

APRIL 2021



**RIVERVIEW CEMETERY IS OPEN FOR BURIALS**

The 2nd Saturday of the Month  
Outdoor Volunteer Projects are resumed, weather permitting.

Project dates are:

April 10

May 8

June 12

FOOD DRIVE will continue when volunteer projects resume.

For Statewide Resources to assist with Loss and Grief visit the website of the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium: [www.degac.org](http://www.degac.org)

The mission of Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is to operate and maintain Wilmington's most culturally diverse, non-profit, public cemetery, and to support its restoration and preservation.

# Spring is Here!

**F**HRC hosted outdoor-only **volunteer opportunities** for men and women in the Probation and Parole program during the winter months. These community service hours were a win-win! The average turnout was 10 volunteers and this translated into 60 hours a month. Our goal was to prepare 42 acres of land for grass cutting. We collected trash, fallen branches and old grave decorations. We also filled dozens of groundhog holes with dirt. If the critters are active we will hire our wildlife specialist for capture and removal. Please be careful if you are walking on the uneven surfaces.

FHRC Board of Directors welcomes the return of our **Grass Partnership** with the Officers and Men of the Plummer Community Correction Center (our next door neighbor on Todd's Lane). We appreciate the leadership of Warden Doreen Fields and Deputy Warden Wayne Wilson and their Officers.

The 42 acres of Greenspace is of tremendous value and is open to the public to enjoy. This time of year is full of special days including Easter, Holy Pasche, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. Take time to remember your friends, family, colleagues and neighbors at Riverview Cemetery. The love lives on!

Riverview Cemetery along with two other City of Wilmington cemeteries are seeking a Level 1 Arboretum designation. Together, the trees on our respective grounds make up more than 1% of Wilmington's entire canopy. Ensuring the health of Riverview's trees will preserve the historic character, enhance the beauty of the cemetery grounds, and provide many benefits for city residents. Stay tuned for more information.



## Notes:

**WE WILL STOP USING THE P.O BOX ADDRESS BY MID-YEAR.**

**SEND ALL MAIL TO:**

**3300 N. MARKET STREET  
WILMINGTON DE 19802**

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER/  
NEWS FLASH WILL CHANGE  
TO A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.**

**GRASS CUTTING AND MONUMENT  
TRIMMING BEGIN IN APRIL.  
GRAVE DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED**



# NOTES FROM the BOARD



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR JANUARY - MARCH 2021 DONATIONS

Harry and Jane Saville Smith Foundation	\$1000
Karen and Stephen Sharpe (In memory of Tom Anderson)	\$300
Charles Wahl	\$100
Lewis W. Pennell	\$100
Harvey and Alice Smith	\$50
Mary Skinner	\$50
Joyce Zipfel	\$50
Alan and Donna Hanlin	\$50
Suzanne Halabi	\$30
Ulysses Beard and Belvia Koger	\$30
Connee Wright McKinney	\$25
Maria McCutcheon	\$23

**Operational Income is down as we complete the First Quarter of 2021. Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses. We appreciate your help with these expenses!**

**Veteran count 1160**  
To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)



Sometimes one just has to pause to appreciate the loss of a loved one, even if not one's own. Here is a precious offering of remembrance seen recently at Riverview.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is a 501c/3 non-profit charitable organization. Your membership is tax-deductible and the funds are used for cemetery expenses. Please join or renew your annual membership now. And find out if your employer will match your donation!

- Membership Levels:**
- \$30 Individual • \$50 Family
  - \$125 Restorer • \$300 Preserver
  - \$500 Guardian

**ESTATE PLANNING:** Consider Riverview Cemetery in your Will. Gifts of stock, retirement plan assets, life insurance and real estate are all welcome. Contact us for assistance.

**BURIALS:** The Board of Directors assisted with 6 burials

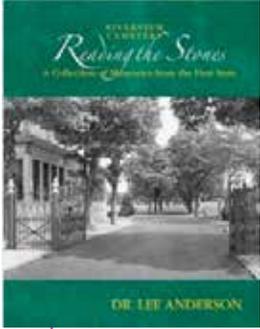
**CREMATION:** Families who choose cremation at the time of death may select a cemetery at a later time. We are available to assist you with the placement of your loved one's remains at Riverview Cemetery. Four family-related cremains may be placed in a single gravesite (a new grave or a grave belonging to your relative). Call 302-762-4705 to discuss this affordable option.

## PROJECTS of NOTE



### Gradie Welding to the Rescue

A large section of wrought iron fence along Washington St. was flattened by a huge fallen tree. Once the tree was removed, we contacted Brian of Gradie Welding to repair/replace the fence. He made it a priority despite the snowy weather. Before we knew it we received photos of the completed job. Well Done Brian! We highly recommend Graydie Welding LLC. Thank you for your generous support of Riverview Cemetery.



**Reading the Stones - A Collection of Memories from the First State**, published in 2005, is still relevant today. We continue to collect your memories, stories and photos to keep the Oral History Project alive. Your information will be placed in a binder for display in the Visitor Center.

**Make a Connection!**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FHRCW](http://www.facebook.com/FHRCW)  
Email: [riverviewfriends@gmail.com](mailto:riverviewfriends@gmail.com)  
Phone: 302 762 4705

### An Improved View for the Neighbors

When FHRC assumed ownership of the Riverview Cemetery in January 2009, we inherited the remains of a maintenance building, a concrete pad and 3 concrete block walls. Over the past 13 years, extra dirt from burials was placed on the pad. We are happy to report that the unsafe walls have now been removed from the cemetery allowing our neighbors on Eastlawn Avenue to have a better view of the cemetery. The 42 acres of Greenspace and mature trees creates a park-like setting for all who visit.



FHRC will welcome 11th grade students from Delaware Valley Classical School on April 30th for an outdoor Community Service Project. Photos will be posted on Facebook.