



**VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

March 12  
9am – Noon

Join us to clear graves of holiday decorations and take apart wreaths for recycling  
*(February Project was cancelled due to extreme weather)*

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](http://www.degac.org)

Mailing Address:  
Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery  
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## CARETAKERS OF SACRED LAND

Many years ago in 1872, farmland owned by the Todd and Derickson families was purchased by the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who transformed it into a 42 acre cemetery on both sides of N. Market Street. A prominent 19th century landscape architect, Herman Schwartzman, designed the southeast side of the cemetery in a grid pattern (1872). In 1899, the northwest side was designed in a picturesque serpentine pattern by cemetery superintendent Goldsmith C. Nailor. Initially, 200 trees were planted at Riverview costing \$222. The cemetery is still known for its majestic and flowering trees, cared for since 2008 by our professional pro bono partner, Kerns Brothers Tree Service, (now A Davey Company).

Today these 42 acres are a valuable, peaceful, green-space in an urban setting with approximately 5,000 homes and businesses surrounding it. And within these acres are flat markers, upright monuments, military markers, private mausoleums, and a community mausoleum containing 260 crypts. The cemetery has approximately four miles of interior roadways making all sections accessible. The gates are always open and we count on you to watch over it.

**YOU MAY WANT TO  
THINK OF THE CEMETERY  
AS A  
“WALKABLE  
NEIGHBORHOOD”**

FHRC volunteers in partnership with Delaware Center of Horticulture planted 50 bare root trees in 2009 and 50 more in 2014 to reduce storm water run-

off and improve air quality in the city. FHRC volunteers created four flower beds to beautify the cemetery and neighborhood. Plants left at gravesites are planted in these gardens rather than being thrown away. You will find the Daylily Garden outside the Washington Street fence line, the Daffodil Garden inside the Market Street fence, a perennial garden in memory of babies overlooking Eastlawn Avenue, and a circular garden around the upright children’s monument in Section J.

As we approach the spring let us honor the earth, show respect to this historic cemetery, learn about the lives of men and women of all nationalities who are “at rest”, and find our own special way to contribute resources of time, energy, skills, and money. Spring is here! Signs of life are everywhere! Join us as we care for the grass, flowers, and trees!



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

### Capital Campaign Update: Only \$7487 to Go!

We NEED \$7487 to reach the Longwood Foundation 50K Challenge Match. Then our \$50,000 becomes \$100,000 and the final phase of construction can begin.

Find out if your employer will also match your donation to double its impact.

#### THANK YOU to our January and February contributors:

Genevieve Luchejko,  
in memory of parents,  
Joseph & Anna Tyrawski  
and brother,  
Steven Turawski \$300  
William A. Weaver \$300  
Debbie & Mike Bonkowski \$200  
Cecil Vault & Memorial \$100  
Walter & Linda Shelly in  
memory of Louise  
Shelly Briggs \$100  
Robert H. Beach \$20

#### Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with one burial in January and one burial in February and appreciates the good working relationship with Beeson Funeral Home of Wilmington and Gebhart Funeral Home of Claymont.

#### 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: 963

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

**Reminder: In 2016 the newsletter will be issued every other month. Next month (April) look for a brief News Flash sent only by email. The volunteer project will be April 9th.**



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#### The Next Generation of Volunteers!

Padua student, Alexis, and her mother, Jennifer, joined the cemetery clean-up effort on a windy day in January while Maggie and grandmother, Jean pruned bushes.



## PROJECTS *of* NOTE

### You Helped Us Locate Missing Burial Sites

In our January newsletter we requested help in locating the burial sites of 75 people who were buried between 2003 and 2008 when the previous owner did not keep records. Our thanks to those who contacted us in January. Your information was helpful and we were able to update our records for **Margaret Logue, Ruth Doris Thomas, and Janet R. Rebman.**

Please ask others to review the list of names posted on the website in the January 2016 Newsletter.

### MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!

Did you know that FHRC Membership Dues can be paid anytime through the year? **Please join or renew now.** This money is used to fund cemetery operations and purchase supplies for cemetery maintenance. We count on your support!

Visit our website for membership levels and our electronic payment option.

### Riverview Cemetery Special Dates in May!

**Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 AM**  
Section A

St Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox  
Church Holy Pascha Service

**Sunday, May 8 MOTHER'S DAY**

Visit and pay tribute to women, mothers  
and grandmothers in your life

**Saturday, May 14, 9 am - Noon**

FHRC Volunteer Project:  
Beautify the grounds for Memorial Day

**Saturday, May 21, 9 am - Noon**

Place American flags on Veteran graves

**Monday, May 30, at 9 am**

Memorial Day Service

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