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### Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

Spring

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2019

#### ANNUAL LOT OWNERS' MEETING AND MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE MONDAY MAY 27, 2019

#### LOT OWNERS MEETING - 10:00 AM

PLACE: In the circle at the top of the hill

#### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - 11:30 AM

MUSIC: Washington Saengerbund

HOMILIST: Rev. Katja Albrecht of The United Church

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

In the event of severe weather, please contact the Office at 202-667-0676 for information on cancellation.

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

#### **RESULTS OF 2018 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. A list of year 2018 contributors follows.

#### Memorial Gifts

Abner, Francis, & Jacqueline Ackad, Abdon Adams, Elizabeth W. Alley, Wade & Patrice Allingham, A. B.

#### In Memory of

The Abner Family Abdon D. and Janet V. Ackad Emma Sauer Haag Wade H. Alley, Sr. Lester Bosley Alspaugh, Silvia Anderson, Ruth T. Becker, Rudolph & Elisabeth Blenkiron, Vera E. Bauroth, Jean C. Chow, Carol & Howard Cornell, Sally Ann Crone, Charles & Mary Culler, Carl C. Daniels, Robert & Dorothy Dean. Dallas P. DeMoll, Harry T. Dillman, Audrey Donaldson, Anita Drechsler, Richard & Barbara Durgin, Frank & Linda Ehlshlager, A. Karl & Charlotte Fauntlerov. James M. Farr, Kathleen Hiser Fisher, George H. Fisher, Myrtle K. Francis, David & Suzanne Frazier, Barbara V. Gazda. Doris J. Gilbert, Emily Y. Graves, Ernest & Ann Gregg, Henry A. Haack, Edwin Haislip, Pliny L Hall, Robert & Jennette M. Halusa. Gerd Hambach, Christine Hartunian, Vera Jennings, Edna Kelle, Carl & Blanche Kilbourne, George & Ernestelle Kirlin, George & Eleanor Stutz Klopfer, Edwin J. and Marianna Klotz, John W. Larson, William H. & Mary Latterner. Katherine B. Laue. Gerhard W. Yates, Helen Liang Tang Mauldin, Robert & Patricia Naehle, Regina M. Neitzey, Alice D. Offutt, William & Eda S. Pillote. Barbara Pomerance, William Poulton, Sue H. Qualter, Patricia S. Quill, John & Georgene Schenkel, John & Barbara Schenkel. Thomas G. Schmeissner, Peter & Maria Schnabl, Josef

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#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Inflows during 2018, including donations, bequests, grants, burials, lot sales, publications sales, and returns on our investment portfolio, were \$104,200. Outflows were \$95,900, leaving a net gain of \$8,300. The DC water bill increased by 8% to \$22,000. A detailed report will be read at the Lot Owners Meeting.



Looking back to Fall

#### ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP ON CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CEMETERY SATURDAY 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, and he could use a little help.

Your Board of Trustees has designated Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. as our tenth 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 or rescheduling the activity.

#### 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.

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.

Names of the deceased and ages:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	Burial Date	Type
Herman Hambach	85	09/22/2018	Cremation
Rodger Kalthoff	69	07/26/2018	Cremation
Nancy MacDonald	86	04/19/2018	Full Body
Robert Shuster	92	06/30/2018	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.

# President's Message Yes, it is spring time again and therefore let me quote some lines of Walt Whitman: When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd, And the great star early droop'd in the sky in the night, I mourned, and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring. Of course, it is befitting to have such thoughts at a cemetery and on Memorial Day we can also fondly remember those we are missing and pay homage to.

In this spirit, there are several ways listed in the pages of this letter, how you are doing just that, and I invite you to take part in some of these activities by attending the lot owners meeting and memorial service, or to help out on cleanup day, etc. Dates and times are listed with the announcements.

Thank you for everything you do to keep Prospect Hill Cemetery the exceptional memorial it is.

Gerd Halusa

#### 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.

		May 2019				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	1 8	2 9	3 10	4 11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Clean Up Day
19 26	20 27	21 28	22 29	23 30	24 31	25
	10:00 AM Lot Owners Meeting 11:30 AM Memorial Service					

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**



Looking forward to Spring

#### 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.

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My donation for	My donation for the maintenance and operation of the cemetery			\$	
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Familie	Families of Prospect Hill (\$20)			\$	
Prospect Hill Cemetery Adult Burial List (\$35)			\$		
Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List, (\$20)			\$		
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Plot Markers for	<u>r sale –</u> indicate the	e name as it is to appea	r on the marker – or	ne name per marker	
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Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email address:		

Make checks payable to **Prospect Hill Cemetery**, and mail this <u>*full sheet*</u> with your donation and book order to:

Prospect Hill Cemetery c/o Rudolph Becker, Treasurer 2608 Lakeview Parkway Locust Grove, VA 22508

Name\_\_

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, 2019 at 10:00 am YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202-667-0676

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