never reaches the top."



The Pittock Mansion

The home that Henry and Georgiana Pittock built is open to the public as The Pittock Mansion.

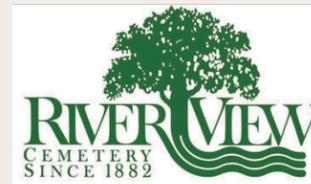
Henry Pittock died on January 28, 1919 and is interred in River View Cemetery.

If you would like to visit the Pittock gravesite, please feel free to stop by our office for a map and walking tour brochure. We also welcome organization tours!

River View Cemetery Association

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Newsletter



Natural Burial Update

In the Fall of 2009, River View Cemetery began offering a simpler, more environmentally-friendly burial option to our clients by allowing a person to be buried directly in the earth, in either a shroud, or biodegradable casket, without embalming and without the use of a concrete burial vault. This option is available in nearly all sections of the existing cemetery and response from the public has more than exceeded our expectations. Each year the number of families choosing this option for a deceased family member increases, and many more have chosen to make advance arrangements for themselves, in order to insure that their funeral and burial rituals will mirror the environmental values they have upheld during their lifetime.

River View Cemetery still wants to expand the natural burial program started four years ago, by developing a separate section of the cemetery devoted exclusively to natural burial. Back in 2011 we researched what would be the best location within the cemetery for this new section, and developed the environmental standards that will ensure that the area will always be maintained using environmentally-friendly methods. Unfortunately, we have encountered many delays due to unexpected geotechnical challenges associated with the chosen site. Although discouraged by this setback, we still hope to be able to create a separate area of the cemetery, devoted exclusively to natural burial. Please check our website for updates, or follow us on Facebook. You may also sign up to receive periodic e-mail newsletters regarding the progress of our Natural Burial program.

Executive Director's Message

The last 12 months have been very busy ones here at River View Cemetery. In addition to serving client families who have lost a loved one, through our funeral home and cemetery, we have also stayed very busy improving our grounds and facilities to better serve present and future clients. Some of those projects are outlined on page two of this newsletter; specifically, the addition of new glass-front cremation niches in the indoor mausoleum, as well as a bank of granite-front cremation niches on the east end of our outdoor mausoleum. Cremation continues to be popular in this part of the country, so we want to provide ample choices for our association members to select a permanent focal point of remembrance for their loved ones who choose cremation.

Construction projects have also captivated our time this year. As you will see on page two, we replaced six of the crumbling stairways in the cemetery this year, and hope to replace more in coming years, as funds allow. There were other projects, as well, such as painting the exterior of both the indoor and outdoor mausoleums; new, energy-efficient lighting on the second and third floors of the mausoleum; re-paving a portion of the cemetery roads; and building a new dirt storage facility.

A considerable amount of my time this year has also been spent dealing with the Sellwood Bridge project. It may seem like nothing more than a traffic inconvenience to cemetery visitors (see story on page 3), but it has been a significant drain on the time of the management team here at River View as we met with various contractors regarding issues that affect our cemetery and funeral home, such as the relocation of our entrance and our historic, granite pillars to their new location directly in line with the west end of the new bridge; moving our illuminated sign to accommodate the wider highway; moving all of the utilities that serve our funeral home building; and a host of other matters. We appreciate the patience of our clients, as they deal with the construction on Hwy. 43 and look forward to 2015 when the noise, dust and traffic congestion are behind us, and we have a beautiful, enhanced entry from Hwy. 43 which will allow vehicles to drive straight across the new Sellwood Bridge into the cemetery. Thank you for your continued patronage of River View Cemetery.

Warm Regards,

David E. Noble

David E. Noble, Executive Director
River View Cemetery Association

Available for River View Clients

New Indoor and Outdoor Niches Recently Installed
Cremation Memorialization Choices Enhanced

We are pleased to announce that earlier this year, construction was completed on a new section of glass-front cremation niches on the 3rd floor of the indoor mausoleum here at River View Cemetery. In addition, a new bank of granite-front cremation niches was installed on the east end of the outdoor mausoleum



Glass-front Niches in the Indoor Mausoleum



Sunrise Garden Niches Near the Outdoor Mausoleum

in a very popular area where the inventory of niches was completely depleted. This area is particularly beautiful with a view of Mt. St. Helens on a clear day. If you are interested in purchasing a niche in either of these areas, or just want to receive price information about these, or any of our other cremation placement options, please call our office and ask to speak to one of our Family Service Counselors. 503.246.4251

2013 Capital Improvement Projects

Beautify River View



Crumbling Staircase Before....



