



WEST LAUREL HILL
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Dear Families and Friends,

Since mid-March, we all have experienced unprecedented disruption in our lives. We have seen the “Color Zones of COVID” shift as changing patterns of this virus continue to keep us in a state of uncertainty. We have felt the impact of systemic racism that leads to unjust practices and policies and have wondered when this will stop. We have watched as wildfires and hurricanes have devastated thousands of acres and people – perhaps some that you know – and have asked ourselves, “what is happening?” But if there’s one thing we know for sure, it’s that Laurel Hill and West Laurel Hill Cemeteries and West Laurel Hill Funeral Home are important anchor institutions in our communities, and over the past several months, they have proven to be much needed sanctuaries. They are necessary outdoor respites and venues for healthy activity, as well as welcoming places of comfort and tranquility amid so much tragedy and loss.

We continue to keep the beautiful grounds of both cemeteries open to the public from 7AM to 7PM each day and welcome all to come enjoy our arboretum, particularly splendid in fall colors. All guests enjoying our grounds are required to adhere to the posted rules and regulations of the cemeteries seen on well-displayed signage at and near our entrances. We ask that all vehicles, including bicycles, be particularly mindful of the speed limit. Be sure to always leash and pick up after your pets, and please do not lean on the monuments, many of which are very fragile. Doing so will help protect our cemeteries, our arboretum, and other visitors.

For your protection and that of our staff and other visitors, we do require visitors to wear masks while on our grounds, follow social distancing protocols and safe personal hygiene practices. Please note that all buildings, including publicly accessible restrooms, continue to be closed to the public.

We have resumed small, safe on-site public tours and programs at both cemeteries, in addition to our very popular virtual events. Find our fall schedule here: www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org/events and sign up for a program now! Many fill up quickly. Private guided tours of 10 or less can also be accommodated upon request: www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org/forms/private-tour. Contact us as well if you are interested in a private event.

We continue to perform our essential business activities, providing burial and cremation needs. While regulations are fluid, currently our chapels at West Laurel Hill Cemetery can serve up to 25 people indoors. We are able to safely host more people outdoors at a graveside service. Our staff is always available to assist families who wish to purchase burial space in either Laurel Hill or West Laurel Hill if a death has occurred or is imminent.

While the number of coronavirus cases in our region continues to ebb and flow, we will always err on the side of caution at our cemeteries and funeral home, as our goal is to continue to ensure the highest level of protection for our staff, families, and visitors while still carrying out our essential roles as a place to bury the dead and provide solace and relief to the living. Our entire staff stands ready to answer questions or concerns you have during this extraordinary time. Feel free to reach out at 610-668-9900 or visit www.westlaurelhill.com. We will also continue to communicate updates on our websites: www.westlaurelhill.com and www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org.

Thank you for your patience and kindness as we continue to serve our community.

Be well. Stay safe.

President & CEO