



# Prospect Hill Cemetery

*Our Nation's Capital's German-American Cemetery*

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Spring

**Newsletter**

2025

## **ANNUAL LOT OWNERS MEETING AND MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025**

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

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

MUSIC: Washington Saengerbund

HOMILIST: Pastor 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 on the Order Form on page 7 whether you plan on attending the Lot Owners meeting.

## **ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP ON CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CEMETERY SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025**

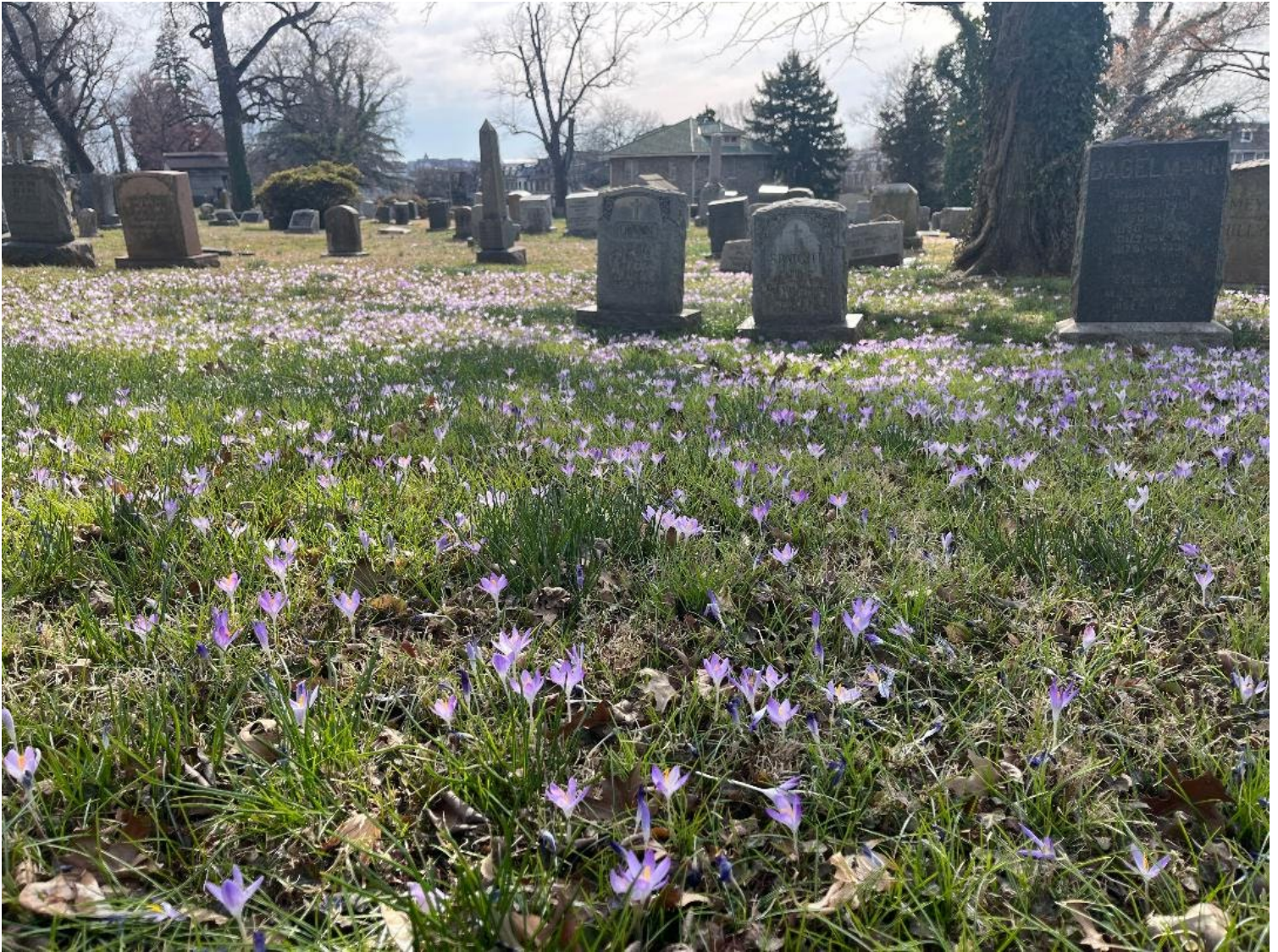
Spring has sprung! And it's time for some spring cleaning at our Prospect Hill Cemetery. Superintendent Joe Connell says there is plenty to do, and he could use a little help.

Your Board of Trustees has designated Saturday, **May 17, at 10:00 a.m. as our annual Clean Up Day** to make sure our historic cemetery will look its best for our annual lot owners' meeting and memorial service on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025.

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 at 202-667-0676 for a decision on canceling or rescheduling the activity. If rescheduled, the new date will be May 24, 2025.

# SPRING HAS SPRUNG



## **RESULTS OF 2024 HOLIDAY MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHERS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR**

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 the gatehouse residence.