...and After

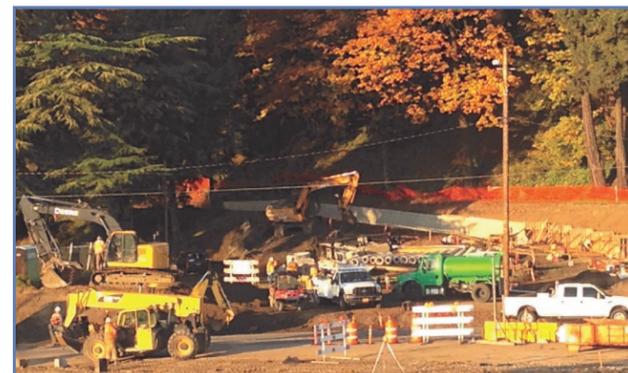
Both the indoor and outdoor mausoleum buildings at River View Cemetery are all-concrete buildings designed to last for many, many centuries. However, decades of wear and tear made a face-lift necessary this year. Both buildings were recently painted on the outside, and the indoor mausoleum received new interior lighting on the second and third floors, completing a project that was started last year on the fourth floor. All new, energy-saving light fixtures and bulbs have now been installed on all floors, and sensors were installed in many of the corridors so that the lights only come on when someone enters that part of the building, thus saving energy. Don't be startled when the lights come on automatically, and don't try to turn them off, because a few moments after you leave, they will go off automatically.

Additional capital improvement projects at River View include a number of new, concrete stairways in various sections of the cemetery where the existing stairs were crumbling from age. We plan to continue this project over the next several years until all of the older stairways have been replaced. A portion of the cemetery roads are being repaved this year and a new dirt storage facility is being built. Funds for these type of projects come from interest income from our endowment care fund, or from donations to River View's "Foundation Fund". The next time you are at River View, look around and see the results of these recent upgrades to our facilities and to the cemetery grounds.

CONSTRUCTION OF WEST-END INTERCHANGE FOR NEW SELLWOOD BRIDGE CREATES TRAFFIC WOES FOR RIVER VIEW CEMETERY'S LOWER ENTRANCE & FUNERAL HOME FACILITY

Funeral Home Clients Encouraged to Have Patience!

Anyone who has traveled across the Sellwood Bridge or along Highway 43 near River View's lower entrance is well aware of the traffic congestion resulting from ongoing construction of the new Sellwood Bridge and new west-end intersection. After it is completed, River View will have a beautiful new entrance, with enhanced access to the cemetery and the funeral home offices which are housed in the historic building that was formerly the caretaker's residence. But for the next several years, if you are coming to the cemetery or funeral home, you are encouraged to not only have patience, but to also allow a few minutes of extra time due to traffic delays. If you are



visiting the cemetery, or are coming to attend a funeral in Adams Chapel, you can miss the traffic congestion by using our main entrance on Taylors Ferry Road. However, if you are coming to the funeral home for business matters, or to make funeral arrangements, you will need to use the entrance at 8421 SW Macadam Avenue, also known as Highway 43. You will probably encounter delays, flaggers and construction activity, but our entrance IS open and parking is available. Once here you will be well served, but just allow yourself a little extra time to get here.

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Welcome Nicholas Hammerling!

Nicholas began his career as a Family Service Counselor after experiencing the pain of arranging for his own mother after her death. He agonized if he had honored her as she would have wished, including decisions about flowers, her grave marker; even the color of her dress. To this day, he wishes he had known his mom's last desires. Nicholas had discovered first-hand the importance of pre-planning ones funeral and cemetery arrangements.

When he became a Family Service Counselor, he learned that everyone has a different story to share and a different message to leave behind. Thus, he now listens and gently guides each of his families to find their own peace and goals through the pre-need process.

Nicholas feels honored to work with and introduce you, to the professionals at River View Cemetery and River View Cemetery Funeral Home. From the funeral directors, to the administrators, to the cemetery groundskeepers, all are committed to excellence with integrity, so that when the time comes and those you love are in our care, you will know your decisions were sound and will be upheld.

"Call me. I promise I'll sit with you, listen with my heart, answer all of your questions and we'll work together to design the plan that will be perfect for you, or your loved ones, so you'll never have to ask yourself, 'What if?'"

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The Value in Advance Planning

Although assisting families at the time of a death is a very important service, an even more important service we offer is advance planning. Planning ahead before a death occurs can be one of the most responsible and caring things you can do to prevent emotional and financial stress for your family.

If decisions are made ahead of time, you can prevent your family from having to make difficult and expensive decisions that need to be made on possibly the worst day of their life. Advance-planning staff here at River View are available to assist you with your cemetery and funeral pre-arrangements. If you would like a complimentary Pre-Planning Records Guide Book to assist you with compiling the information needed at the time of death, please give us a call at 503.246.4251 to receive your copy.