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Evening Cemetery Tour – A Walk Into the Past

Ghost enthusiasts, cemetery enthusiasts, and those who love history will enjoy a free Ghost Walk through Providence's North Burial Ground on Saturday, October 29. Sponsored by the Friends of the North Burial Ground, with support from the North Burial Ground Project at Rhode Island College, the theatrical and historical event will take place from 4-7 pm.

Dress in your Halloween finest, and come at 4 if you want to enter the costume contest. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a flashlight, since the cemetery gets quite dark after sunset. Children's games and activities will also be available, and light Halloween snacks will be served.

Small group tours of approximately one hour in length will begin between 4:30 and 4:45, and will depart every 10 minutes or so, with the last tour leaving between 5:45 and 6 pm. Your tour guide will lead you by lantern light on a walk from grave to grave at dusk and you'll listen to stories of the lives (some long, some short!) and deaths (some natural, some violent!) of a number of residents of the cemetery.

You'll hear from costumed re-enactors about murder, lost love, and young men at war and at sea, far from home. The tour content and themes are aimed at an adult audience. Families, however, are welcome on the tour, using their own judgment as to whether the content and setting are appropriate for their children.

The North Burial Ground (NGB) is one of the largest land holdings in the city of Providence. It is Providence's oldest public cemetery and serves as the final resting place for more than 100,000 of our ancestors, including scores of early leaders and notable residents. It also houses over three centuries of artistic headstones, memorials, and tombs, exhibiting symbolic meanings and intrigue that provide a rich history of Providence and its inhabitants.

The Friends of the NGB and Randall Park is a not-for-profit group recently formed to help preserve and maintain the cemetery in the future, to make it an economic asset for the city of Providence, to promote its value to the public as a historic and natural resource, and to conduct events that showcase the cemetery in various ways.

The gathering place will be in the portion of the cemetery known as Randall Park, near the intersection of Rochambeau Ave. and North Main St. You may park along North Main St., and enter through the Rochambeau gate, or enter the cemetery through its main gate at the intersection of North Main St. and Branch Ave. and park where directed.

Rain date is October 30, same time and place. For further information, contact catherine.b.hurst@gmail.com.