



Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery

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HOLIDAY ISSUE

NEWSLETTER

2020

Generosity
changes everything

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES SO MUCH POSSIBLE AT PROSPECT HILL EVEN DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Your support makes so much possible at Prospect Hill Cemetery. It has enabled us to continue maintaining the beauty of the grounds, caring for the many old trees, maintaining the old stone house residence of Superintendent Joe Connell and improving roads and pathways.

Your Board of Trustees strives to ensure that contributions received go to these goals. So we utilize all of your donations in the maintenance and preservation of our beloved DC Historic Landmark.

After the US Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 which included a large increase in the standard deduction, many non-profits felt that donations would decrease. Congress listened and included a provision in the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act which allows all taxpayers to take a charitable deduction of up to \$300, even if they do not itemize. You might think that this is a small amount and would not make a difference. But what if all of our donors gave "just" \$300? Such support would have a huge impact.

For those who do itemize their deductions, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as ours to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.

We are not in the business of providing professional legal or financial advice, and you should consult with your own advisors to ascertain how these opportunities may complement your own personal, philanthropic and tax planning objectives.

So, we are appealing to you on a more personal basis. Let's not forget our own departed loved ones during this joyous holiday season when memories of happier days gone by keep filling our hearts and minds. Your donation to Prospect Hill is actually like a personal holiday present to your departed loved one.

If you wish to honor your departed loved one with a Year-End memorial donation, which we hope you do, please indicate it on the Order Form on page 3. A complete list of contributors and departed loved one(s) they are honoring will be printed in the Spring 2021 Newsletter. (The amount contributed will not be mentioned.)

If you do not wish to contribute a memorial donation please help us with an End-of-Year financial support donation, also indicated on the Order Form.

Thanks to all for your continued support of Prospect Hill.

GRANTS & BEQUESTS

Prospect Hill is fortunate to have received so far in 2020 a grant from the Phase Foundation, two bequests (names withheld) from the estates of recently deceased lot owners and shares of an appreciated security. These funds will enhance the financial strength of the cemetery and enable it to undertake projects to enhance the appearance and safety of grounds and buildings for visitors.

We hope you will consider including Prospect Hill in your will or transferring appreciated securities to it.

Consult your attorney for more information on how you can transfer your securities or honor our cemetery with a bequest. Your Board of Trustees appreciates any such contributions that will help secure the future of our Historic Prospect Hill Cemetery.



UPDATE ON THE WATER BILL ISSUE aka CRIAC

Continued Good News – CRIAC relief program renewed for FY 2020 !

DC Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA) renewed the amendment to its Customer Assistance Program which provides a significant one-year discount of the CRIAC fee for FY 2020 (October 1, 2020 thru September 31, 2021) to cemeteries and other non-profits. Organizations need to provide proof of nonprofit status and demonstrate need by proving that the CRIAC fee is at least 1 % of revenue after expenses. In addition, organizations would be required to install and maintain stormwater mitigation onsite or implement an alternative stormwater mitigation measure in the District, or in lieu accept a reduction in the discount to 72.3% if onsite mitigation is not possible.

PHC applied and was approved for the program. It will receive a credit to its account of \$10,665 over the next 12 months.

We hope that the program for non-profits will continue to be renewed in future years.



Your Board of Trustees wishes you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

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

Please fill out the form below completely so we can accurately account for your donation and purchases in the cemetery's financial records. Use return address label for your convenience. Separate checks for donations and purchases are NOT required.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

1. I wish to give a Year-End Memorial donation in memory of or in honor of:

_____ Amount of Donation \$ _____

2. I wish to make an end-of-year financial support donation of: \$ _____

3. I would like to order the following books:

_____ copies, The Immigrants and Their Cemetery: The Story of Prospect Hill (\$35) \$ _____

_____ copies, Families of Prospect Hill (\$20) \$ _____

_____ copies, Prospect Hill Cemetery Adult Burial List (\$35) \$ _____

_____ copies, Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List (\$20) \$ _____

Total number of books _____ times \$5 each for postage \$ _____

Plot Markers for sale – indicate the name as it is to appear on the marker – one name per marker

See photo sample at our website <http://www.prospecthillcemetery.org>.

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

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

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.

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