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Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

Summer-Fall

Newsletter

2020

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AND CLEANUP DAY CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

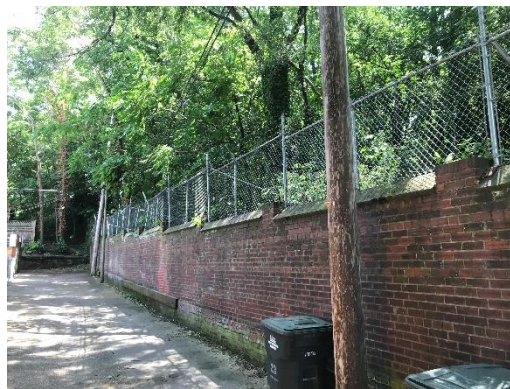
In response to DC Mayor's Order 2020-54 dated March 30, 2020 requiring "all individuals anywhere in Washington, DC, to stay in their residences except to perform essential activities, engage in essential business, etc." , the Memorial Day Service and the Cleanup Day were cancelled for this year. Since the cemetery is deemed an essential business, it remained open for burials and general maintenance activities.

SUMMER STORMS DAMAGE CEMETERY TREES

Several storms caused major damage to trees at Prospect Hill this summer.



After storm



After cleanup

On the afternoon of July 22 during a thunderstorm, a large tree fell across the Bryant Street alley along the north border of the cemetery, bringing down power, telephone and cable lines and

damaging our fence but just missing residences on the other side of the alley. Our contractor, R & R Tree Services, Inc. had everything cleaned up and the fence repaired the next day.

Through the rest of July and early August, several more trees and large branches came down during storms as shown on the following images.



On the road between Sections Circle R & D South



Near Gatehouse



On the road between Sections M & I



In Section H

WATER BILL – CRIAC RELIEF EXPECTED TO CONTINUE

The DC Department of Energy & Environment's CRIAC Nonprofit Relief Program is expected to continue during FY 2020, October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021

The Program provides financial relief to local nonprofits, particularly religious institutions, charitable organizations, and cemeteries which meet certain criteria. Organizations must be a registered DC nonprofit with a real property tax exemption as a religious house of worship, cemetery or charitable organization, demonstrate financial hardship in paying the CRIAC defined as exceeding 1% of annual revenue after expenses, and agree to reduce the harmful effects of stormwater runoff through a DOEE approved mitigation method. Organizations must apply annually to participate.

Prospect Hill meets all three criteria. It is exempt from DC real property tax, its CRIAC charge exceeds the 1% benchmark of annual revenue after expenses, and it agrees to implement an approved stormwater mitigation method.

Prospect Hill has participated in the DC FY 2018 and 2019 programs, receiving \$25,800 in relief from \$38,300 in total billings.

GRAFFITI

From time to time, “artists” in DC have found the wall along North Capitol Street a ready canvas for their artwork. Such an event occurred on Aug 2, 2020 just before midnight.

The next day, we received the following email from a neighbor living across the street: “Last night at 11:41 PM an individual spray painted a large portion of the stone wall bordering Prospect Hill Cemetery and North Capitol Street NE, close to the corner with V Street NE. Our front doorbell camera caught the act, though it is somewhat blurry as it is far away.” He sent a copy of the video and a photo:



Superintendent Connell contacted DC Police about the graffiti, advising them of the details and that we had a video of the act which we would share with them for use in finding the perpetrators. A report was filed and several days later the graffiti was removed by the City.

We are so fortunate to have such good neighbors.

HOW TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Over the years, your donations have enabled the day-to-day operation of the cemetery to keep it in tip-top shape for you and local citizens, even during the current pandemic. But, major projects such as replacement of the roof on the stone house and the recent paving project required major donations. These projects were funded by grants and especially bequests.

And so, you can help ensure the future of our cemetery by including it in your will (called a bequest). We have received several such bequests in the past and would welcome any in the future. It is best that a bequest is “unrestricted”, so the cemetery can use the funds to fulfill any of its needs.

Also, another opportunity for you to honor your deceased loved ones and contribute to the upgrade and upkeep of the cemetery is to transfer appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, etc.). You will receive a federal tax deduction for the value of the security, and not have to pay a capital gains tax calculated on the original value of the security. We have received several of these which have increased the asset value of the cemetery as well as annual income.

Consult your attorney for more information on how you can add a bequest to your will or your stockbroker on how to transfer securities to the cemetery's brokerage account. Your Board of Trustees appreciates any such contributions that will help secure the future of our historic Prospect Hill Cemetery.

CEMETERY PLOT MARKERS AVAILABLE



Plot markers can be ordered on the Order Form on page 7. Price is \$35 installed.

FLYOVER



On July 4, 2020, the US Navy Blue Angels and the US Air Force Thunderbirds flew right over Prospect Hill during their flyover of DC for the holiday celebrations.

The Blue Angels were founded in 1946, by then Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Chester Nimitz, who had a vision to create a flight exhibition team in order to raise the public's interest in naval aviation and boost Navy morale.

