



OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

8 am - Noon*
Project dates:

October 12

November 9

December 14

*weather permitting

Update: INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

Although all gardeners have weeds that we battle, the definition of Invasive Species (a non-native species that causes harm to the environment, economy, or human, animal, or plant health) sets some plants aside as being more serious than just weeds. As Europeans settled this continent, they brought plants, seeds, and roots from their homeland, especially for agriculture. Think "Dandelion" (Eurasia) and "Apple" (Central Asia). As time passed, explorers and plantsmen gathered ornamental plants to bring to this continent, and other plants sneaked in as seeds in "packing." Some of those "alien" plants became a problem, and now we battle with them.



Riverview Cemetery made progress this year in its battle against Invasive Plants. With help from generous donors, volunteers, and grant funding, we reduced the number of uninvited trees and vines that are trying to overtake our forty-two-acre sanctuary.

Update: INVASIVE TREE PROJECT

As introduced in the April Newsletter, we worked to remove Invasive Ailanthus trees this summer. Although we aimed to remove all of them, funding limited us. Since an adult female Ailanthus tree can produce up to 300,000 seeds annually, we selected 12 females for removal by Brandywine Tree and Shrub. Removal was very exciting, with a 100-foot crane, a huge chipper, two dump trucks, a lift truck, and many workers. We appreciate the cooperation of our neighbors who were inconvenienced by the noise and equipment. Also, we are grateful for the funding from Delaware Urban Forestry that supported our battle with the Ailanthus trees.

In April of '24, students from Delaware Valley Classical School planted fourteen native and non-invasive trees in advance of the loss of the Ailanthus trees. Stroll through the cemetery to find the caged new trees, including four kinds of Magnolia, Sourwood, Katsura, Deodar Cedar, Trident Maple, Paperbark Maple, and Sweetgum. Thank you to our donors who supported the purchase of these replacements and to Joseph Duffy, our dedicated weekly tree-watering specialist.



PROJECTS *of* NOTE

EAMONN THE VINE SLAYER

Eamonn, a Wilmington Friends High School senior, volunteered more than 50 hours this summer to remove vines, especially English Ivy. While his classmates were sleeping in or headed for the beach, Eamonn met me at 8 AM at Riverview Cemetery to labor for 4 hours several days a week in the sultry 95-degree weather. We started by having a quick breakfast sandwich, loaded our tools into his cool Jeep, and set off for the western fence line of the SouthEast Cemetery. Here is a sample of what we removed: English Ivy, Japanese Honeysuckle, Greenbrier, Wineberry, Porcelain Berry, Grape, Poison Ivy, Creeping



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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.

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 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 1336

To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit www.riverviewcem.com

Veterans Interred at Riverview



- To date, the graves of 1,336 veterans have been located
- Some veterans served in more than one war/conflict
- Veterans identified as "Defense" either did not serve in a war/conflict or we have not identified in which one they served



War/Conflict	Number of Veterans
Indian Wars (1809-1924)	5
Mexican-American War (1846-1848)	3
Civil War (1861-1865)	317
Spanish-American War (1898-1899)	161
Philippine-American War (1899-1902)	7
World War I (1914-1918)	238
World War II (1939-1945)	283
Korean War (1950-1953)	41
Vietnam War (1960-1975)	30
Defense	169



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2024

Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses.

Allan Hanlin	50.	Margaret Furry	50.
Carol Harrington: in memory of Edith Brown, Clarence B. Brown, Sr. and Mary Anna Horsey	100.	Ann R. Marvel	250.
Chip's Wood Creations	50.	Elizabeth Ableman	200.
Christine Cannon	150.	Edeltraut E. Gilgenast	100.
Dawn Clair	50.	Linda Mastro	100.
Jacob E. Potts	25.	McCrery & Harra Funeral Homes	250.
Janet Palese	40.	Mary T. Farrell: in memory of Tyrawski Family	300.
John Medkeff	75.	Joe and Shirley Duffy	1,000.
Katharine Olinchak	50.	Nancy Hlywiak	100.
Kathleen Wilhere	200.	Clarence Holt	25.
Nicklos Strasser	100.	David Highfield	200.
Roger Brown	100.	Richard Lohman	200.
Suzanne O'Connell	200.	Mary Majesty	50.
Elizabeth A Smith	100.	Ulysses Beard / Belvia Koger	25.
Robind C Bond	50.	Mary Lee S. Merrill: in memory of Suzanne Sutton Scott	40.
Elaine M. Gilgenast	30.	Anonymous	300.
Donald L Outten	50.	Anonymous	200.
Leslie R Clothier	100.	The Delaware Saengerbund & Library Assn., Inc	250.
Lena E Manchester	50.	American Legion Joseph B. Stahl Memorial Post No. 30, Inc.	500.
Kathy Bogart	50.		
Harry W. Havemeyer	250.		
Floyd Weber	300.		

Vine Slayer, continued

Jenny, Chinese Wisteria, Black Cherry saplings, Tree of Heaven saplings, Norway Maple saplings, Asian Bush Honeysuckle, White Mulberry saplings, Japanese Virgin's Bower clematis, and Catchweed Bedstraw. His efforts resulted in a much tidier fence line and many, many truckloads of debris. In addition, he learned about botany, photosynthesis, the life cycle of the Spotted Lanternfly, the strength of Cicada Killer Wasps, the flavor of mulberries, and how to identify some trees. I learned about Jeep culture and how wonderful it is to have a bright, energetic, athletic young person work alongside me



as we yanked the vegetation out of the trees and off the fence! Riverview Cemetery thanks you, Eamonn!

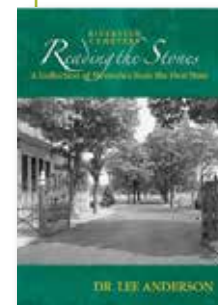


BofA employees will return to Riverview Cemetery in October for a day of Service! We are grateful for their partnership!



Visit our website: www.riverviewcem.com

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!