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**OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS**

8 am - Noon\*

Project dates are:

January 8

February 12

March 12

\*weather permitting

**HELP WANTED**

Part time Employment

\$25/hour

- Burial Coordinator
- Administrative Assistant

Job Descriptions can be found on

[Riverviewcem.com/employmentopportunities](http://Riverviewcem.com/employmentopportunities)

**It was heartening** to attend a conference entitled "New Life for Old Cemeteries" sponsored by the Morris Arboretum. There were many presenters from cemeteries across our region thinking about the very issues we struggle with everyday at Riverview Cemetery. In addition, preservationists, urban planners, historians, landscape planners and arborists shared their experiences. Cemeteries are an integral part of urban infrastructure and ecosystems and as such we hope to do thoughtful planning going forward.

We have initiated a Landscape and Arboretum Committee with representatives from our volunteer community, Delaware Center for Horticulture, University of Delaware Landscape Architecture department, and urban forester. The focus of the committee's work is to develop a master plan for the grounds which will depend somewhat on our ability to build partnerships and receive grants. There was general consensus that the cemetery grounds should serve the living and the dead, and the grounds should be welcoming, safe and accessible for neighbors and visitors.

Riverview Cemetery became accredited this fall as a Level 1 ArbNet Arboretum, the first arboretum in the City of Wilmington. Receiving this designation recog-

nizes the Cemetery as a place that values and maintains its green space and trees, and as a resource to the residents of Wilmington and the surrounding area. This accreditation acknowledges the efforts of FHRC to maintain and enhance the grounds and trees of

Riverview Cemetery and encourages it to pursue further improvements. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program provides standards and guidelines for the establishment and development of an arboretum. It is sponsored and supported by The Morton Arboretum, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), and the American Public Gardens Association (APGA).

By achieving Arboretum Level I accreditation, the cemetery-arboretum aims to:

- Remind people of the existence of Riverview Cemetery and increase their awareness of its availability as a place to meet, walk, relax, meditate, and enjoy nature.
- Maintain and enhance its existing tree canopy in accordance with high arboricultural standards.
- Enhance the beauty of the site by planting species of trees and shrubs that have horticultural interest, strong aesthetic qualities, and support biodiversity.
- Encourage greater local community appreciation and involvement in its green space through signage, accessibility of arboretum documentation, and events.
- Ensure preservation of the site's historic character and designation both with respect to those persons interred and the historic infrastructure as they relate to the location of trees.
- Increase the level of engagement with private, business, and governmental groups through community events, as well as educational and volunteer programs.
- Through its preservation of green space, continue to enhance air quality and help with storm water management.

*Submitted by Julie Zorach  
2022 Landscape & Arboretum Chair  
Riverview Cemetery*

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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.

# NOTES FROM *the* BOARD



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS Oct. 1 through Dec. 31

Ann Hilaman	\$300
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Arlene Martin	\$109
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### In memory of Mary Skinner:

Bernadette Buccini	\$500
Wm. Burke	\$300
Dorothy G Houston	\$200
Barbra F Andrisani	\$100
Joel & Linda Shuster	\$36

Contributions large and small  
are needed for cemetery expenses.



## Veteran count 1175

To view a complete list and  
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[www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com)

War/Conflict	Number of Veterans
Civil War	276
Indian Wars	1
Spanish-American War	97
Philippine-American War	1
World War I	230
World War II	352
Korean War	53
Vietnam War	29
Defense	149

### In Memory of E. Watson Day, Jr. US Navy Veteran

Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery Board of Directors express their sympathy to the family and friends of **Watson Day** who died on December 14, 2021 at the age of 96. Watson became 'our friend' when we assumed ownership of the cemetery in 2009. Watson was active in VFW Post 2907 and extended the hospitality of the VFW to us by hosting our Annual Meetings. He also took the lead to provide chairs for annual Memorial Day services at Riverview Cemetery. We thank him for a life of Service.

Full Obituary is available at  
[delawareonline.com](http://delawareonline.com)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is a 501(c)(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:

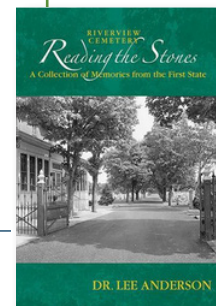
- \$30 Individual • \$50 Family
- \$125 Restorer • \$300 Preserver
- \$500 Guardian

**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

**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.

## Make a Connection to the Oral History Project!



**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. Please mail or email your

information. It will be placed in a binder for display in the Visitor Center. A complimentary copy of 'Reading the Stones' will be mailed as a token of our appreciation for your support of Riverview Cemetery.

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

## THANK YOU *for* YOUR SERVICE!

### First snow of 2022!

Our thanks to the Plummer Community Correction Center Crew for keeping the sidewalks clear of snow.



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