



OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

8 am - Noon*

Project dates are:

October 8

November 12

December 10

*weather permitting



Shirley Duffy

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CAPSTONE PROJECT

After three and a half years in the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Delaware, students are required to complete an intense studio class affectionately known as "Capstone." Some students are assigned a site that needs improvement, but others choose a project site based on personal interests.

A FIVE MONTH JOURNEY

After meeting Dr. Lee Anderson and touring Riverview Cemetery in October of 2021, Shirley Duffy committed to a five-month journey of learning about the cemetery and proposing ideas to benefit it. Shirley recorded information about the impact of the Industrial Revolution on Wilmington and how that gave rise to Riverview Cemetery 150 years ago. As the population of Wilmington increased, the cemetery became a successful, expanding business that included a greenhouse, plant sales, various buildings, a U.S. patented method for sealing a vault, and a superintendent who lived onsite. Like other cemeteries of its era, Riverview was saved from terminal neglect at the beginning of the 21st Century. A group of caring citizens formed the Friends Group that keeps Riverview alive today.

SHIRLEY'S CAPSTONE PROPOSAL

Shirley's Capstone proposal is to inform the community within one square mile of the Cemetery about the negative health statistics she discovered and to encourage community members to walk for health in the cemetery. As the project rolls out, measured, marked walking paths will be created and walking groups will be organized to improve the health of the nearby community. Ultimately, some of the folks who walk the cemetery regularly will discover the culture, history, and serenity of Riverview and will become involved in this NorthEast Wilmington treasure. Capstone encompassed several hundred hours of research, composing, incorporating advice from her Capstone Committee, designing, and multiple presentations. It was completed at the end of May 2022, and Shirley remains as a volunteer at Riverview.

TREE INVENTORY

Our collection of trees is a treasure that requires love and care.

Did you know that Riverview Cemetery also has Arboretum status? That makes it even more of a resource for the community! An arboretum is a collection of trees, and those trees are inventoried every five to ten years. In June, Sam Seo and Shirley Duffy started updating more than 300 records from the previous inventory. For each tree in the arboretum, the tree inventory includes: identifying the genus and species; measuring the diameter of the tree trunk at 1.37 meters (4.5 feet) from the ground; estimating the height of the tree; evaluating the tree's overall health; documenting the presence of disease, dead limbs, damaged trunks, or an empty place where a tree once sat; and recommending services that the tree needs, like removal of English ivy or dead limbs. By the end of September, the inventory is about half complete, and Shirley is searching for a volunteer to help her finish before the leaves fall. No special skills are required; she provides on-the-job training!

The inventory will inform decisions about which new trees should be planted and where. Our collection of trees is a treasure that requires love and care. From removing ivy to planting new trees, volunteers are an important part of caring for the Arboretum at Historic Riverview Cemetery. If you want to volunteer to help the Arboretum, phone 302-762-4705 (leave message) or, riverviewfriends@gmail.com.

Submitted by Shirley Duffy



Employment Opportunity
Burial Coordinator
Part Time
\$25/hour
Training Provided
details on website



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



Lee Anderson
President



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Welcome Vincent White New Board Member

Vincent White is a commercial real estate broker and long-standing community activist. He has served as the North West Civic Association President for 10 years and is a First District Planning Council member. Quality of life matters, and he sees the current and future value of Riverview Cemetery enhancing the surrounding community.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Contributions large and small are needed for cemetery expenses.

July - September

William Weaver	\$300
Mary T. Farrell	\$200
In Memory of Tryawski Family	
Symanthia Harris	\$100
Paul Nickel	\$50
Lena Manchester	\$50
In Memory of Manchester & Sauter Families	
Kathryn Johnson	\$30
Jacob E. Potts	\$25

Our net income for 2022 is down
-\$14,000. Please donate!

MEMBERSHIP: Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery is a 501c3 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.

THANK YOU for YOUR SERVICE!

Partnerships Make a Difference at Riverview Cemetery

In September, we welcomed 18 students and 2 teachers from **Wilmington Friends School (WFS)** for their Annual Day of Service. Our partnership with WFS began in 2009 - they were the first school group to volunteer at Riverview Cemetery. The students learned to remove English Ivy from some of our oldest and largest tree trunks.



Before



After

Before After



The Plummer Community & Correction Center Officers & Offenders, under the leadership of Warden Doreen Fields, continue to provide outstanding grass maintenance service to Riverview Cemetery. The 'professional quality of work' caught the attention of Dave Balint, from Davey Tree Expert Service. Well Done!

Bank of America Volunteers will return on Saturday October 8 to trim around flat markers (so names become visible) in Section M and N in honor of our Veterans.

Probation & Parole Volunteers continue to offer their service to Riverview Cemetery on the 2nd Saturday morning every month. Young men and women work together on outdoor projects in all kinds of weather. We applaud their energy and accomplishments.

Visit our website: www.riverviewcem.com

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!

