

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Saturday, October 3 | 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Ages 6 plus with a parent, MS & HS students can volunteer without a parent

Join us for a morning of cemetery clean-up (health and safety guidelines will be in place). Make history by becoming involved in the restoration of Historic East End & Evergreen Cemeteries by helping clearing debris from overgrown plots. Burying the dead is a corporal work of mercy; and includes caring for cemetery grounds.

Historic Evergreen Cemetery is a historic African-American cemetery, created in 1891 and located in Richmond's East End. East End Cemetery was established in 1897 next to Evergreen Cemetery. These cemeteries are the resting place for many of Richmond's African-American leaders of the 19th and 20th centuries, including Maggie L. Walker, Hezekiah F. Jonathan, John Mitchell, Jr., Rosa D. Bower, and Rev. J. Andrew Bowler. There are an estimated 23,000 plots in Evergreen and East End, most of which have become overgrown from 40 years of neglect. Clean-up activities have been conducted at Evergreen and East End Cemetery for several years. We are walking in the footsteps of some amazing volunteers—including family members who gave their time to hold the line for years. Thank you!



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