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August 2018 News Flash

GRASS UPDATE: During the month of July, grass was cut and monuments trimmed throughout the entire 42 acre cemetery spanning both sides of N. Market Street. FHRC was able to pay this emergency grass cutting expense thanks to many generous donors. The second cut is now underway and donations are needed. Donors are recognized in the bi-monthly newsletter (available on the website). The September Newsletter will recognize donations received in July & August.

PERPETUAL CARE: Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery opened its account at the Delaware Community Foundation in 2008 for financial transparency and eventual financial growth. It is our investment fund for PERPETUAL CARE. Donations can be made directly to DCF at P.O. Box 1636 Wilmington, DE 19899. Given the size of Riverview Cemetery, one million dollars is needed at DCF so that approximately \$50,000 would be available for yearly maintenance. FHRC continues to invest a percentage of all burial income at DCF. Our funds have grown to \$110,472.

EQUIP VISITOR & INFORMATION CENTER REMINDER: The 1951 Chapel/Office renovation was completed in October 2017 and the move in followed. Funds for the following items are still needed: Display cases, bookcases, electronic equipment (computer, printer & projector), and screen. These needs have been put on hold due to the grass emergency. Donations are tax-deductible.

2ND SATURDAY VOLUNTEER PROJECT: AUGUST 11TH FROM 9:00AM TO NOON

Sign-In at the new Visitor Center on the SE side of 3300 North Market Street!

Volunteers will continue with outdoor maintenance of the cemetery to support grass cutting & beautification. Please join us to: **cut low hanging branches, trim shrubs, remove vines from trees and fence, pick up sticks and litter** Bring your family and friends. **Student certificates are available.** Bring canned or boxed food for the neighborhood food closet.

**Oral History - The Underground Neighborhood – Mail your memories & stories to
P.O. Box 2173 Wilmington DE 19899**

**With gratitude for everyone who is part of this large circle of care,
*Lee Anderson, Tedd Cocker, Mary King, Kate Wilhere, Debbie Dodd (FHRC Board)***

Donations & Memberships to FHRC are tax-deductible.

The mission of FHRC is to operate & maintain Wilmington's most culturally diverse, non-profit, public cemetery, and to support its restoration and preservation.