

Bellefontaine Cemetery Tour and Lunch/tour of Historical Firehouse

On Friday June 1 the Retirees Association will have a guided tour of a unique section of Bellefontaine Cemetery followed by lunch at a recently restored 1800s firehouse on Washington Avenue. The cemetery tour will be a guided walking experience from the center of the property located at 4947 West Florissant Avenue. We will see the section where many famous St Louis families from the 1800s are buried. Graves and mausoleums of William Clark (Louis & Clark) James O'Fallon (the wealthiest person in St Louis), and Adolphus Busch will be among the sites. We will both see the grave sites and hear the interesting stories about these prominent families. We will meet at the front gates of the cemetery at 10:00 AM for a brief orientation. Our guide will instruct us on how to drive to the center of the cemetery. He will then accompany us for a two-hour walking tour.

At 12:30 we will have lunch at Brick River Restaurants in the recently restored firehouse (2000 Washington Avenue - the loft district). The firehouse is a three-story structure from the horse drawn era. The owner will provide us with a personal tour of the building, including the basement where the

Those that participate in all the cemetery tour will have an experience which some may find exhaustive. On the other hand, the firehouse is updated with a modern elevator and restrooms that comply with ADA standards. The event scheduled for June 1 is actually two separate activities. Members may elect to participate in either or both.

<http://bellefontainecemetery.org/vis.../upcoming-guided-tours/>



Brick River Cider Company opened on 2/16 at an old downtown firehouse at 2000 Washington Ave.