

*Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery*

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Spring

Newsletter

2010

**LOT OWNERS MEETING, DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GROVE  
HIGHLIGHT MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES AT PROSPECT HILL**

Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 31, 2010, will be another memorable day in the history of Prospect Hill Cemetery. And we invite all of you to join in.

Not only because it will be the day we hold our annual lot owners meeting but it will also be the day we dedicate our newly completed beautification project – Memorial Grove.

And because it is also a special day in the history of our country we will also hold a short Memorial Day service honoring deceased United States military veterans.

The lot owners meeting opens the festivities at 11 a.m. Followed by finger-food refreshments at approximately noon. After lunch, at about 1:00 p.m., the Memorial Day service will be conducted during which The Washington Saengerbund choral group will sing several favorite German hymns. The Memorial Grove dedication ceremony will conclude the day's activities.

If you plan to honor your deceased loved ones at Prospect Hill this Memorial Day by decorating their graves with flowers why not schedule your visit in time to join the festivities. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Meet your Board of Trustees members and other lot owners. Hope to see you there.

If it's a nice spring day all events will be held on the site of the old chapel at the top of the hill not far from the new Memorial Grove. If the weather is threatening we'll meet on the roadway by the gatehouse. If real bad weather occurs call the office, 202-667-0676, for the final decision.

## LET'S ALL JOIN IN FOR "CLEAN UP DAY" AT THE CEMETERY

It's going to be a "fun" day at Prospect Hill Cemetery – and a work day, too.

Mark Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m., on your calendar. That's the day our cemetery will hold an open house Clean Up Day. Everyone is invited to help: lot owners, friends, relatives, children and grandchildren.

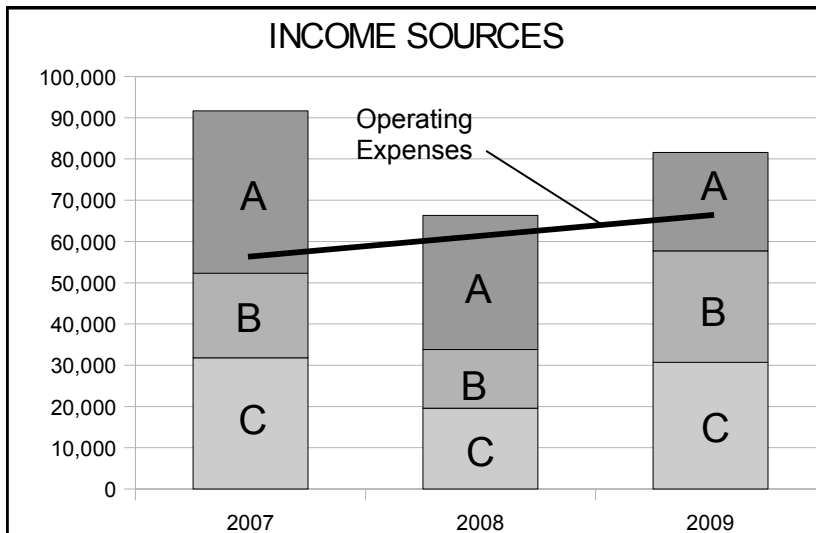
It will be a day we all get together to help our caretaker Joe Connell clean up our cemetery of split trees, fallen branches and other remnants left by the record snowfalls in February and high winds in March. "There'll be plenty to do," he says.

So get out your rakes, brooms, clippers, weed wackers, old shoes and work clothes in readiness to help put our cemetery in tip top condition for our annual lot owners meeting and Memorial Day service. Connell, Board of Trustees President Carol Holler and other board members will be on hand to help and supervise the day's activity.

Best of all, refreshments will be served when the work is done!

In case of inclement weather call the cemetery office for a decision on canceling the program.

## TREASURER'S REPORT



This chart shows sources of income used to pay the **Operating Expenses** of the cemetery. Expenses are shown as the line extending across the three columns. As can be seen, the level of donations has declined steadily. Further decline will result in the necessity of selling investment assets which will further reduce income.

Legend:

A - Donations – excludes bequests

B - Other Income - burials, lot sales, rent from T-Mobile, books about Prospect Hill

C - Investment income

## RESULTS OF 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS CAMPAIGN

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 salary and gatehouse residence.

We sincerely thank you and hope you will continue to support our/your cemetery in future donations campaigns. A list of year 2009 contributors follows.

