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HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



This Week at Woodland:

Gates Closed!

Gates will be CLOSED until 12pm on Sunday, April 27 for the Free Your Sole 5k/10k.

Visitors who are not participating in the event are welcome to find parking along Woodland Ave., and travel the cemetery by foot.

Click the button (right) to learn more about this annual event!

**FREE YOUR
SOLE 5K/10K**



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Don't get caught by surprise:

The Easter/springtime decoration period ends April 26. Please be sure to bring home all decor items that you wish to keep. Adornment clean off begins April 28th!

Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off
Orange = Do Not Clean Off
Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion

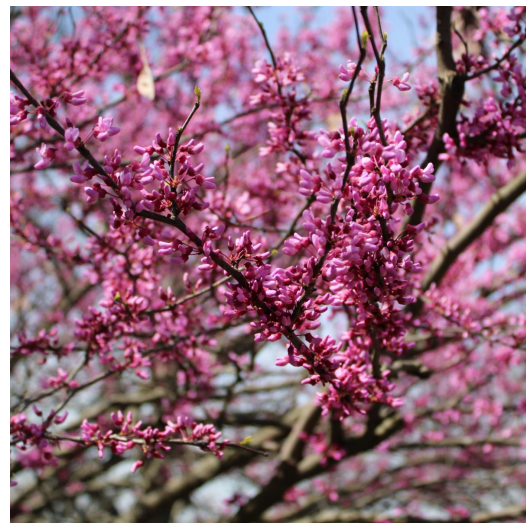
What's Blooming:

Abundant in southern Ohio, the Redbud heralds the arrival of spring with showy, lavender-pink flowers. Technically a member of the bean family, Redbud is also related to Honey locust, Kentucky Coffee tree, Black Locust, and Wisteria. A fast-growing tree, Redbuds typically reach 20 feet in height and live for about 20 years.

One of the Redbud's common names is the 'Judas Tree', due to the myth that Judas Iscariot hanged himself from a tree of this species. More likely, the common name was a misunderstanding of the French common name, '*Arbre De Judée*', which means 'tree of Judea' — referring to the region where Redbuds were once common.

Redbud:

Cercis Canadensis



101 Years Ago at Woodland:

One hundred and one years ago yesterday, a man known only as 'Fairground Billy' died in the shanty colony on the south Ludlow street dump. We can't put it any better than the Dayton Daily News reporter who wrote:

**"Fairground Billy" Dies With
Mystery of His Past Still
Tight-Locked.**

1924.

"He loved a good horse,' will be 'Fairground Billy's' epitaph. Who he is, who are his kin, none of his neighbors know. It is believed Kentucky was his birthplace.

"Buried in his bosom, the secrets of a life that had left lines of experience upon his ever-smiling face, 'Fairground Billy' came to reside in the shanty village several years ago. Each winter found him helping to care for the horses at the fairground racetrack and his habit of lingering there gave him his unique name."

As far as we can tell, nobody ever found out who 'Fairground Billy' truly was. He was buried in Woodland's City Lot on April 26th,

Symbols of the Season:

Shamrock or Clover:



The name shamrock comes from Irish *seamróg*, and simply means "young clover". There is no one "true" species of shamrock, but *Trifolium dubium* (lesser clover) is considered to be **the** shamrock by roughly half of Irish people.

Traditionally, shamrock is said to have been used by Saint Patrick to illustrate the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity when Christianising Ireland in the 5th century. As St. Patrick is Ireland's patron saint, the shamrock has been used as a symbol of Ireland since the 18th century.

Above (right): Portrait of Thomas Moore by Martin Archer Shee c. 1817, National Gallery Dublin.



Oh, the Shamrock

By Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

Through Erin's Isle
To sport awhile
As Love and Valour
wander'd,
With Wit, the sprite,
Whose quiver bright
A thousand arrows
squander'd;
Where'er they pass,
A triple grass
Shoots up, with dew-drops
streaming,
As softly green
As emeralds seen
Through purest crystal
gleaming.
Oh the Shamrock, the green,
immortal Shamrock!
Chosen leaf
Of Bard and Chief,

Upcoming Events!



Woof Walk:

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum and SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center invite you to one of our most unique events: Woof Walk!

Click [here](#) to find out more & register for this event!

Annual Event:

4/26 @ 8:30 am



Street Names of Dayton:

If you've ever driven through Woodland Cemetery you may have noticed that many of the monuments have the names of many of the streets in Dayton.

On this tour, we'll introduce you to the men and women whose streets bear their name and how they contributed to the history of Dayton.

Upcoming Tours:

4/26 @ 11 am

Click [here](#) to register!

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

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Come Visit Us!



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Tours & More:

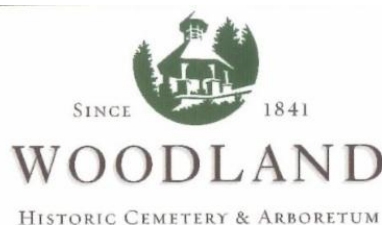
We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries!

Or check out our virtual tours! (if you really don't want to go outside)



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Discover the men and women who made it great in Dayton on a guided walking or bus tour. Self-guided tours are available on our mobile app.

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