

OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

8 am - Noon\*  
Project dates:

April 13

May 11

June 8

\*weather permitting

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY  
INVASIVE TREE PROJECT

If you are a regular reader of this Newsletter, you know that tree maintenance has been a priority in recent years when we acquired grant funding to pay Davey Tree Experts and Brandywine Tree and Shrub to remove unsafe branches and dead or dying trees. We continue that maintenance this year with help from volunteers and grant proposals.

You also may remember that volunteers helped plant nearly 20 trees in the last two years. We will continue planting new trees this year. Twelve new species now await volunteers to introduce them to their permanent home at Riverview Cemetery. On April 26 we will have students from Delaware Valley Classical School assist with tree planting.

Tree maintenance in 2024 will add removal of the invasive *Ailanthus Altissima*, commonly known as "Tree of Heaven." This tree is fast growing, produces many seeds, and hosts the Spotted Lanternfly and the Brown Marmorated Stinkbug (more invasive species). ([Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ailanthus_altissima) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ailanthus\\_altissima](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ailanthus_altissima)). Riverview has at least 17 of these invaders.



Brown Marmorated Stinkbug



Spotted Lanternfly

HELP US FIGHT THIS INVASIVE THREAT!

At Riverview Cemetery, we take great pride in preserving the natural beauty and serenity of our grounds. However, we are facing a significant challenge that threatens to compromise the integrity of our beloved sanctuary.

To combat this invasive threat, we have initiated the **INVASIVE TREE PROJECT**—a comprehensive environmental and financial undertaking aimed at eradicating these trees. **While we are pursuing grants to support this endeavor, we still require additional funding to meet our goal.**

We estimate that an additional \$15,000 will be needed to remove these large invasive plants and responsibly dispose of them. We aim to replant the cleared areas with desirable, non-invasive trees to restore the beauty and biodiversity of our cemetery. An additional \$1,500 will be required for this crucial replanting effort.

We urge you to consider the importance of this cause and the lasting impact your donation will have on generations to come. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that Riverview Cemetery remains a place of solace, reflection, and natural beauty for all who visit.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Riverview Cemetery. We look forward to partnering with you in this vital endeavor.

Friends of Riverview Cemetery Directors

*Your contribution to the INVASIVE TREE PROJECT will help safeguard the future of Riverview Cemetery and protect our community's ecological balance. Every dollar donated brings us one step closer to achieving our goal and preserving the natural legacy of this sacred space.*

To donate online, visit [riverviewcem.com](http://riverviewcem.com) and click on "Donate" button

Checks may be made out to FHRC and mailed to 3300 N. Market St., Wilmington, DE 19809



# NOTES FROM the BOARD



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## Veterans Interred at Riverview



- To date, the graves of 1,275 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
Civil War	282
Indian Wars	1
Spanish-American War	191
Philippine American War	1
World War I	370
World War II	388
Korean War	81
Vietnam War	32
Defense	188



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2024

Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses.

Dorothy Marx	30
Michael Patterson	25
Joyce Zipfel	50
Sheridan T. Black	50
Asa Williams	50
Harry & Jane Saville Smith Foundation	1000
Harvey C. Smith, Jr.	50
Lewis W Pennell	100

**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 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 1275

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



## Bank of America

Board members Lee Anderson and Shirley Duffy recently presented a PowerPoint program to 80 Bank of America employees. The presentation was focused on the Historical to Practical.

Bank of America employees have volunteered since FHRC was founded in 2009. In the beginning they decorated wreaths to sell in our

large public Mausoleum. Volunteers continued year after year. Outdoor projects included raising veteran flat monuments, weeding, painting and planting flowers in the gardens. In addition they place American Flags on Veteran graves for Memorial Day and donate important items to the Pearl Center, a place for homeless veterans in Wilmington.

We remain grateful to our Bank of America Partners!

## PROJECTS *of* NOTE

FHRC Welcomes **Bank of America Volunteers** on Friday morning, April 19 for Outdoor Projects.

FHRC Welcomes **Delaware Valley Classical School** on Friday, April 26 for Outdoor Projects.

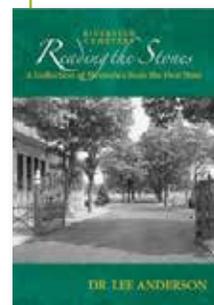
FHRC Welcomes **Bank of America Volunteers** to place 1275 flags on Veteran Graves on April 17.

(American Flags will be removed on Saturday June 8 (8 am to Noon)

Visit our website: [www.riverviewcem.com](http://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!

