



# Prospect Hill Cemetery

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

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Newsletter

2011

## **ANNUAL LOT OWNERS' MEETING AND MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 30. EVERYONE INVITED**

It's time again for our biggest happening of the year at Prospect Hill – the annual lot owners' meeting and special Memorial Day service in which the famous Washington Saengerbund choral group will sing several favorite German hymns. It's also a time to meet and chat with members of your Board of Trustees.

It all happens on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. The lot owners' meeting opens the program at 11:00 a.m. followed by finger-food refreshments at approximately noon.

The Memorial Day service is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and will be conducted by Pastor Tabea Muenz of the United Church in Washington, D.C. whose members established our cemetery back in 1858.

If you plan to visit the cemetery to decorate your deceased loved ones' grave(s) on Memorial Day why not schedule your visit in time to join the festivities. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

If it's a nice spring day both events will be held on the site of the old chapel at the top of the hill. 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.

### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

#### **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PROSPECT HILL**

What a wonderful and caring group of families, relatives, and friends we have here at Prospect Hill. Thanks to all of you for making our annual year-end Holiday Memorial Fundraising Campaign a tremendous success. You came through like we hoped you would.

Your Board of Trustees truly appreciates your consideration and tremendous generosity during these uncertain times. Your donations continue to make Prospect Hill a more stable entity. Let's keep it that way! Thanks again to all of you.

A reminder, if you're interested in facts and figures on our historic cemetery, four books, written by our late historian Jean Crabill, are still available to purchase. See the Order Form on the last page or visit our web site [www.prospecthillcemetery.org](http://www.prospecthillcemetery.org).

Once again I'm looking forward to our upcoming Clean Up day (see story on page 5). About a dozen volunteers, including me, participated last year and we had great fun despite the cleanup work. I plan to be there again May 14. Join me. Everyone is invited.

Once again, thanks to all for your support of Prospect Hill whether it be through donations or in some way volunteering.

Carol Holler, President  
Board of Trustees

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Thanks to your most generous support during 2010, increased income from burials, lot sales, and publications sales, and ever increasing returns on our investment portfolio, Prospect Hill saw an increase in overall revenues in 2010 of 12.5% to \$86,000. Expenses also increased, by 15.4% to \$77,700. Major capital expenditures in 2010 included a new Scagg lawn mower.

## **RESULTS OF 2010 HOLIDAY MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHERS**

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 2010 contributors follows.

### **Memorial Gifts**

Ackad, Abdon  
Alley, Wade & Patrice  
Alspaugh, Silvia  
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Emch, Eleanor

### **In Memory of**

Abdon D. and Janet V. Ached  
Wade H. Alley, Sr.  
Kranauer & Hillman families  
August and Sophie Johnson  
William & Augusta Au  
Jean Crabill  
In memory of my grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sievers  
Jean Crabill  
Johann & Regina Schmid; Rosemarie Horn  
John Andres & Mary Ossel Newman; Jean Crabill  
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Alfred & Anna Schicht  
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Eschinger, Jon	Charles & Ema Eschinger; August & Frederika Ischinger
Fankhauser, Henry and Louise	His parents, grandparents and sister, all buried in Prospect Hill
Fauntleroy, James M.	Irene Baulsir Gavin; George & Barbara Baier; Rosa & Irma Baulsir
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## **SOLVING A RIBBING**

Her friends would always come up to her at weddings, poking her in the ribs and cackling, "You're next!" They stopped after she started doing the same thing to them – at funerals.

## **ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP ON CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CEMETERY**

Spring has sprung! And it's time for some spring cleaning at our Prospect Hill Cemetery. Superintendent Connell says there is plenty to do, but he also says he could use a little help.

So your Board of Trustees has designated Saturday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. as our second annual Clean Up day to make sure our historic cemetery will look it's best for our annual lot owners' meeting and memorial service on Memorial Day, May 31.

So get out your rakes, brooms, clippers, weed wackers, old shoes, work clothes and gloves in readiness for the big Memorial Day weekend when many relatives and friends of those buried here visit and decorate the graves of their loved ones.

Best of all, refreshments will be available to the volunteers when the work is done. In case of inclement weather, call the cemetery office for a decision on canceling the program.

## **ONLY EIGHT BURIALS PERFORMED. TWO SITES SOLD LAST YEAR. MANY CHOICE BURIAL SITES STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

As in years gone by, only a small number of burials were performed at Prospect Hill in 2010. Superintendent Connell oversaw only eight interments, one more than each of the last two years. Three interments were full body burials. The other five were cremains burials.

And only two burial sites were sold in 2010.

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

Margaret J. Hayes (89) January 25, 2010  
Jean B. Crabill (76) June 22, 2010  
Rose Marie Long (97) July 21, 2010

Name of the deceased, ages and burial dates of their cremains burials:

Mary J. Stolworthy (86) April 15, 2010  
Louise L. Grass (90) April 17, 2010  
Dale M. Duvall (77) May 23, 2010  
Ruth H. Fasnacht (95) July 31, 2010  
Elsa B. Friberg (93) December 9, 2010

As mentioned in the past, burials and the sale of sites are the main sources of income in most cemeteries. But, as you can see, not at Prospect Hill. Donations are our 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, as we've told you many times before, the remaining living lot owners and relatives are becoming a fading family themselves.

Let us remind you again that many choice sites of all sizes are still available to purchase at Prospect Hill. And at prices comparable to other cemeteries in the area. The available sites are scattered throughout the cemetery.

If you, your relatives or friends are undecided as to where your final resting place will be give Prospect Hill some serious consideration. It has been declared an historic site in a beautiful setting high on a hill in the capital city of the United States with the capitol building just down the street. What more convincing site could you ask for or find?

If you're seriously interested in purchasing a burial site (or sites) at Prospect Hill call Superintendent Joe Connell at 202-667-0676. He'll be glad to answer your questions, show you available sites and help you make your final decision.

### **PROSPECT HILL ESCAPES MAJOR DESTRUCTION AFTER FEBRUARY STORMS**

Despite the severe wind, ice and snow storms in February, our cemetery escaped any major destruction reports Superintendent Joe Connell. R & R Tree Service came out only once during that period to remove large fallen limbs and one small, old dead tree near the hill in the upper right border of the cemetery.

Superintendent Connell was kept busy, however, shoveling snow around the front porch area of the gatehouse and along the North Capitol street sidewalk.

### **PROSPECT HILL HONORS VETS BY PLACING FLAGS ON THEIR GRAVES**

Memorial Day weekend is always a special time of the year at Prospect Hill. That's when Superintendent 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.

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 indicating on whose grave(s) you would like flags placed. There is no charge for this service.

### **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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 postage times number of books \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of order and donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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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