



PERPETUAL CARE: LONG TERM CARE FOR CEMETERIES  
**RIVERVIEW CEMETERY NEEDS 1 MILLION DOLLARS**

During the months of April, May, and June, phone conversations, letters, and meetings took place with New Castle County, City of Wilmington, and State of Delaware leaders seeking a grass cutting partnership. The cemetery remains vulnerable! FHRC Board of Directors have agreed to hire professional lawn services and spend down FHRC funds.

**VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

July 14, 2018  
 9am – Noon

Sign in at the Visitor Center

Work in the shade to:

Remove ivy from tree trunks  
 Cut low hanging branches

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 soup, 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  
 Wilmington, DE 19899  
[www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)

**Looking Back - Looking Forward**

The future of Riverview Cemetery is at risk of bankruptcy again. In the year 2000, the cemetery was turned over to the Attorney General's Office by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows & Knights of Pythias (founders of the 1872 cemetery).

When FHRC assumed ownership of the cemetery in 2009, the owner (who changed the cemetery name to Riverview Gardens from 2003 to 2008) had not established a Perpetual Care Fund; **yet he received income generated by 236 burials.**

Under FHRC leadership there have been 243 burials and a percentage of burial income continues to be invested at Delaware Community Foundation for Perpetual Care.

That balance to date is \$110,472.

FHRC continues to use a Volunteer and Partnership Model to keep operating expenses low (approximately \$15,000/year). FHRC is a 501c/3 charitable non-profit organization. The cemetery consists of 42 acres spanning both sides of N. Market Street. It is surrounded by homes, churches, and businesses and serves as the final resting place for more than 36,500 Delawareans including 1138 Veterans who served in 8 conflicts.

Since 2009 the Plummer Community Correction Center partnered with us to keep Riverview's grass cut and gravestones trimmed at no charge. Now, that partnership has ceased. Despite our on-going efforts to find a new partner, the grass continues to grow.

FHRC has no other recourse but to pay for professional lawn services at a cost of many thousands of dollars per season.

We need your help!

- Will 10 individuals or organizations each give \$100,000?
- Will 4 individuals or organizations each give \$250,000?
- Will 2 individuals or organizations each give \$500,000?

Who will be first? Who will follow?

When a million dollars is invested with the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF) for Perpetual Care, it would yield approximately \$50,000/year designated for grass cutting.

**FHRC wants to protect the cemetery for future generations.**

**It is a sacred and historical space!**

THANK YOU to the following benefactors for emergency grass cutting donations of \$7710.

\$20	Sean Conner	\$100	Betty Anderson
\$45	Dick & Lynn Templeton	\$100	Joan Anderson
\$50	Thomas & Susan Baker	\$200	Debbie & Mike Bonkowski
\$50	Paul & Ginny Warren	\$200	Tom Anderson & Betty Ableman
\$50	Lena & Paul Manchester	\$500	Anne M. Kylan
\$100	Nicklos Strasser	\$1000	Kylen Sharpe
\$100	Elizabeth J. Keehan	\$1000	James & Bonnie Brown
\$100	B. Franklin & Mary Anne Cooling	\$4000	Anonymous
\$100	Douglas H.G Pierson		

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

## Condolences

FHRC expresses sympathy to the family and friends of Cheryl Markiewicz. Cheryl was a founding board member and responsible for Riverview Cemetery being listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012.



Thank you to our May and June  
**CONTRIBUTORS**  
to the Visitor Center/General Donations

Bruce Dunlap	\$40
Lee Anderson	\$100
in Memory of Walt Mateja	
Genevieve Luchejko	\$300
in Memory of Joseph & Anna Tyrawski	



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## PROJECTS *of* NOTE



### Veteran count 1138

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

A little rain did not deter wonderful volunteers of all ages from honoring our veterans by placing flags for Memorial Day.

Thank you to Jonathan Cochran and the plumbing students from St. Georges Vo-Tech for returning again this year! The painted section locations will help those who visit.



### BURIALS

The Board of Directors assisted with 1 burial in May and 1 burial in June.

### 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 remains 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.

### TREE PARTNER

**Davey Tree Company to the Rescue!**

Thanks to **Davey Tree Company** for removing a large fallen limb that blocked an interior road on the SE side.

## SNAPSHOTS FROM MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE AT THE RESURRECTION CENTER



Veterans were remembered, honored, and supported during the service. Thanks to TRC for their hospitality, music, and inspirational words.



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