

Prospect Hill Cemetery
Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery
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Newsletter

2008

**PROSPECT HILL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION FEATURES TWO SPECIAL EVENTS**

Another milestone in the history of our beautiful and historic Prospect Hill Cemetery is about to become a reality. So let the celebrations begin!

One hundred and fifty years ago our beautiful Cemetery, located just blocks from the United States Capitol, was organized by five officials from the German Evangelical Church Society of the Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church (now known as The United Church) in Washington, DC. On August 15, 1858, they became Prospect Hill's first Board of Directors.

This year, we will celebrate our Cemetery's beginning with two special programs on, both on Saturday, May 31, after Memorial Day weekend. As mentioned in the last Newsletter our annual meeting of lot owners has been moved back from fall to springtime so we can enjoy the true beauty of our Cemetery.

Next month's meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel Circle at the top of the Cemetery. If bad weather prevails, the meeting will be held inside the old stone gatehouse residence of our superintendent, Joe Connell.

The agenda will include reports from committee chairpersons, a brief financial report and election of officers. After the meeting, luncheon refreshments will be available next to (or in) the gatehouse.

As you drive through the Cemetery you will notice American flags on certain graves as a Memorial Day tribute honoring former United States military personnel buried there. Also notice the many beautiful azaleas and rhododendrons purchased during our Memorial Day fund drive and planted by Superintendent Connell.

After the annual meeting and lunch we'll drive (carpool) to the second event of our special birthday celebration. It will be held, appropriately, where the history of Prospect Hill Cemetery all began 150 years ago—The United Church, located on the corner of 20th and G streets northwest in Washington, DC. That's where the Washington Saengerbund German choral group will present a special benefit concert at 2 p.m. to honor our Cemetery's 150th birthday. The program will feature favorite German hymns and songs.

Coincidentally, The United Church is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. Pastor Bodo Schwabe of The United Church will deliver a brief message on this special occasion of honoring both anniversaries.

Dignitaries from the German Embassy, several German clubs and organizations have been invited as special guests at both events. But all are welcome, friends, relatives, strangers. We're hoping for a large crowd to help honor our historic Cemetery.

Free-will offering containers for Prospect Hill will be available at both events. If you plan to come to either (or both), or can't make it to either but would still like to give a financial birthday present to our (your) Cemetery, mark the appropriate spaces on the Order Form on the last page and mail it to the address given.

We hope to see you at one or both of our birthday celebrations.

President's Message . . .

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

The Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges the generous donations you have made in response to the end-of-year fund raising drive included in the Winter (Holiday) 2007 Newsletter. They are being put to good use in continuing to improve the Cemetery grounds.

The Board continues to focus on capital improvements at the Cemetery. It recently completed repairs of the retaining wall running along the west roadway and potholes in that roadway. Upcoming projects include a new retaining wall around the large tree at the south end of the west roadway, removal of a concrete sidewalk that has been lifted by tree roots near the circle, and resetting of a stone curb at the north end of the west roadway.

A new entrance sign is in the making which acknowledges the Cemetery's status as an historic DC landmark. The program of uprighting fallen tombstones continues under the direction of our able superintendent, Joe Connell, and he will soon begin planting the shrubs you've donated in the Memorial Garden. You are invited to visit the Cemetery to see how your donations are being put to good use in funding these projects.

Celebration of the Cemetery's 150th anniversary will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2008. Activities will include a lot owners meeting and gourmet luncheon to be held at the Cemetery at 10:30 a.m., and a benefit concert by the Washington Saengerbund at the United Church at 20th & G Streets NW at 2:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing you at the 150th anniversary events and appreciate your continued support of our beautiful and historic Cemetery.

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ONLY SIX BURIALS WERE PERFORMED LAST YEAR

Burials and the sale of cemetery plots are the major sources of income in most cemeteries. But not at Prospect Hill. Only six burials were performed last year, and only one lot was sold. Two of the burials were transfers of cremation urns from a Florida cemetery to the Wheeler family plot in Prospect Hill.

