



Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

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Spring

Newsletter

2013

**IMPORTANT ANNUAL LOT OWNERS' MEETING ON MAY 27 at 10:00 AM
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

It's time again for our biggest happening of the year at Prospect Hill – the annual lot owners' meeting and special Memorial Day. It's also a time to meet and chat with members of your Board of Trustees.

The lot owners' meeting will open the schedule of events at 10:00 am. In addition to activity reports by the officers and trustees, the election of trustees for the coming 2 years will occur.

Please indicate your plan to attend the meeting on the Order Form on page 7.

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 famous Washington Saengerbund will perform several favorite German hymns during the service.

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 18. 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.

Carol Holler, President
Board of Trustees

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to your most generous support during 2012, including income from donations, bequests, burials, lot sales, publications sales, and ever increasing returns on our investment portfolio. Total revenues were \$156,600. Expenses were \$165,100 leaving a deficit of \$8,500. Major capital expenditures in 2012 included the Gatehouse Roof Replacement and Building Painting Projects.

RESULTS OF 2012 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 2012 contributors follows.

Memorial Gifts

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ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP ON CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CEMETERY ON MAY 18

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

Your Board of Trustees has designated Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. as our fourth 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 27.

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.

THREE BURIALS PERFORMED AT PROSPECT HILL LAST YEAR

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 were recorded at Prospect Hill last year. All of the burials were of cremation ashes, which costs considerably less than a full body burial.

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

Francis Case, 98, June 2, 2012 (ashes)

Bonnie Parkhurst, 94, June 2, 2012 (ashes)

Robert Seebold, 83, October 13, 2012 (ashes)

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.

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.

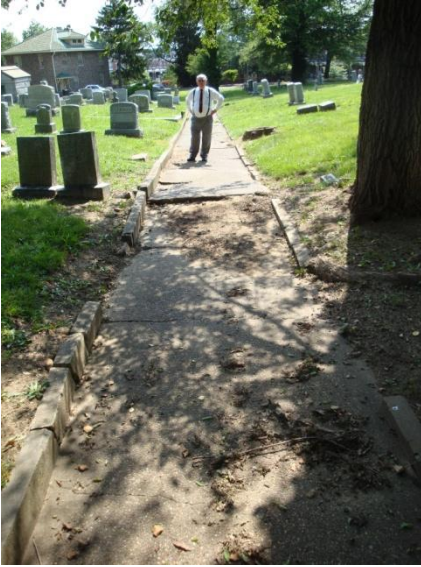
To make certain we do not miss your ancestors or family members who served in the U. S. military please fill out and mail the form on the last page indicating on whose grave(s) you would like flags placed. There is no charge for this service.

CEMETERY SIDEWALKS AND STEPS REPAIRED

Over the years, the sidewalk to the west and north of Section "E" had deteriorated to the extent that they were unsafe for visitors to the cemetery. As trees lining the sidewalks had grown ever larger, pavement sections in front of them had lifted, creating traps for debris and tripping points. In addition, the stairway at the north end of the west walkway was difficult to climb due to different step heights.

Thanks to generous donations from several lot owners, the cemetery engaged R & R Tree Experts of Silver Spring, MD, (Website: <http://randtree.com/>), to remove and replace the damaged sections of

walkway and rework the stairway. The results of the some of the work are shown below.



Before



During



After



Before



After

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):

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 _____

Add \$5 postage for each book purchased \$ _____

Total amount of order and donation \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

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.

I (we) plan to attend the Annual Meeting on May 27, 2013 at 10:00 am
YES_____ NO_____

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