



# A New Year - Time to Turn the Page

## RIVERVIEW CEMETERY IS OPEN FOR BURIALS

Volunteer projects are cancelled until further notice. We cannot share tools, gloves, restrooms, or snacks.

You may walk or drive through the cemetery and remove trash and sticks during grass cutting season.

Use this time to find your connections to Riverview and share them with us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/FHRCW](http://www.facebook.com/FHRCW)

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.

**RIVERVIEW CEMETERY REMAINS AN ACTIVE BURIAL GROUND** with 22 burials in 2020. Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery a 501c/3 non-profit organization assumed ownership of the cemetery in January 2009. We have assisted families and funeral directors with 321 burials and placement of approximately 130 grave markers. We have also replied to hundreds of phone calls, emails, and letters each year seeking information for pre-planning, historical, genealogical, visiting purposes.

The 42 acres of Greenspace is of tremendous value in Wilmington. It is surrounded by homes, churches, and businesses with regular pedestrian and vehicular traffic along Market and Washington Streets.

Wind and rain storms took 7 huge trees to the ground and 13 other trees sustained major damage. FHRC board members and Probation & Parole community service volunteers assisted with the clean-up. The Davey Tree Company did the 'heavy lifting' professional work. We are grateful to those who donated funds for this unexpected expense that exceeded our Annual Budget.



### CHANGES AHEAD !!

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

PLEASE SEND ALL MAIL TO:

3300 N. MARKET STREET  
WILMINGTON DE 19802

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

THE PLUMMER COMMUNITY CORRECTION CENTER HAS RESTORED THE GRASS CUTTING PARTNERSHIP WITH FHRC AND WILL BEGIN IN THE SPRING.



**With gratitude for everyone who is part of this large circle of care!**

# NOTES FROM the BOARD



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## SECURING RIVERVIEW CEMETERY'S FUTURE

*The mission of FHRC is to operate & maintain Wilmington's most culturally diverse, non-profit, public cemetery, and to support its restoration and preservation.*

Important work was done by members of the Strategic Planning Committee in 2020. The Board of Directors have been challenged to consider the question:

### What is the value of Riverview Cemetery?

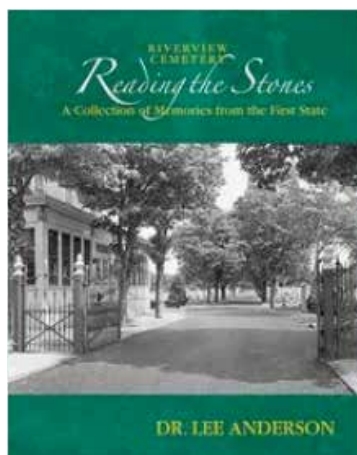
The five priorities at Riverview Cemetery that will need people and funding resources:

- Greenspace • Fencing • Buildings • Gravestones
- Interior Roads

Contact us to lead or recommend leaders for specific time-limited tasks:

- Grant writing & Fundraising • Volunteer Coordinator
- Public Relations/Social Media • Arboretum Coordinator • Liaison with Plummer Community Correction Center
- Board Members for a 2 year term (2021-2022)

## PROJECTS of NOTE



### READING THE STONES - A COLLECTION OF MEMORIES FROM THE FIRST STATE

published in 2005 is still relevant today. To receive a free copy of 'Reading the Stones' please make a donation of any amount before April 1st.

We continue to collect your memories, stories and photos to keep the Oral History Project alive. Please mail or email your information. It will be placed in a binder for display in the Visitor Center.

### Make a Connection!

Let's continue the Oral History project that resulted in the publication of *Riverview Cemetery: Reading the Stones - A Collection of Memories from the First State*.

Connect with us on

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FHRCW](http://www.facebook.com/FHRCW)

Email: [riverviewfriends@gmail.com](mailto:riverviewfriends@gmail.com)

Phone: 302 762 4705



Visit our website: [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2020 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DONATIONS

Patricia Hill	\$30
Barbara Anne Macklem	\$35
Robin C. Bond	\$50
Rose Mackey	\$50
John & Eugenie Stowe	\$50
Elizabeth Smith	\$50
David & Susanne Anderson	\$50
Walter Jackson	\$100
Lewis Pennell	\$100
David & Lynn Shirey	\$150
Raymond Kirkpatrick	\$200
Tom Anderson & Betty Abelman	\$200
Katherine A. Heverin	\$500

in memory of her grandparents,  
Edmund and Clara Burton



**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 4 burials in November and 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.

### Veteran count 1158

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

### NOTICE: HOLIDAY GRAVE DECORATIONS:

*If you wish to keep your grave decorations for reuse, please remove them from the cemetery no later than February 12. Community Service Volunteers will remove all decorations on Saturday February 13, 2021.*

