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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery

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The beauty of spring never ceases to amaze me. Year after year, we see the beauty of Evergreen emerge yet again. The Daffodils have passed but the Irises are fabulous this year around the gate and within the cemetery. The dogwood and cherry trees have been in full bloom, the three fountains are up and running, and the wildlife on the pond is presenting a new generation of babies. Life is all around us.

The office has been extremely busy with people paying off their lots, purchasing lots, and niches in the Columbarium, and purchasing and placing monuments and markers for Mother's day, Memorial day, and significant remembrances of family members. These are good days at Evergreen. We have an opportunity to

catch up with the news of our families and friends.

As we move into summer, we are already anticipating a slow down in growth of grass, annuals, and the various wildlife on the pond. We will have an opportunity during the lazy, hazy, days of summer to spend some quiet time in contemplation of future planting and embellishments, but we are not to those lazy days yet. We are still working full time to maintain the beauty that exists in the cemetery.

The seasonal temporary help have arrived back. Raphael is planting our gardens and tending them with loving care. He has a green thumb and a patient way of encouraging the growth of our flowers around the pond and throughout the grounds.

We will be holding a NextGen Open House for Funeral Directors and staff in the latter days of June. Many of us have brought on new members of our organizations and although we oftentimes talk with each other, we don't always have an opportunity to meet face to face. This will be that opportunity.

Many of you already



Historic walks in quiet contemplation.

know our new Assistant Superintendent Anthony Puglisi, but if you have not met him personally, then make sure to introduce yourself to him the next time that you are visiting. He, and many others of our crew and staff, will be the NextGen at Evergreen, but not for a while yet. I am still young.

Our flower program is also in full swing. Many of you have contacted the office for placement of flowers, especially for Easter and Mother's Day, but you don't have to wait for a special event. Just remembering and thinking about someone is a good reason to call and request a placement of flowers. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our notable in this issue is Augusto Rodriguez, civil war soldier, proprietor of a cigar store, bartender and saloon keeper, and New Haven Firefighter.



Seasonal Flower Program



Arrangements can be placed for any occasion. Our favorite at this time of year is Father's Day; but a birthday, anniversary, or any special date for you and a loved one is a good day. Call the office 203-624-5505 or email djfiore@evergreencem.org



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The pond at sunset.

Self-guided Walking Tours in Evergreen - available on the Evergreen app

On a beautiful day during the summer, you can take a self-guided walking tour in Evergreen. One tour will take you on a walk through the cemetery to see the gravestones of the Magnates of New Haven, business leaders like Oliver Winchester. Another, will walk you on a tour of Governors and Lt. Governors of Connecticut. Or, if you are a horticulturalist like me, then you can take a walk to see the various specimen trees that are located in Evergreen. The Ladies of Evergreen tour showcases the beautiful statuary of women on many of the gravesites of New Haven's successful businessmen of the 19th and 20th centuries. We are waiting for the day that a woman of New Haven has a statue of herself erected as her own memorial. That would truly be momentous. If you are a member of the New Haven Bird Club, then perhaps you would enjoy a walk to see the various species that exist in Evergreen. Many former leaders of NHBC are resting here.



Lieutenant Augusto Rodriguez - American Civil War Soldier - 1841 - 1880

Augusto Rodriguez was born in San Juan Puerto Rico when the island was still a Spanish possession. He emigrated with his family to the United States in 1850 at the age of nine years.

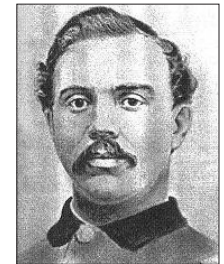
Commerce existed between Puerto Rico and the eastern coast of the U.S. during the 1800s. Many Puerto Ricans sailed on ships between these two ports, with some deciding to locate in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York.

When the American Civil War broke out, many Puerto Ricans joined the military armed services, however, since most Puerto Ricans

were still subjects of Spain, they were inscribed as Spaniards. Rodriguez volunteered for the 15th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. Unfortunately, his name was misspelled and he was known as Augustus Rodereques. After holding the rank of First Sergeant of Company I, he was later promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

The 15th Connecticut Infantry marched to Fredericksburg, Virginia and became members of the Army of the Potomac commanded by Major General Ambrose E. Burnside. Rodriguez led his men in the Battle of Fredericksburg, which was fought

against General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. The battle ended in a disastrous defeat. Burnside attempted another offensive movement in January 1863. Rodriguez and the men of the 15th Connecticut Regiment were involved in that offensive, which became known as the Mud March. It was aborted because of constant rain. Rodriguez once more led his men in combat in the Battle of Wyse Fork. On the first day of the battle, Lt. Rodriguez, along with most of the 15th Connecticut were surrounded and compelled to surrender, but



the final outcome of the battle resulted in a Union victory. The regiment was mustered out in 1865.

Afterwards, Rodriguez became the proprietor of a cigar store, a bartender and saloon keeper, and a firefighter in New Haven.

Rodriguez died in his home in New Haven. He is resting in the Firefighters Pantheon of Evergreen.