

Dear Families and Friends,

Since March 2020, we all have experienced unprecedented disruption in our lives. We have witnessed the unrelenting spread of COVID and have felt the impact of systemic racism that leads to unjust practices and policies. We have witnessed an increase in unforgiving acts of violence and have seen destructive weather conditions leave people's lives in shambles.

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 they have proven to be our 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. All guests enjoying our grounds are required to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and adhere to the posted rules and regulations 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.

Please note that all buildings, including publicly accessible restrooms, continue to be closed to the public however we are conducting safe on-site public tours and programs at both cemeteries. Our live events and popular virtual programs can be found at thelaurelhillcemetery.org/events.

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 a limited number of people indoors. We can 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 we are grateful that the number of those vaccinated continues to grow, 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.thelaurelhill.com.

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

Be well. Stay safe.

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