



The “Riverview Trees” are a vital part of cemetery restoration and preservation but several are in danger!

Trees provide a park-like atmosphere for those residing in Wilmington while reducing storm water run-off. And the canopy of mature trees contributes to better air quality and cooler temperatures. Visitors find the trees provide comfort and inspiration through the changing “seasons” of life.

Opened in 1872, Riverview Cemetery Trustees approved the purchase and planting of 222 trees in 1873. Norway Maple, Evergreen Spruce, Weeping Birch, and Kulmarnock Weeping Willows enhanced the cemetery’s landscape.

Our current Urban Forestry Tree Management Plan developed by John Kerns in 2010 consists of 277 trees composed of 45 different species. Most numerous is the White Pine (55) followed by the Atlantic Cedar (25). Our trees have been categorized by small, medium and large trunks. We have 112 trees in our inventory with trunks of 20 inches or larger. Generally speaking, the larger the trunk size, the older the tree.



The **White Ash trees** (located in Section 19.5) are estimated to be well over 200 years old—predating the birth of the cemetery. But their health is being threatened by the **Emerald Ash Borer**. This exotic beetle, discovered in 2002, has finally made its way to Delaware. Adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. However, the larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree’s ability to transport water and nutrients, eventually killing the tree. FHRC Board of Directors recently made a decision to SAVE the TREES and Kerns Bros Tree Service/A Davey Tree Company applied a treatment to six White Ash trees. **Please make a donation to FHRC toward the \$1800 cost of this treatment.**

THREE VETERAN BROTHERS REUNITED AT RIVERVIEW

On Friday, 14 October 2016, volunteers from Bank of America raised and leveled the grave markers of ten veterans interred at Riverview Cemetery. Over time, many military markers have sunk into the ground and become obscured by overgrowth. Among those recovered were the markers of the **Chambers brothers**, sons of Samuel and Laura Jane (Bailey) Chambers. **Raphael Lorraine Chambers**, the eldest, was born in Wilmington, DE on July 30, 1878, and died in Wilmington on February 5, 1956. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and a member of Company K, 1st Delaware Infantry Regiment. The middle brother, **Harold Chambers**, was born in Wilmington, DE December 12, 1887 (although his grave marker

shows 1877), and died at the VA Hospital in Wilmington on September 29, 1954. He was a veteran of both World Wars I and II. The youngest of the brothers, **James Bradford Chambers**, was born in Wilmington, DE on October 10, 1895, and died in Wilmington on June 2, 1962. He was a veteran of World War I, and was a member of 2nd Battalion, 345th Infantry. Friends of Historic Riverview Cemetery are grateful and proud to be the caretakers of their final resting place.



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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

In 2009 Delaware Governor Jack Markell and Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn issued a proclamation to make the first week of November:

### GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK

"We urge all communities during this week to remember and support those who have experienced a significant death in their lives; and to participate in community activities and educational events to increase their own knowledge of the grief process so that neighborhoods, faith communities and workplaces can create a more supportive environment for those in grief."

For more information about statewide resources, visit Delaware Grief Consortium, [www.degac.org](http://www.degac.org)

### Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to our September and October contributors:

<b>Dolson B. Anderson, Jr.</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Clyde &amp; Sarah Hess</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Nancy Hlywiak</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert Staib III</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>

Please make your tax-deductible donation now to support the Capital Campaign for the Renovation of the Chapel/Office Building into the Riverview Cemetery Visitor and Information Center.

### "GIVING A VOICE TO MANY-A NOT SO SCARY CEMETERY STORY"

Author Lois Hoffman recently wrote a blog about Riverview Cemetery and she captured Lee Anderson's vision for writing her book, "Reading the Stones". Visit her site and leave your comments!

<http://happyselfpublisher.com/preserving-history/>

### NEXT GENERATION OF VOLUNTEERS

FHRC welcomed high school students & faculty from Wilmington Friends School for a morning of community service in September. Together we cut branches and vines off of the entire cemetery fence line along Eastlawn Avenue and met neighbors.

*FYI: We have a long list of projects ready for school, church, scout, and corporate groups. Call 302-762-4705 and leave a message about your group and interests.*



### The Resurrection Center presents A THANKSGIVING CANTATA

Saturday November 12th  
6 pm

Admission is Free with a Canned Goods Donation. For more information, visit [www.TRCLIVE.org](http://www.TRCLIVE.org).

FHRC is thankful for our partnership with The Resurrection Center.



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### Burials

The Board of Directors assisted with 4 burials in October. We appreciate the good working relationship with the Congo Funeral Home, Chandler Funeral Home & Crematory, and Nichols-Gilmore Funeral Home.

### Veteran count 1022

thanks to thorough research by Tedd Cocker.

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

## PROJECTS *of* NOTE

### HOLIDAY WREATHS FOR SALE



Bank of America volunteers will handcraft 70 evergreen wreaths with ribbons and pinecones on December 9. Wreaths can be picked up on December 10. FHRC volunteers will place wreaths on gravesites on December 10th for those unable to do so. Visit [www.riverviewcem.com](http://www.riverviewcem.com) and click on the link to print your order form and reserve your wreath early. Wreaths are \$30.00.



Bank of America volunteers donated a half day of service to Riverview Cemetery on October 14th. The weather was beautiful as they raised 10 military markers, painted a section of a chainlink fence, and divided/replanted day-lilies along Washington Street.



FHRC volunteers gave 70 hours of time weeding the sidewalk, curb, and fence line along both sides of N. Market Street in September and October. The City of Wilmington replaced several "Street Trees" along N. Market Street and Kerns Bros/Davey Tree Company did the work the same day as our volunteer project.

### Fact:

The first electric trolley line became operational in 1888 in Wilmington, running from 10th and Market to Riverview Cemetery. *News Journal*



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