### **Memorial Gifts**

Ackad, Abdon  
Adams, John and Dorothy  
Alley, Wade & Patrice  
Aman, Elizabeth  
Anderson, Ruth T  
Au, Fred & Helene  
Baker, Francis B. "Jack"  
Becker, Rudolph & Elisabeth  
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Bold, Ethel R.  
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Chow, Carol & Howard  
Cornell, Sally Ann  
Crone, Charles F.  
Culler, Carl & Kathleen  
Curtis, Charlotte.  
Czayo, Sylvia  
Daniels, Robert & Dorothy  
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Durgin, Frank & Linda  
Duvall, Dale  
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Gilbert, Emily  
Gordon, Dennis and Agnes  
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Gregg, Henry A.  
Hagan, Peter J.  
Haislip, Pliny L  
Halusa, Gerd  
Harben, Meleen  
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### **In Memory of**

Abdon D. and Janet V. Ached  
Walter C. and Dorothy A. Allen, Maria T. Allen  
Wade H. Alley, Sr.  
The Frederick Weber & August Metzler families  
August and Sophie Johnson  
William & Augusta Au  
In memory of my grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sievers  
Johann & Regina Schmid; Rosemarie Horn  
Milton M. & Emma E. Erhardt; Earl L. Blenkiron  
John Andres & Mary Ossel Newman  
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Irene Baulsir Gavin; George & Barbara Baier; Rosa & Irma Baulsir  
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The Weber and Willis families: Robert Mills  
Minerva A. Daavid; Najeeb Daavid  
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Garabed, Mariam and Hrair Hartunian  
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Agnes Robertson  
Julius Roth  
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Ernest Loffler  
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Michael & Irma Benedikt; Harry Wunder

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Mr. & Mrs. Morello	Karin Halusa
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Wilkerson, William & Barbara	Christine & Herman Schleeauf
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**Other Donations throughout the year 2009:**

Andrews, Kimberly	Brandt, Eva	Derrick, Linda D
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Getting, Jan  
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Stout, Helen M.  
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Watson, Gudrun  
Wheeler, Patricia A.  
Wiley, Harold & Mary

## **ONLY SEVEN BURIALS PERFORMED, ONE LOT SOLD LAST YEAR**

Once again, as in 2008, Superintendent Connell oversaw only seven burials at Prospect Hill last year. Also, as in 2008, four were cremations ashes burials, which require far less effort than full body burials and cost a lot less. Only one burial plot was sold. Four were sold in 2008.

Names of the deceased, ages and dates of their full body burials:

Hulda Louise Coomes, 89, January 2, 2009  
Louise Samuels Martin, 87, March 9, 2009  
Karin Agnes Halusa, 68, May 26, 2009

Names of the deceased, ages and burial dates of their cremains:

Frank A. Peters, 78, September 18, 2009  
Rosemarie Horn, 52, September 18, 2009  
Lynne Babette Davenport, 50, October 18, 2009  
William Henry Latterner, 61, November 28, 2009

As mentioned in the past, burials and the sale of plots are the main sources of income in most cemeteries. But as you can see, that is not the case at Prospect Hill. Donations are the main source to keep our beautiful, historic cemetery in business.

We continue to rely heavily on the generosity of our remaining lot owners, relatives and friends as our major source of income. But you must realize, the remaining living lot owners and relatives are becoming a fading family themselves.

Sadly, many of the sites at Prospect Hill have no known living owners, family members or caretakers. So we must rely greatly on the present generation of relatives and our devoted superintendent, Joe Connell, for the cemetery's upkeep.

## **FLAGS WILL AGAIN FLY OVER GRAVES OF U.S. MILITARY VETERANS**

Memorial Day weekend is always an important time of the year at Prospect Hill Cemetery. That's when Superintendent Joe Connell and members of your Board of Trustees honor United States

military veterans buried in our cemetery by placing American flags on their graves similar to the annual ritual performed at Arlington and all national cemeteries.

Many veterans' gravestones, such as those from the Civil War, give information only about military service. Others, usually in family plots, do not.

To make certain we do not miss your ancestors or family members who served in the U. S. military, please fill out and mail the form on the last page of this newsletter indicating on whose grave(s) you would like flags placed. There is no charge for this service.

