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In Honor of Earth Day, National Museum of Funeral History hosts Day of Service at historic Olivewood Cemetery

Community volunteers help with clean-up efforts at Houston's oldest African-American cemetery



Houston, Texas (April 22, 2016) – In honor of Earth Day and the *Honoring Olivewood* exhibit on display at the National Museum of Funeral History through May 29, museum officials hosted a community day of service on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Olivewood Cemetery, Houston's oldest and first incorporated African American cemetery, located at 1300 Court Street, Houston, TX 77008.

A myriad of volunteers, from industry professionals and mortuary students to dedicated museum supporters and visitors, gathered their gardening gear and converged on the historic cemetery, clearing out overgrown brush, vines and weeds, mowing grass, clipping and pruning the beautiful lilies that abound and hauling out bags of vegetation.

The Descendants of Olivewood are dependent on individuals and groups like the one provided by the National Museum of Funeral History to help with efforts to maintain and manage the grounds. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in monthly cleanup efforts at Olivewood Cemetery on the first and third Saturday of each month. For more information and/or to sign up to volunteer, email info@descendantsofolivewood.org or visit www.descendantsofolivewood.org.

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About the [National Museum of Funeral History](http://www.nmfh.org)

The National Museum of Funeral History houses the country's largest collection of funeral service artifacts and features renowned exhibits on one of man's oldest cultural customs. Visitors can discover the mourning rituals of ancient civilizations, see up-close the authentic items used in the funerals of U.S. Presidents and Popes and explore the rich heritage of the industry which cares for the dead. The museum is located at 415 Barren Springs Dr., Houston, TX 77090 and is open Monday – Friday from 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday from 12 pm – 5 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and children age 12 and older, \$9 for seniors and veterans; \$7 for children 6 – 11 years old; and free for children age 5 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfh.org, like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nmfh) or call 281.876.3063.