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**FOREST HOME CEMETERY: YOUR FAMILY, OUR HISTORY**

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## KEEP IT BOO-TIFUL: A “NOT-SO-SCARY” HALLOWEEN FEST: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Celebrate the fall season with plenty of Halloween fun created especially for young children at the Keep It Boo-tiful: A “Not so Scary” Halloween Fest presented by Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and hosted by FHC on Saturday, October 20 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

The event is FREE for children of all ages and adults. There will be plenty of Halloween fun throughout the historic FHC grounds. Join in the family-friendly entertainment at this themed event, including trick-or-treat stations (with or without costumes), “spook-tacular” activities, live music, DJ, Milwaukee’s largest “Thriller” mob dance off, face painting, costume contests, hay rides and more. Please **register online** at [www.kgmb.org/bootiful](http://www.kgmb.org/bootiful) so we can have enough treats for the kids!

## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Come one, come all to the Inaugural Celebration of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) at FHC on Saturday, October 6. The event will run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event is FREE and open to the public.

In the spirit of this event only, anyone with loved ones buried in the cemetery may come and decorate their graves in the tradition of Day of the Dead.

Decorations may be placed between October 3rd and 6th. Decorations, outside of our current rules and regulations, must be removed from the graves by Wednesday, October 10th.

Face painting, grave decorating, genealogy, matchbox altars, sugar skulls and sponsor booths will run from 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.

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**DAY OF THE DEAD SCHEDULE**

- 10:00 am – 12:45 pm  
Activities on the grounds
- 10:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Food in Victorian Gardens
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Mariachi Monarchas
- 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm  
Milwaz Talleras
- 1:00 – 1:45 pm Memorial Service
- 1:45 – 2:45 pm  
Procession to Our Lady of  
Guadalupe with the Dance  
Academy of Mexico
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm The Grupo Rancera

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL EVENTS! CAN YOU HELP?**  
 See page 3 and contact [janv@foresthomcemetary.com](mailto:janv@foresthomcemetary.com) . Thank you!

## WHAT'S NEW AT FHC?



Jan Van Rens, Executive Director

### FALL-WINTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note our seasonal office hours:

November 1st through March 31st.

### SALES & INFORMATION

Monday through Friday  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sundays by appointment

### GROUNDS

Always open dawn to dusk

Mother Nature did a number on us this spring! It was a slow start to the summer season, as she dumped a foot of snow at the end of April, just as we were starting our spring clean-up.

It was followed by more than two weeks of rain, making it impossible for the grounds crew to take mowers and equipment out onto the grounds. Then came perfect grass-growing conditions which made for a very harried grounds staff trying to get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

It takes two and a half weeks to mow the entire cemetery once! Parts of the cemetery were ready to be mowed again four days after the initial cut. We just couldn't keep up with it. So this year, yes, the grounds were not as

pristine as they usually are, and we apologize for that, but as the summer has gone along, we have done everything we can to handle what Mother Nature has dealt us. Thank you for your patience and understanding. This year was the exception, not the norm!

Despite all this, we continue to ramp up for our Fall Frenzy! You are reading the information on all the upcoming events in September, October, and November. I hope you are able to come out and experience the first time events (Day of the Dead and Keep It Boo-tiful) as well as the older ones (Doors Open and the Memorial Tree Planting).

We look forward to seeing many of you this fall! — *Jan*

## DAY OF THE DEAD: OCTOBER 6

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Live music will be played throughout the day for you to dance and enjoy.

A Service of Remembrance led by Fr. Norberto Sandoval begins at 1:00 pm and will be followed by a procession, led by the Dance Academy of Mexico, to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Section where the statue will be blessed and celebrated.

Food will be available to purchase from 10:30-4:00 PM in the Victorian Garden.

Mazorcas Tacos ( Jesus Gonzalez) and Algo Dulce Treats (Dominique Alvarado) will be serving throughout the day.



### PURCHASE MONUMENTS AT FHC!

FHC sells granite monuments, benches and bronze memorials. By working directly with the manufacturer, we can offer extremely competitive rates. Laser etching and cameos are also available. There are prices to meet all budgets, and an 18-month interest-free payment plan. Call 414-645-2632

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT TO INCLUDE FHC IN YOUR WILL?

Or, to donate to its legacy through the Historical Preservation Association? Your tax-deductible donation helps maintain our historical buildings and grounds. For more information, call 414-645-2632 or visit [www.foresthomepreservation.org](http://www.foresthomepreservation.org)

Now, you can receive  
**THE MESSENGER**

by email!

Contact us at

[info@foresthomcemetary.com](mailto:info@foresthomcemetary.com)  
and we will put you on  
our email list for future editions.

### GLASS NICHE AVAILABLE

New lighted, glass-front niches have been installed in the Halls of History. Stop in to see if it is the perfect place for you or a family member.



## DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE: SEPTEMBER 22 & 23

On September 22 and 23, FHC will once again participate in the free Doors Open Milwaukee event.

Our historic Landmark Chapel, built in 1892, and the first crematory in the Midwest, opened in 1896, will be open to the public:

Saturday, 9/22 10 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, 9/23 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Visit the Doors Open website, [www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org/tours/3492](http://www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org/tours/3492) to register for a guided bicycle tour (\$10 per person for bike tour participants only/30 person maximum) through FHC on Saturday and learn about the people that our streets and parks are named for. Please bring a bike.

Then on Sunday, September 23rd take the walking tour and learn about Milwaukee history and how FHC came to be.

Both tours start at 2:00 pm outside the Halls of History.

## TREE MEMORIAL PLANTING AND ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE: NOVEMBER 4

On Sunday, November 4, FHC and St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host the annual Memorial Tree Planting and All Saints' Day service, to honor all who passed away in 2017 and in memory of deceased loved ones whose passing was recent or long ago. 2017 invitations will go out in October, but anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to attend and have their loved one's name read during the service.

The Memorial Tree will be planted first, followed by the remembrance service and candle lighting. Call the FHC office no later than Thursday, November 1st to include names in the candle lighting. See full schedule below.

### ALL SAINTS' SCHEDULE

3:15 pm Arrival and sign in

3:45 pm Dedication of the  
2017 Memorial Tree

4:00 pm Service in the historic  
Landmark Chapel, reading of names  
and candle lighting



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are so important to the success of our events! Do you have some time to help us out? If so, we thank you! In all cases, shifts can be flexible, so there is no need to spend the entire day. To find out more or to sign up, please contact Jan Van Rens at [janv@foresthomecemetery.com](mailto:janv@foresthomecemetery.com)

### Doors Open Milwaukee

Tell the history of the crematory and chapel. Notes will be provided in advance.

#### Saturday, September 22

Three-hour shifts: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm OR 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

#### Sunday, September 23

Four-hour shift: 12:00 – 4:00 pm

### Day of the Dead Celebration

#### Saturday, October 6

Various shifts: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Set up tables and activity areas, direct families to various activity areas, food, chapel service and clean up.

#### Saturday, October 20

#### Keep It Boo-tiful Event

Various shifts: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Set up tables and activity areas, direct families to various activity areas, food, Thriller Dance and clean up.

#### Saturday, October 27

#### Aurora Grave Yard 5K Run & Walk

8:00 – 11:30 am. Set up and take down, direct people to check in, cheer runners on along the route. To volunteer, see the article below for more information.

## GRAVE YARD 5K RUN & WALK OCTOBER 27

For the past two years, Aurora Sports Medicine has used FHC for its Couch to 5K Training Program. When asked if they could do a 5K race through the cemetery, we responded with a resounding "YES." The race will take place on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

If you are a runner, or would like to volunteer on race day, sign up at <https://silvercirclesportsevents.com/grave-yard-5k>

A portion of the proceeds will go to FHC Preservation Association to mark the graves of unmarked Civil War veterans.

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or no longer wish to receive it, please contact us.



## UPCOMING FALL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

All tours and events start at the Halls of History, unless otherwise noted. Tours are FREE and open to the public.

Donations to the Forest Home Historic Preservation Association are always gratefully accepted. You help us to continue to make these tours and events available to all.

Call 414-645-2632.

### SEPTEMBER

- 22 Saturday  
Doors Open Milwaukee  
Chapel & Crematory Tours  
10 am to 4 pm (page 3)
- 23 Sunday  
Doors Open Milwaukee  
Chapel & Crematory Tours  
12 noon to 4 pm (page 3)

- 23 Sunday  
Milwaukee History (2 pm)  
– Paul Haubrich

### OCTOBER

- 6 Saturday  
Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)  
Remembrance  
10 am to 4 pm (page 1)
- 20 Saturday  
Keep It Boo-tiful, A “Not-So-Scary”  
Halloween Fest (page 1)
- 20 Saturday  
Fall Color Tour (2 pm) – Paul Haubrich
- 27 Saturday  
Aurora Sports Medicine 5K Run  
9 to 11 am (page 3)

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Sunday  
Tree Memorial Planting &  
All Saint's Day Service  
3:15 to 5 pm (page 3)



### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

See stories of some  
of our well-known  
residents.

FOREST HOME HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Visit the website: [www.foresthomepreservation.org](http://www.foresthomepreservation.org)

## MULTI-YEAR FLORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Friends: Flowers are a wonderful way to honor the memory of loved ones and we are pleased to announce a **new floral program** that will help you to plan ahead for flower placements at gravesites. In past years, we placed flowers and then billed for the service. Unfortunately, there were too many bills left unpaid and we had to change our approach.

