



## VOLUNTEER PROJECT March 14, 2020 8am - Noon

Sign in at the Visitor Center

Prepare the cemetery for April grass cutting!

Trim bushes, pick up fallen branches,

fill groundhog holes

Snacks & beverages provided

Community Service Certificates available

#### FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

FHRC collects food items which are donated to a local food cupboard at the end of the day. Items to share: canned soup, peanut butter, tuna, beans, cereal and pasta.

For Statewide Resources to assist with Loss and Grief visit the website of the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium: www.degac.org

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John

## **RIVERVIEW SUPPORTS LOCAL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

few years ago, Katharine Olinchak, a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church at 1405 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington asked if we could provide information and/or documentation of those members of the church who were buried at Riverview Cemetery. She provided the initial list of parishioners maintained by the church. It seemed like a simple request to Tedd Cocker; yet it was only the starting point for his research.

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The goal was to develop a binder that contained information on every member of the church who was buried at Riverview Cemetery. Tedd hoped to include the complete name including maiden names when appropriate. In addition, the date of birth and death along with death certificates, and obituaries were part of the search. Finally, the burial location Section - Lot - Position was verified and recorded. Each gravestone was also photographed. Accomplishing the goal required an exhaustive search of our cemetery records, numerous vists to the Delaware Public Archives in Dover, extensive on-line research, visits to funeral homes, and other activities too numerous to mention. The project proved to be a daunting task that took more time and effort than anticipated. Regardless, Tedd remained committed to providing a complete product. So, after five years of research and documentation, he intends to deliver the completed package of nearly 200 names to the church in March 2020. All that remains is some minor tweaking and a final quality control check. We know that the congregation will treasure the information now and in generations to come.

Thank you Tedd Cocker for your dedication to this ambitious project, your amazing genealogical skills, and the generosity of your time in service to this local congregation. Your contributions are always above and beyond!

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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# FROM the BOARD

### NEW PRICE LIST AT RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

Effective September 2019 Funeral Homes, Vault Companies, and Monument Companies have been notified.

Single-depth gravesite (paid at time of burial or pre-plar	<b>\$1500</b> ined)
Double-depth gravesite (paid at time of burial or pre-plar	<b>\$2500</b> ined)
Purchase of extra-wide single depth grave (paid at time of burial or preplan	<b>\$3000</b> ned)
Entrance Fee Weekend (paid at time of burial)	\$900
Entrance Fee Weekday (paid at time of burial)	\$650
Marker Permit Fee (paid when marker is ordered)	\$100

### Many Thanks to our January and February Donors!

Richard & Mary Browne	\$125
Havermeyer	\$125
Cecil Vault & Memorial	\$125
Sandra Walker	\$100
Stephen & Karen Sharpe	\$100
Zipfel Family	\$50
Roger Brown	\$50
Harvey & Alice Smith	\$50
Katerine Heverin	\$50
Mary Skinner, in Memory of	
Mihaly Family	\$50
Patricia Hall	\$30
Cassandra King	\$30
Jeff & Susan Pollock	\$30
David & Susanne Anderson	\$30

Veteran count 1157 To view a complete list and Find A Grave page, please visit 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 during January and February.





Tedd Cocker

Mary King

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#### 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.

## PROJECTS of NOTE

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT !

The Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery Board of Directors has formed a Strategic Planning Committee to help plan thoughtfully for the future of the cemetery. The committee members are Tynetta Brown, John Cartier, Ben Cohen, Linda Gray, James Hanby, John Medkeff, Sam Seo, Vince White, Justen White, Joe Yasik and Julie Zorach. These folks come from many different parts of our Wilmington community with different relationships to the cemetery. The committee has met twice and are working to gather as much information as possible. As valued supporters, we are hoping you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

#### Please return your responses to julie.zorach@gmail.com by March 28th.



- 1. What connects you to Riverview Cemetery?
- 2. Please rate your experience working with Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery:

(Check one) Excellent Above Average Average Below Average Very Poor

- 2. If you have not been completely satisfied, please tell us what we could do better.
- 3. Please rate Riverview Cemetery:

(Check one)	Excellent	Above Average
Average	Below Ave	rage Very Poor

- 4. Would you recommend Riverview Cemetery?
- 5. If you have rated Riverview Cemetery as less than excellent or would not recommend, please tell us what we could do better.
- 6. Would you be willing to volunteer in some capacity? What would you like to offer?
- 7. Do you have any other thoughts or suggestions?

We know many of you have been wonderful supporters of the Friends' efforts to maintain, preserve and restore Riverview Cemetery and we are very grateful. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return your responses to julie.zorach@gmail.com by March 28th.

