



**VOLUNTEER PROJECT**  
 January 12, 2019  
 9am – Noon

Sign in at the Visitor Center

**Project:  
 Outdoor Winter Chores!**

- Clear ivy off McMullen wall
- Remove vines from trees
- Pick up branches and trash

Snacks & beverages provided



Community Service Certificates available



**FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION**

FHRC collects food items which are donated to a local food cupboard at the end of the day. Items to share: canned soups, peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal and pasta.

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)

Mailing Address:  
 Friends of Historic  
 Riverview Cemetery  
 P.O. Box 2173  
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[www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)

*THE BEGINNING OF 2019* is a critical time for all people to contact State Senators and State Representatives on behalf of Riverview Cemetery. Grass-cutting and monument trimming are the biggest expense at the 42 acre cemetery that spans both sides of North Market Street. FHRC Board of Directors have met with two highly respected and experienced community leaders, Senator Harris McDowell and Representative Herman M. Holloway, Jr. They know that without a commitment of State resources for the 2019 grass cutting season (April through October), the cemetery may once again be returned to the State as it did in the year 2000. FHRC Board of Directors do not want this to happen and continue to work tirelessly behind the scene with our volunteers and community partners to operate, maintain, restore, and preserve the cemetery.

The cemetery is vulnerable and it impacts thousands of people. It is surrounded by homeowners, businesses, and places of worship. People from all over the country visit their ancestors. And, Riverview remains an active and affordable burial site. To date, under FHRC ownership in 2009 we have assisted 370 families and 38 funeral homes. New gravesites are available for purchase and a percentage of the \$1000 fee is invested at the Delaware Community Foundation for Perpetual Care. We are happy to show you desirable locations so you can pre-plan and purchase gravesites now.

Let's pause and do some possibility thinking about State Resources: One possibility is the State could fund the expense associated with grass maintenance. Secondly, the State could



Dr. Lee Anderson, President FHRC

**CALL TO ACTION!**

restore Riverview Cemetery's grass cutting partnership with the Plummer Community Correction Center. Thirdly, the State could change language that excludes cemeteries from small or large grass cutting grants through the Delaware Distressed Cemetery Board. Your voice is critical even if your relatives are not buried at Riverview Cemetery. What is happening again to Riverview Cemetery could happen to any cemetery in Delaware. Visit the FHRC website. You will find archived News Journal articles dat-

ing back to 2000 when the cemetery found itself in bankruptcy. You will also find the 2012 Report to the National Register of Historic Places full of fascinating information for history buffs. Read about our Veterans who are listed alphabetically — each one has a Find A Grave memorial page. Review some previous Newsletters (2015-2018) on a range of topics. Search for your interest and you will find it. The website also provides the ability to donate online and to contact us by email.

This year we want to encourage more and more people and organizations to find their connection to Riverview Cemetery. And, if you are reading this newsletter you may be the link that is vital to bringing more people-connections to FHRC. So tell one another some stories, or forward the newsletters to friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, classmates, team members. We extend a warm welcome to you! There is something for everyone at Riverview Cemetery.

**Keys to Progress**  
 People • Partnerships • Projects • Passion •  
 Patience • Pennies



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.

Riverview Cemetery • 3300 North Market Street • Wilmington, Delaware • (302) 762-4705



# FROM *the* BOARD

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Many Thanks to our November and December 2018 DONORS

Bruce Dunlap	\$30
Mary T. Farrell	\$50
Julie Zorach	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Wagner	\$100
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Baker	\$100
Katherine S. Ward	\$100
Nancy Hlywiak	\$200
James Gish	\$500

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping FHRC Board Members with preparation for burials. Being available during the day is required for these outdoor tasks. Please call 302-762-4705 if you are interested in learning more.

### Veteran count 1142

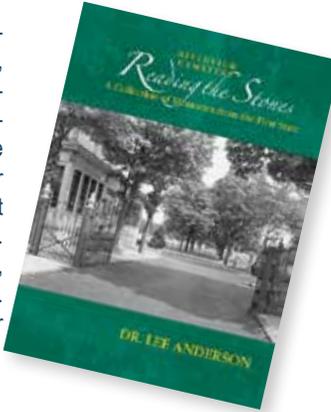
To view a complete list and link to Find A Grave page, please visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)

**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.

**ORAL HISTORY:** This is the year to contribute your memories, stories, and photos, of Riverview Cemetery. We cannot remember all the fascinating things we are learning through phone calls, email, visits to the cemetery, and meeting you at volunteer projects. Please write it down and send it to P.O. Box 2173 Wilmington, DE 19899. You may want to tell us about your family, friends, or general knowledge of the area. A 3- ring binder will be located in the Visitor Center to archive your information.



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## BURIALS

The Board of Directors assisted with 4 burials in November and 3 burials in December.

## 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 cremains 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

### Wreath Fundraiser raised \$1400!



Bank of America Volunteers returned to Riverview Cemetery on December 7th and had a great time decorating 70 one-of-a kind wreaths. Those who supported this fundraiser picked up their pre-ordered wreath the next day while FHRC volunteers placed wreaths on graves for those who were unable to do so. Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser.



Repointed mortar joint

Last year, FHRC was the recipient of a generous Delaware Distressed Cemetery Fund (<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/distressedguide.html>) grant of \$12,950 used to continue repairs to the exterior of the 1917 public mausoleum. The front façade, roof coping, window surrounds and several courses around the entire building are now sealed. The building was in need of total repointing from years of neglect and deterioration. This process includes grinding out old mortar joints and replacement. The latest grant helped to complete approximately 60% of the building's exterior. All work to date has been by Wilmington Stoneworks LLC, a local masonry and restoration company.

## DAVEY TREE COMPANY DID IT AGAIN!

It is good to start 2019 without trees on the ground. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to Riverview Cemetery.



Section 2, before



Section 16, before



Section 2, after



Section 16, after



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