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# Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

Spring

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2020

# CLEANUP DAY AND ANNUAL LOT OWNERS MEETING AND MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE CANCELLED

In response to DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's Stay-at-Home Order 2020-054, the board of trustees decided to cancel these events. Depending on when the current COVID-19 situation is resolved and life returns to normal, they may be held later in the year. If that turns out to be the case, we will announce it in a future newsletter and on our website: www.prospecthillcemetery.org.

#### **RESULTS OF 2019 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 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 donation campaigns. The total amount of donations, grants and bequests received in 2019 was \$42,942. A list of contributors follows.

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Inflows during 2019, including donations, bequests, grants, burials, lot sales, publications sales, and returns on our investment portfolio, were \$97,900. Outflows were \$110,700 leaving a deficit of \$12,800. The DC water bill decreased to \$8,600 as a result of a credit of \$14,400 from the CRIAC Non-profit Relief Program. A detailed report is available upon request.

The CRIAC Non-profit Relief Program has been extended for the coming DC FY 2020. If our application is approved, we expect to receive a credit of \$14,600.

#### VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO FILL BOARD OF TRUSTEES VACANCY

As President Halusa mentioned in his letter on page 5, volunteers are needed to fill Board of Trustee current and future vacancies. Our charter provides for seven trustees; we currently have six.

Trustees must be lot owners and are elected at the Annual Lot Owners meeting when a quorum of 15 lot owners is present. When a quorum is not achieved, trustees have been appointed by the board. This was necessary to enable the cemetery to continue operations with a full or nearly full complement of trustees.

Of the seven authorized trustees, three serve as officers elected by the trustees: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The other four serve at large.

Trustees make decisions on cemetery business activities, from managing the investment portfolio to deciding on maintenance activities, procurement of new groundskeeping equipment, roadway improvement projects, building upgrade projects, etc. They also prepare the newsletter for mailing.

Trustees hold regular business meetings at the cemetery office three times per year: in March, August and November. They present annual reports at the Lot Owners meeting on Memorial Day.

Although it is desirable that trustees reside in the DC Metropolitan Area, it is not necessary. One of the current trustees participates by phone when he is out of town. And with such computer applications as Zoom or Skype, on-line meetings are now possible.

This is your cemetery. We urge those of you willing and able to serve as trustees to please volunteer. Just contact President Halusa at the cemetery email address: prospecthillcem@yahoo.com.

### FOUR BURIALS PERFORMED AT PROSPECT HILL LAST YEAR

Superintendent Connell oversaw four burials at Prospect Hill last year. Three resulted from cremations, which require far less effort than ordinary burials. Cost for the interment of cremains is also much less.

Names of the deceased and ages:

<u>Name</u>	Age	Burial Date	Type
Robert Ferguson	76	03/30/2019	Cremation
Helene Au	105	05/29/2019	Cremation
Donald Gross	82	07/02/2019	Cremation
Karl Herold	85	11/18/2019	Cremation

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 to, or less than, other cemeteries in the area. If you are interested in 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 a valuable 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 military veterans' graves like 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.

# President's Message

We are again experiencing springtime and at our cemetery the azaleas and crocuses (some might say croci) are adding color to the surroundings. Our site has been improved with the paving job at the entrance, and beautified by sandblasting and repainting of the gate, which makes for a pleasing welcome when entering the cemetery.

As you know, all this has been made possible only with the support you have given so generously every year, and every time this newsletter goes out, we always express our appreciation for your help.

This time I would like to add another state of affairs the cemetery is experiencing: we are in a situation where we need volunteers for the board of trustees! Because people who have served in that position have moved out of the area, have resigned because of health reasons, or are not available for other reasons. We are lacking the necessary number of votes to be able to make certain decisions. If you are interested in joining us, please, let us know.

Gerd Halusa



# 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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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):	
<u># of books</u> :	
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	\$
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All correspondence should be sent to the address above. Thank you for your support of Prospect Hill.

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