## **PHOTOS AND HISTORIC ITEMS WANTED FOR PROSPECT HILL WEBSITE**

If during visits to our beloved cemetery you've taken photos or snapshots of the grounds, graves, funerals, visitors or during special occasions such as our annual lot owners' meeting or Memorial Day service, and would like to share them for display on our website ([www.prospecthillcemetery.org](http://www.prospecthillcemetery.org)) your Board of Trustees would be most appreciative.

Of if you have any old documents pertaining to the cemetery or old sales slips such as for the purchase of a tombstone, they would also be interesting items for our website. Look through your family's old photo album or personal papers. You might find an item you thought you'd never need or use. Please send all donations to Rudy Becker, 2608 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, Va 22508. Or email him at [rbecker2004@yahoo.com](mailto:rbecker2004@yahoo.com).

## **ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS? LET'S HEAR FROM YOU**

Have any ideas or suggestions (or complaints) concerning the upkeep, expenses, marketing or beautification of our cemetery? We'd like to hear from you. Write us at the cemetery's address or email us at [rbecker2004@yahoo.com](mailto:rbecker2004@yahoo.com). All messages will be considered. Some worthwhile ones may be published in the Newsletter for your feedback.

## **PLEASE CALL FIRST AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**

At times, folks have entered the cemetery unannounced seeking help or direction from Superintendent Connell and found no one at home. Since he is our only employee, his duties sometimes take him away from the cemetery. He suggests you call first and make an appointment. This way he can prepare for your visit and give you his undivided attention. He will be glad to help you in any way. The office number is 202-667-0676.

## **MEMORIAL GROVE FEATURED IN GARDEN CLUBS PUBLICATION**

Our new Memorial Grove beautification project was a featured item in the Winter 2009 issue of The Capital Gardener, official publication of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. Included was a group photo of all the volunteers who worked on the project the day it was completed.

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*Henry Fankhauser, Editor*

# Prospect Hill Cemetery

## Order Form

Your gifts are very important to the operation of the cemetery. Each donation, no matter how large or small makes a difference. We will work to keep expenses down, and with your help we'll continue to have a beautiful historic cemetery. One of the nicest things you can give to your ancestors is a donation to Prospect Hill Cemetery for the maintenance and upkeep of their final resting place. Thank you for your love and concern.

My donation for the maintenance and operation of the cemetery \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like American flags placed on the following grave sites (no charge):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Books for sale

# of books:

\_\_\_\_\_ *The Immigrants and Their Cemetery: The Story of Prospect Hill* (\$35) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Families of Prospect Hill* (\$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Prospect Hill Cemetery Adult Burial List* (\$35) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List*, (\$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of books \_\_\_\_\_

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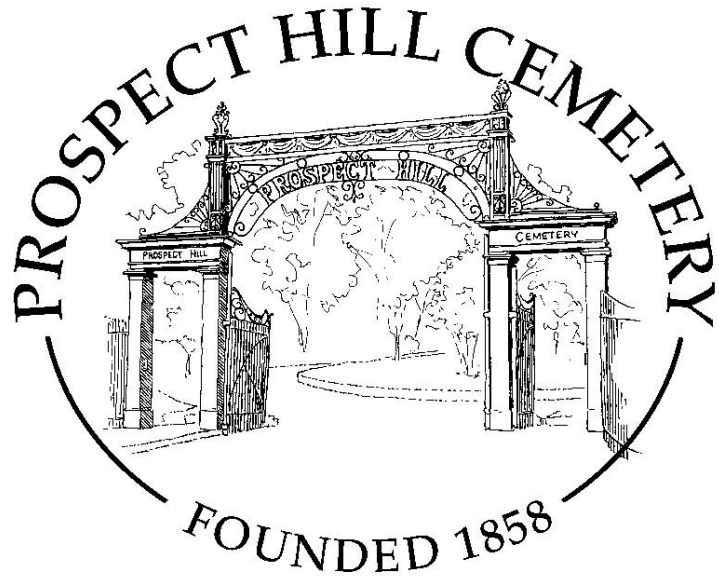
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to **Prospect Hill Cemetery**, and mail this full sheet with your donation and book order to:

Prospect Hill Cemetery  
c/o Rudolph Becker, Treasurer  
2608 Lakeview Parkway  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

All correspondence should be sent to the address above. Thank you for your support of Prospect Hill.



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