



## New WEBSITE Launches July 1, 2015

### VOLUNTEER PROJECT

July 11

9 – Noon

Tree Care in the Shade

- Cut low hanging branches
- Remove vines on fence
- Cut ivy from tree trunks

Sign in at Mausoleum

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

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Russ Pickett graciously provided Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery with our first website in 2008 and was presented a Key Partner award in 2011 for “providing a valuable community service that extends our reach globally.” Now, seven years later, the FHRC Board of Directors in collaboration with Kathleen King (King Design) are launching a new website with additional features in response to requests from the community. Here are some of the highlights:

**PayPal** You will now have the capability to join FHRC and donate to the Capital Campaign online.

**NRHP Report** History buffs can read the full report submitted to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and view photographs dating back to 1905.

**Veterans** The new website maintains the current alphabetical listing of Riverview Cemetery Veterans with links to Find A Grave Memorial pages.

**Section Maps** Visitors can now access maps that show the underground layout. If you have a Deed with the Section and Lot number you will be able to take yourself to the site. If you only have a name, FHRC Board members will search the database and provide the exact location to you. We remain available to escort visitors to a gravesite by appointment or when we are on site for projects.

**Slide Shows** The new website contains lots of photos in slideshow format: You will find examples of volunteers at work, the amazing story of the “Birth of the Baby Garden”, Memorial Day Services, and people of interest whose final resting place is at Riverview.

The Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery exists to support the restoration and preservation of Wilmington’s most culturally diverse non-profit public cemetery.

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**Oral History Project** All are welcome to contribute to an ongoing Oral History Project by telling us who and what you know about people interred at the cemetery. Visit the contact us page to send us your story.



**Capital Campaign** See how our fundraising is going! Progress photos of the renovation of the chapel/office into the Visitor & Information Center are shown and will be updated when funding is complete and the final phase of construction begins.

We invite you to take a tour of our new website and send us your feedback. [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)



## FROM *the* BOARD

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As indicated in the June Newsletter, The Trustees of The Longwood Foundation will provide \$50,000 toward the renovation of the chapel/office into the Visitor and Information Center after we have raised an additional \$50,000. This is a strong statement of support. We are happy to report that the Directors of the Laffey-McHugh Foundation provided FHRC with a \$7500 grant in June. Help us raise the "\$50K match" this summer. The final phase of construction depends on this \$100K funding opportunity.

### Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with 3 burials in June and appreciates the good working relationship with Gebhart Funeral Home of Claymont, Congo Funeral Home, and Chandler Funeral Homes and Crematory.

### Condolences

Condolences are offered to the family of Jim Marx who died on June 5, 2015 and was interred at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. His wife, Dorothy (Dottie), is a long-time member of FHRC.

### Storm Damage

FHRC Board members put their boots-to-the-ground to spend 2 consecutive days cutting up and clearing branches that had fallen on both sides of the cemetery. The remaining branches require professional equipment for removal.

### Little Things Matter

FHRC Board members attend the monthly meeting of the 1st District Neighborhood Planning Council and we want to do our part to have clean and safe streets. The Market Street and Washington Street sidewalks are frequently littered with trash that blows into the cemetery. When you are in the area please bring an empty bag and fill it with trash. Riverview Cemetery wants to be a good neighbor.

## PROJECTS *of* NOTE

### VETERAN DATABASE

The Veteran Database has grown to 947 thanks to your help. Please review the information on the website and if you know of other veterans at Riverview Cemetery please contact Tedd Cocker with your information. teecce62@comcast.net

### VETERAN FLAG PROJECT

Each year prior to Memorial Day, an American flag is placed at the gravesite of all veterans. Some flags become damaged and need replacement. FHRC spent \$550 for the 2015 Memorial Day project. To date we have received \$355 in donations with \$195 still needed. Thank you for your support!

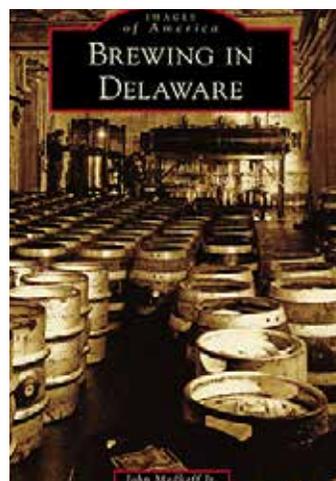
### DAYLILY WEEDING

FHRC board members will join Cpl Shahida Santiago and her crew from Hazel D. Plant Women's Treatment Facility in July for a day of weeding the 500 foot daylily bed along Washington St. These daylilies offer beauty to our visitors and neighbors. Many thanks to our Department of Correction Partner.

### BREWING IN DELAWARE

*Brewing in Delaware, a Pictorial History of Brewing in the First State* by John Medkeff, Jr. will be released by Arcadia Publishing on August 10, 2015. John will donate portions of the proceeds to Friends

of Historic Riverview Cemetery and the Delaware Historical Society. Some of the largest monuments and mausoleums belong to Wilmington brewing families like Blouth, Stoeckle, Hartman, Fehrenbach, and Eisenmenger. Look for an article from John in our August newsletter. To learn more, visit [DelawareBeerHistory.com](http://DelawareBeerHistory.com)



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