



VOLUNTEER PROJECT

August 8
8am – noon

DAYLILY DAY

We will be mulching the daylily flower bed using a bucket brigade

Volunteers will:

- shovel mulch into buckets
- carry buckets to flower bed
- place mulch around flowers

Sign in at Washington Street entrance to the cemetery

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.

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Riverview Cemetery
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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

New information of interest on www.riverviewcem.com

Thank you for visiting our new website! The lead article of the July 2015 Newsletter describes many important features of the website and remains available for you to read.

We are happy to announce that the Navigation Bar now has a PRESS tab. You will find archived News Journal articles about Riverview Cemetery from 2001 through 2014. We believe this is important information to preserve for the future. Many of you have read these articles as they appeared in print, while others might be getting a glimpse of the past for the first time. Those of you living out of state, may have followed the Riverview Story as told by the press on delawareonline.com.

The press has given Riverview Cemetery exposure in bad times and good times. The stories have unfolded one chapter at a time. The situation at Riverview Cemetery can happen to any cemetery. Likewise, the positive impact of volunteers can also happen at other cemeteries.

We hope the Riverview Cemetery Story inspires the public to think about the vulnerability of cemeteries and the resources needed to properly maintain them for future generations. Please take the next step and get involved at your favorite cemetery! Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery will continue to welcome your volunteer efforts.

BREWING IN DELAWARE

Author donates profits of book to FHRC

Historian John Medkeff Jr. became interested in Riverview Cemetery in 1996, when he began researching the history of Delaware's brewing industry. He discovered that many individuals and families connected to Wilmington's 19th and 20th century breweries, saloons, and bottling plants were buried at Riverview.

The results of his research have been published in *Brewing in Delaware*. The book details the history of brewing in the First State from the Swedish landing until the present, and will be available at Delaware book stores, breweries and online retailers. Medkeff will be signing his book at the **Blue Ball Barn at**

Alapocas Run State Park on September 5. Half of the proceeds from the book sales are being donated to Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery, with the other half going to the Delaware Historical Society.

Medkeff has been a loyal supporter of FHRC since the group's formation; he and son Logan have volunteered to work on many cemetery projects. His great grand aunt, Lydie Logan Metcalf, and husband Aaron Millard Rice are interred at Riverview.

Interested in learning more about Delaware's brewing history? Visit Medkeff's website: www.DelawareBeerHistory.com and join his Facebook group, Delaware Beer History.

The Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery exists to support the restoration and preservation of Wilmington's most culturally diverse non-profit public cemetery.

Riverview Cemetery • 3300 North Market Street • Wilmington, Delaware • (302) 762-4705

Come out and support Riverview!

Delaware, A Brew Story
September 5, 2015 at 5pm
Alapocas Run State Park
Wilmington, DE

Live music • Food
Beer by Dogfish Head
Craft beer samples
\$25

For tickets and info, visit
[delaware-a-brew-story.
eventbrite.com](http://delaware-a-brew-story.eventbrite.com)

(limited to 125 attendees)



FROM *the* BOARD

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As indicated in the July Newsletter, The Trustees of The Longwood Foundation will provide \$50,000 toward the renovation of the chapel/office into the Visitor and Information Center after we have raised an additional \$50,000. This is a strong statement of support. Help us raise the "\$50K match" before the end of the year.

RECRUITING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HELP FHRC

The 2015-2016 academic school year is approaching. FHRC encourages high school students to get involved at historic Riverview Cemetery and earn your Community Service Credits with us. You may want to participate in the Monthly Volunteer Project on the second Saturday morning and earn 3 hours every month. More hours are available if you come early and help set up! If you are not available for the monthly project we are happy to speak with you and match a cemetery project with your needs. We also welcome groups of students.



In the past students have volunteered from Brandywine High School, Caravel Academy, Mt. Pleasant High School, Newark High School, P.S. duPont Middle School, Sanford School, Ursuline Academy, and Wilmington Friends School. We invite you to return often and bring some friends. It really is fun to spend time at Riverview Cemetery and notice that your contribution makes a difference.



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Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with one burial in July and appreciates the good working relationship with Congo Funeral Home.

PROJECTS *of* NOTE

A MAGIC TRICK: HOW TO TURN \$5 INTO \$1250!

"Why, that can't be done," you say. Thanks to Boscov's **Friends Helping Friends Day** it can! They have set aside **October 20, 2015** as a fundraising day to benefit area nonprofit organizations. On that day everyone who has purchased a \$5 shopping pass will receive 25% off all purchases at all Boscov's locations in Delaware.

And where do you get these magical passes? Riverview has 250 shopping passes to sell at \$5 each. We can keep the \$5 on each shopping pass we sell, which means that Riverview can earn \$1250 for our Capital Campaign, **AND** the purchasers of the passes can save 25% on Boscov purchases made on Friends Helping Friends Day! To further sweeten the



deal, on Friends Helping Friends Day you can also win fabulous prizes, shopping sprees, enjoy refreshments (we all need to keep our strength up for shopping) and get a headstart on the holidays. That's a lot of return for a \$5 investment!

Those who have attended say that the air is filled with great energy because you are helping organizations do what they do best: help people.

You can purchase just one shopping pass, but how about selling 10 passes to your friends and family for even more retail therapy with a purpose?

Call: **302-762-4705** and we'll send out your passes so you can enjoy the 25% discount shopping!

■ VETERAN FLAG PROJECT

To collect the remaining \$195 a container will be available at the monthly projects for cash, checks, or change. Let's reach our goal before November 11th—Veteran's Day.

■ GRASS AND FLOWERS

Many thanks to Cpl. Santiago and her crew from Hazel D. Plant Women's Treatment Facility for two days of weeding the daylily flower bed along Washington Street in July (approximately 75 hours). Thanks to Sgt. Sean Jacobs for his leadership with the grass cutting crew. State of Delaware Department of Corrections remains a vital partner to Riverview Cemetery.

■ STORM DAMAGE

Kerns Brothers Tree Service/A Davey Tree Company cleaned up large limbs and removed a fallen tree in the cemetery. We encourage you to support this business who remains a generous partner to Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery.



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