

OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

8 am - Noon*

Project dates are:

July 9

August 13

September 10

*weather permitting

We are so thankful to have been awarded a grant with the 2022 Urban and Community Forestry Program through the Delaware Forest Service.

Davey Tree Expert Company has done significant tree work: removing dead trees, grinding stumps, pruning to remove hazards, and planting four new trees on the Northwest side of Market Street.

After careful consideration members of the Arboretum & Landscape committee selected four new trees and Davey Tree professionals planted them in empty spots or where older trees had died. They are an **American Beech** (*Fagus grandiflora*), a **White Oak** (*Quercus alba*), a **Ginkgo**, (*Gingko biloba*), and a **Black Gum** (aka sour gum, tupelo, black tupelo, pepperidge, *Nyssa*; scientific name *Nyssa sylvatica*). Each one has its own special character and appeal although only one of them, perhaps the least familiar, has six common names. Whatever you choose to call it, it is a special tree, with glossy leaves in the summer, tiny fruit that birds love, beautiful fall color, and twisty branches visible in the winter. Davey Tree graciously volunteered to water the new trees this summer since they planted them a little late. Come visit them and pay your respects when you have a chance.



By the end of May over 200 volunteer hours had been logged working on the landscape and arboretum and we are still at it!

Donations of time and money are gratefully accepted.

Submitted by
Peter and Julie Zorach



A few members of the Arboretum & Landscape committee:

L to R: Sam Seo, Shirley Duffy, Julia and Peter Zorach. Not pictured: Sue Wyndham, Geoff Anderson

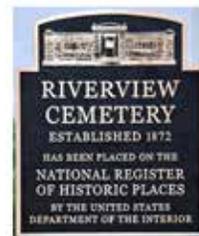


The Man behind the Plan

Riverview Cemetery has its origin in 1872 and was developed in two sections, each with a distinct landscape design. **Hermann J. Schwarzmann** (1846-1891) was a prominent 19th century landscape architect who designed the Southeast side in a formal grid plan. Riverview Cemetery is the only known example of his work in Delaware. Some evidence of planned plantings remain. On the SE side of the cemetery, Norway Maple, Spruce, Weeping Birches, Kulmar-nock Weeping Willow trees were planted in 1873 lining Main Avenue.

Riverview Cemetery, located at Thirty Third and Market Streets in Wilmington Delaware was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United State Department of the Interior on July 3, 2012. Riverview, founded in July 1872, met certain "special criteria considerations" and became the first cemetery in Delaware to qualify on its own merit.

Summer is a perfect time to read the full report at www.riverviewcem.com



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.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses.

April - June 2022

Margaret Downs Gerber	\$500	Judith Hayes	\$100
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January - March 2022

Gregg McCauley	\$100	Elizabeth A. Smith	\$50
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THANK YOU for YOUR SERVICE!

Plummer Community Correction Center

Grass cutting and trimming of grave monuments is a huge endeavor given Riverview Cemetery's 42 acres. We depend on our Partnership with our next door neighbor! Under the leadership of Warden Fields and her Officers the cemetery is an attractive park-like setting for the community and for those who visit on special occasions. It is our hope that the men are learning important employable skills for the future.

Probation & Parole Volunteers are a vital part of the 2nd Saturday morning outdoor projects (8:00 to Noon). Everyone is welcome – come alone, with friends or as a family.



Bank of America Volunteers: Our first partnership upon assuming ownership of the cemetery in 2009. Welcome back after the Covid 19 disruption. Thank you to Lance Layton for Leading the Team to place 1177 American Flags on Veteran Graves prior to Memorial Day. Well done. REACH Volunteers drove from Newark and assisted with flag placement.



The goal of the **SACRED GROUNDS WILMINGTON** program is to promote the installation of native plant gardens and wildlife habitats that connect people to nature and contribute to healthier, more resilient communities. Over the next two years, National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Delaware Interfaith Power & Light (DeIPL), Delaware Nature Society (DNS), and Delaware Center for Horticulture (DCH), will assist 20 congregations in Wilmington in becoming NWF designated Sacred Grounds sites. Riverview Cemetery has been invited to participate as a Sacred Ground site. The **Orientation Workshop** will take place in the Riverview Cemetery Visitor Center at the end of July.



Circular Garden to be planted in September as part of the Sacred Grounds initiative.

Visit our website: www.riverviewcem.com

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.

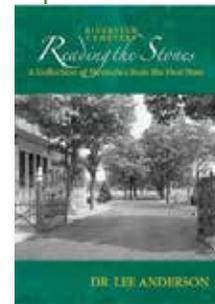
BURIALS: The Board of Directors assisted with 3 burials.

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 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.

Veteran count 1177

To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit 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!

