



Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

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Spring

Newsletter

2012

SAENGERBUND CHORAL GROUP TO PERFORM AGAIN AT OUR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AND ANNUAL LOT OWNERS' MEETING ON MAY 28

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 28. The lot owners' meeting will open the festivities at 10:00 am

The Memorial Day service is scheduled for 11:00 am and will be conducted by Pastor Tabea Muenz of the United Church in Washington, D.C. whose members established our cemetery back in 1858. The Washington Saengerbund will perform at the service and will be dedicating a new memorial stone memorializing Julius Viedt its first president.

Finger-food refreshments will be served at approximately 12:30 PM.

If you plan to visit the cemetery on Memorial Day to decorate your deceased loved ones' grave(s) 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 OUR CEMETERY AND ITS GATEHOUSE

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 Fundraiser campaign and Gatehouse Roof Replacement Project tremendous successes. 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 beautiful and 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.

Once again I'm looking forward to our upcoming Clean Up day (see story on page 4). 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 12. Join me. Everyone is invited. We'll make the cemetery look its best for our Memorial Day service & lot owners meeting. I plan to be there again.

A complete report on the successful Gatehouse Roof Replacement Project will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Carol Holler, President
Board of Trustees

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to your most generous support during 2011, income from burials, lot sales, publications sales, and ever increasing returns on our investment portfolio, total revenues were \$128,131. Expenses were \$105,856 leaving a surplus of \$22,275. Major capital expenditures in 2011 included the down payment on the Gatehouse Roof Replacement Project and repair of the north fence.

RESULTS OF 2011 HOLIDAY MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHERS

Your Board of Trustees deeply appreciates the many contributions made to the end-of-the-year Holiday Memorial Fundraiser campaign which includes the Gatehouse Roof Replacement Project and other special monetary gifts received throughout the year. These donations go entirely for the upkeep of your cemetery, our superintendent's salary and his gatehouse residence.

We sincerely thank you and hope you will continue to support our/your cemetery in future donations campaigns. A list of year 2011 contributors follows.

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ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP ON CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CEMETERY ON MAY 12

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 12, at 10:00 a.m. as our third 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 28.

So get out your rakes, brooms, clippers, weed wackers, old shoes, work clothes and gloves in preparation 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.

From the Mail Bag
**THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT,
AND WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER**

Enclosed is my check toward the maintenance and repair of the old gatehouse. It is interesting to learn that it was built in 1927. My father was buried in Prospect Hill in 1929 and my mother in 1957. I moved from the D. C. area in 1952 but still have family there so have continued to visit the cemetery whenever we return.

Our most recent visit was last July. We phoned Superintendent Joe Connell and told him when we would be there. We were pleased that Mr. Connell came up to the gravesite to speak to us. He directed us to the Memorial Grove, which we drove past as we exited the cemetery.

In closing, I would like to complement the Board of Trustees on the Newsletter. However, a correction needs to be made at the top of the title page. It should not be "Our Nation's Capitol's...." The correct word is "Capital's". Capital is the city of Washington. Capitol is the building. That is why the cemetery is located on North Capitol Street.

RUTH T. ANDERSON
Banning, California

Editor's Reply – No excuses! You are entirely right. The correction has been made, and thanks for your observation.

**RECORD LOW THREE BURIALS PERFORMED AT
PROSPECT HILL LAST YEAR, ONE LOT SOLD**

The response to our annual end-of-year Holiday Memorial Fundraiser campaign was most impressive. The list of donors proves that.

It also proves that when a serious financial situation arises we all get together to help. Such was our plea last year concerning the roof replacement on the old gatehouse. You came through wonderfully.

But more and more the financial burden for running our beautiful little cemetery and keeping its gatehouse in livable condition is falling on the generosity of our present generation of heirs, relatives and friends of those original lot owners buried here.

Why? It's obvious. While most cemeteries depend on burials and the sale of lots for much of their income, Prospect Hill does not. Only three burials, a record low, and one lot sale were recorded at

Prospect Hill last year. The three persons buried were all in their 90s. One of the burials was of cremation ashes, which costs considerable less than a full body burial.

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

Dorothy L. Jackson, 97, April 30, 2011 (ashes)

Grace Thomfordt, 92, July 7, 2011 (full body)

Stanley Phipps, 93, September 2, 2011 (full body)

The one lot was purchased by Hermann J. and Christine G. Hambach. She and her Goddard Garden Club friends maintain the small circle that surrounds the memorial plaque at the top of the hill where the old chapel once stood.

But don't think for one minute that Prospect Hill is sold out of burial sites. We're far from it. Hundreds of lots are still available. And at a price comparable, or less, to other cemeteries in the area.

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

We welcome your comments, ideas and suggestions concerning the financial future of Prospect Hill Cemetery. All correspondence should be sent to: Prospect Hill Cemetery, c/o Rudolph Becker, Treasurer, 2608 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA 22508 or e-mail him at: rbecker2004@yahoo.com

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

Memorial Day weekend is always an important time of the year to our United States military veterans buried at Prospect Hill.

That's when Superintendent Connell and members of your Board of Trustees place American flags on the veterans 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

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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):

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