The Thunderbirds were officially activated June 1, 1953, as the 3600th Air Demonstration Squadron Team at Luke AFB, Ariz. They perform precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force high performance aircraft to people throughout the world. The squadron exhibits the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain, and support these aircraft.

TWO POTS OF GOLD! Somewhere over the rainbow...

This photo was captured by neighbor Tyler Lopez, who lives directly across North Capitol Street from Prospect Hill.



He commented:

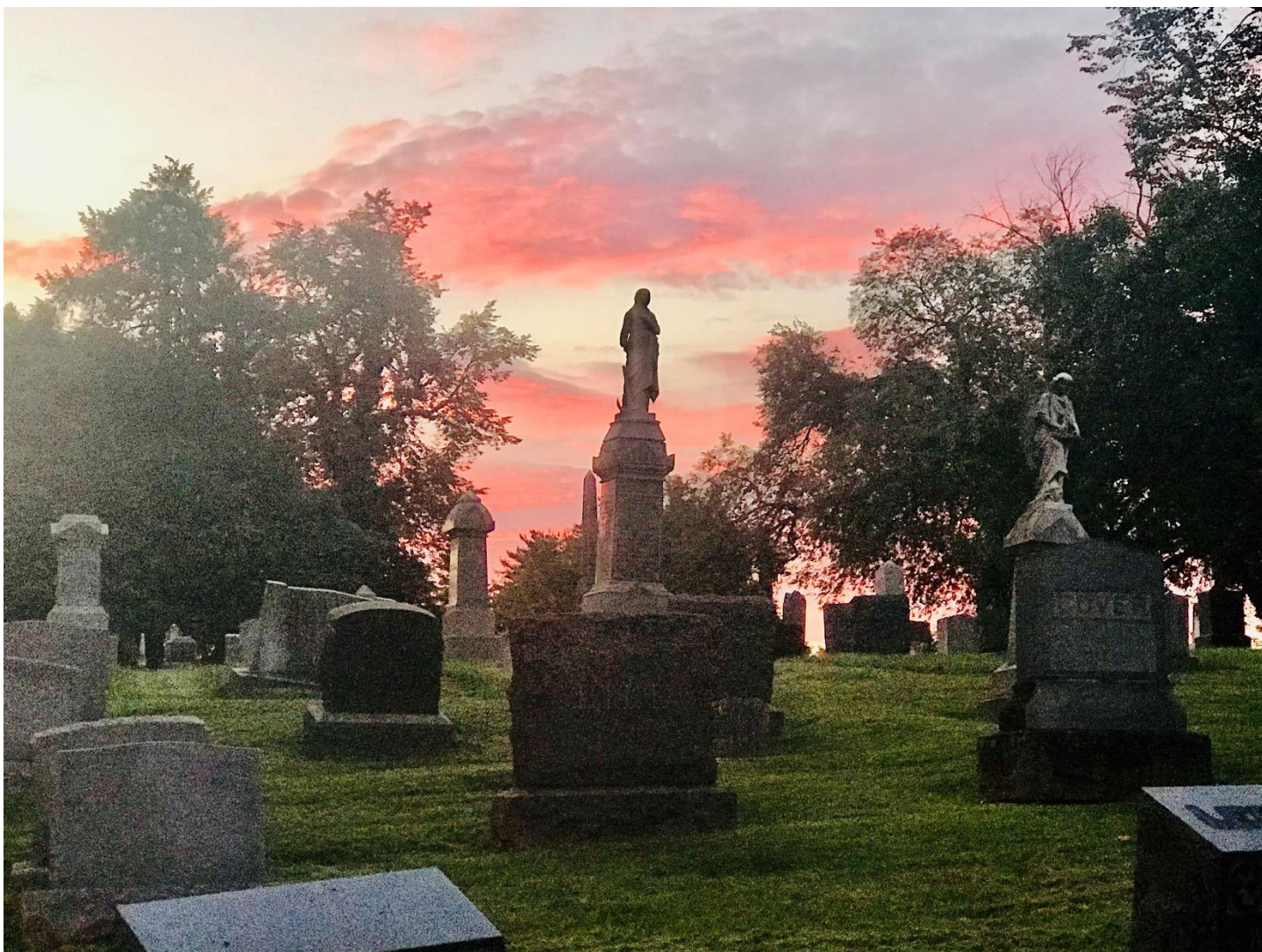
“Hi Neighbors,

A very beautiful rainbow formed over the cemetery this evening after a storm. Thought I would pass along a few photos I took from our roof. It was really stunning!

Best,
Tyler”



Mimosa in bloom on cemetery grounds



August sunrise over PHC

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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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 will 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 preservation, maintenance, and operation of the cemetery \$_____

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 – 1858 thru 2003* (\$35) \$_____

_____ *Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List – 1858 thru 2003* (\$20) \$_____

Total number of books _____

\$5 postage for each book purchased \$_____

Plot Markers for sale – indicate the name as it is to appear on the marker – one name per marker
See photo on page 6.

_____ @ \$35 ea. \$_____
of markers Name Name Name

Total amount of book order, plot markers and/or donation \$_____

Name _____ (Place mailing label here) _____

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 or by email to rbecker2004@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support of Prospect Hill.

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