Many of our present lot owners have taken over for their loved ones and are now tending to the sites of their ancestors and siblings who have passed on. But, sadly, most of the sites in our Cemetery have no known living caretakers and rely entirely on our devoted superintendent Joe Connell for their upkeep.

And, you must realize, the remaining living lot owners are becoming a fading family themselves. We continue to rely heavily on the generosity of our remaining lot owners as a major source of income for Prospect Hill. And please tell your friends and relatives that hundred of burial sites at our beautiful historic cemetery are still available to purchase.

The six interments in 2007 were: Herbert and Henrietta Wheeler (transfers), Paul W. Eschinger, Catherine Railsback, Barbara Hutchinson, and Wilber J. Balderson.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

Have any ideas or suggestions (or complaints) concerning new ways to help finance the continual upkeep, expenses, and beautification of our Prospect Hill Cemetery, or additional information you'd like to see in our Newsletter?

Let us hear from you. Write us at the Cemetery's address or e-mail us at rbecker2004@yahoo.com. All messages will be considered. Worthy ones may be published in our Newsletter. Donations are always welcome!

FLAGS WILL AGAIN FLY OVER GRAVES OF U. S. VETERANS

Memorial Day weekend is always an important time of year at Prospect Hill. That's when Superintendent Joe Connell and members of the Board of Trustees honor former United States military veterans buried in our Cemetery by placing American flags on their graves like the annual ritual at Arlington and all national cemeteries.

Many of the gravestones in our Cemetery reveal information about the veteran's military service, but many do not. To be sure we do not miss any of your relatives who served in the U. S. military please fill out and mark the form on the last page of this Newsletter indicating on whose graves you would like flags to fly. There is no charge for this service.

SUPERINTENDENT CONNELL HAS BEEN A BUSY MAN BEAUTIFYING OUR CEMETERY FOR ALL TO SEE

Superintendent Joe Connell has kept busy with springtime chores, and as a result our Cemetery continues to look its best under his expert guidance and skills. It should be a showplace cemetery for our lot owners and other folks to see when the annual meeting rolls around next month.

For instance, Joe's March report to the Board of Trustees included such tasks as:

- * chainsawed large fallen branches to fit into dumpster;
- * trimmed around and in-between head and footstones with weedeater;
- * cleaned leaves and other debris from storm drains;
- * uprighted two headstones;
- * cleaned trash and other debris daily from around front gate;
- * received and discussed estimates on sidewalk and wall repair, and for new sign for the front entrance;
- * corresponded with lot owners and relatives concerning grave locations, etc.;
- * corresponded and sold a site to a German school person;
- * conducted a cremains burial.

These duties were in addition to Joe's regular duties, including periodic grass cutting and continual removing limbs and fallen branches throughout the Cemetery.

Please notice the clean, excellent condition of our Cemetery as you drive through it on your next visit. Then be thankful that reliable, conscientious Joe Connell is our superintendent.

PHOTOS AND HISTORIC ITEMS WANTED FOR PROSPECT HILL WEB SITE

If during visits to our beloved Cemetery you've taken photos or snapshots of the grounds, graves, or during special occasions such as the annual meeting, and would like to share them for display on our Web site (www.prospecthillcemetery.com) your Board of Trustees would be most appreciative.

Or if you have any historic documents, such as an old sales slip for a tombstone, they would also be interesting items for the Web site. Please send all items to Rudy Becker, 2608 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Or e-mail him at rbecker2004@yahoo.com.

RESULTS OF 2007 CONTRIBUTIONS CAMPAIGNS

Your Board of Trustees once again deeply appreciates the many contributions made to the end-of-the-year Holiday Memorial Fundraising Campaign and other special monetary gifts received throughout the year. These donations go entirely for the upkeep of your Cemetery and our superintendent's residence. More than 200 of our lot owners and friends of Prospect Hill made donations last year amounting to over \$33,000.

We sincerely thank you and hope you will continue to support our/your Cemetery in future donations campaigns. A list of year 2007 contributors follows.

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Please pay for your books and plants with a separate check (they are not tax deductible). Please make all checks payable to Prospect Hill Cemetery, and mail this full sheet with your donation or order to:

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