Now, you can order and pay for flowers to be placed for up to three years in advance. Our expert grounds crew will place and/or plant flowers at the time(s) you designate. We offer a wide variety of silk floral arrangements for any season, holiday or special occasion. At Memorial Day, in-ground flowers may be planted on "in ground" graves only.

To participate, simply fill out the order form below, **enclose the applicable amount of money via check (tax is included) and mail it in.** Or, if you wish to pay via credit card, fill out the form, mail it in and supply us with your phone number. **We will then contact you for your credit card information.** Thank you for your participation in this new program and bringing color to the grounds!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers to be placed in Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Place for (check one):     1 Year - 2018     2 Years thru 2019     3 years thru 2020

Holiday	Price/Quantity	Amount (A)	Holiday	Price/Quantity	Amount (B)
Valentine's Day	\$25 x _____	= _____	<b>Memorial Day</b>		
Easter			Geranium	\$12 x _____	= _____
Bouquet	\$25 x _____	= _____	Begonia	\$12 x _____	= _____
Lilies/Halls of History	\$30 x _____	= _____	Coleus	\$12 x _____	= _____
<b>Mother's Day</b>			Impatiens	\$12 x _____	= _____
Bouquet	\$25 x _____	= _____	Petunia	\$12 x _____	= _____
Mums/Halls of History	\$30 x _____	= _____	Dusty Miller	\$12 x _____	= _____
<b>Father's Day</b>	\$25 x _____	= _____	Bouquet	\$25 x _____	= _____
<b>July 4th</b>	\$25 x _____	= _____	<b>Christmas</b>		
<b>Labor Day</b>	\$25 x _____	= _____	Bouquet	\$25 x _____	= _____
<b>Fall Bouquet</b>	\$25 x _____	= _____	20" Grave Wreath	\$35 x _____	= _____
<b>Special Occasion</b>	\$25 x _____	= _____	24" Grave Wreath	\$40 x _____	= _____
Date: _____			Poinsettias in HOH	\$30 x _____	= _____
<b>SUBTOTAL Column A</b> = _____			<b>SUBTOTAL Column B</b> = _____		

**Total from above (Subtotal A + Subtotal B) = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Year(s) =**

**TOTAL to be paid to Forest Home Cemetery = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Return to: Forest Home Cemetery, 2405 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee WI 53215 **OR** to purchase by credit card, 414-645-2632.

## WELCOME LESLIE SANCHEZ

On Wednesday, August 8, 2018, Leslie Sanchez joined the FHC Team. Leslie is one of our Memorial Counselors providing information to families to assist them in making an educated decision about their property and pre-need purchases. She will also help them design a grave marker for their loved ones who have passed. Leslie is bi-lingual and will be working hard to get the Forest Home Cemetery name out into the community. The next time you are in the office, take a moment and say, "Hi!"



### PRE-PLANNING IS AN ACT OF LOVE

Call today for an appointment to discuss your final resting place at FHC. In-ground, mausoleum or niche, the choice is yours.

Bring this coupon and receive

**\$250**

toward the purchase of your pre-need property. 414-645-2632

### HALLS OF HISTORY ONLY — POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM — ORDER NOW!

NOTE: Poinsettias will be displayed in December. Outdoor crypt and wreaths may be ordered with the Multi-Year Floral Placement Form, page 4.



Your Name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers to be placed "IN MEMORY OF" (card included) \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate quantity:

\_\_\_ POINSETTIA (order by 12/1): @ \$30.00 each

Check Enclosed for : \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes Tax)

**Mail to:** Forest Home Cemetery, Inc.  
2405 W. Forest Home Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
For credit card orders or questions,  
call 414-645-2632. Quantities limited.



## FRIENDS OF FOREST HOME CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who joined as Founding Members of the Friends of Forest Home!

#### CAMPAIGN MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- \$1000 Guardian Level
- \$500 Curator Level
- \$250 Garden Level
- \$100 Fountain Level
- \$75 Family (up to 4 residing at the same address)
- \$45 Duo
- \$25 Individual
- \$20 Students, seniors & military with ID

There is a membership level for everyone wanting to become a Friend of Forest Home.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Travis Baptist          | Peter Kresch          | Robert Rogers             |
| Bill Blatz              | Christine Krueger     | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roy    |
| Suzy & John Brennan     | Gail Kursel           | Mr. & Mrs. Charles Saggio |
| David Brenner           | Ben and Lecia Johnson | Rand Schmidt              |
| Cathreen Clark          | Cynthia Lepkowski     | Jaqueline Shervey         |
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| Paul Haubrich           | Carol Phillips        |                           |
| Margaret Holzbog        | Mary & Ross Read      |                           |

You, too, can become a Friend of Forest Home, and help through gifts of your time, and money, to keep FHC the beautiful cemetery that it is. More information is available on the web:  
[www.foresthomepreservation.org/welcome-friends-of-forest-home](http://www.foresthomepreservation.org/welcome-friends-of-forest-home)