We sincerely thank you and hope you will continue to support our/your cemetery in future donation campaigns.

### **Memorial Gifts**

Adams, Dee Dee  
Alley, Wade & Patrice

### **In Memory of**

Walter, Dorothy, & Maria Allen  
Wade H. Alley, Sr, Annie & Wesley Alley

Becker, Rudolph & Elisabeth  
Cornell, Sally Ann  
Daniels, Robert & Dorothy  
Francis, David & Suzanne  
Frazier, Barbara V.  
Gazda, Doris J.  
Gregg, Henry A. & M. S. Soukup  
Haack, Edwin  
Herold, Isabel  
Kirlin, George & Eleanor Stutz  
McClinton, Betty D  
Qualter, Patricia S.  
Schenkel, John & Barbara  
Schmeissner, Peter  
Sheetz, C. Kenneth & Marilyn  
Silanskis, Kathleen G.  
Sladen, Paul  
Stillman, Ernestine  
Strack, Stephen & Suzon  
Tracy, LTC Stephen A. & Linda M.  
Tucker, Christine Stadler  
Upright, Gerald & Mary Anne  
Volkman, Charles & Jutta  
Walls, James & Janet  
Warren, Harry & Helga  
Ziese, Frederick H. & Jeaneese

Johann & Regina Schmid  
Lena Cornell  
Francis Montgomery; The Guethler family  
Ernst F. Weber & Robert J. Mills  
Nageeb & Minerva Daavid  
Adolph & Nabihah Gazda  
Otto and Barbara Scheytt  
Fred & Dora Haack  
Karl Herold  
George F A & Madeleine Stutz  
Richard & Nellie Dulin, Robert & Mina Saunders  
Hayes & Sheehy lots  
Leonard F. Schenkel  
Volker Schmeissner  
Charles & Emelia Sheetz  
Sheehy & Hayes Families  
Charles Henry Fox  
Braun family  
William & Caroline Begmen; Henry & Charlotte Boegeholz  
G. Elizabeth Sullivan  
William and Josephine Stadler  
Krautwurst & Breitweiser families  
Volkman & Williams families  
Gilman & Suit families  
Irene Stoess  
Adolph and Henny Ziese

### **Other donations throughout the year 2023**

Alt, Robert & Terry  
Altman, Thomas  
Brandt, Volker & Eva  
Braun, Sharon & Christian  
Culler, Carl  
Curtis, Christine L.  
Derrick, John & Linda  
Dillman, Audrey  
Dudley, Judith  
Dziobek, Claudia  
Eskite, Susan J.  
Fisher, George H.  
Gazda, Olga  
German Lutheran Church  
Halusa, Eric  
Halusa, Karsten  
Hesselberth, Robert J.  
Johnson, Eric R  
Kershow, Warren

Kneessi, Stewart  
Kubinski, Carryn  
Lampkin, Sharron  
McCarrey, Terrance  
Meyer, Louise  
Minor, Amy  
Neitzey, Alice D.  
Offutt, Eda Schrader & William  
Opperman, Antony  
Pillote, Barbara  
Philpot, Linda  
Plitt, Thomas  
Pomerance, William  
Renninger, William  
Richter, Aleit  
Richter, Jan  
Richter, Marcel  
Risinger, Carl H.  
Schenkel, Leonard & Maia

Schroeder, Frederick J.  
Schuster, J. Richard & Margaret  
Simpson, Jennifer  
Seaton, Clifton R.  
Szczech, Dale  
The Phase Foundation  
The United Church  
Thewlis, Gary & Dianna  
Tole, John & Judith  
Vogel, Sonja A.  
Vollberg, Walter  
Walde, Robert & Katherine  
Ward, Douglas  
Wenzel, Alwin & Renate  
Wheeler, Patricia & Donald  
White, Katherine  
Wiley, Mary

We apologize for any omissions, misspellings, etc. in this listing. Please contact Rudy Becker at [rbecker2004@yahoo.com](mailto:rbecker2004@yahoo.com) with your corrections, questions and comments.

## TREASURER'S REPORT for 2024

Inflows during 2024, including donations, bequests, grants, burials, lot sales, publications sales, and returns on our investment portfolio, were \$119,400. This included a grant of \$8,000. Outflows were \$119,100, leaving a net surplus of \$300. A credit of \$10,000 was received on our water bill from the CRIAC Non-profit Relief Program.

Although CRIAC fees have been gradually being reduced, they are expected to increase again due to new federal requirements. The CRIAC Non-profit Relief Program has been extended for the coming DC FY 2025. If our application is approved, we expect to receive a credit of about \$10,000.

### TWO BURIALS PERFORMED AT PROSPECT HILL LAST YEAR

Name	Burial Date	Age
Siegrid Casagrande	May 29	85
Eugene Liang	June 24	81

### STORM DAMAGE

The aging trees on the Prospect Hill grounds are increasingly damaged during wind storms at all times of the year. Although the grounds are frequently inspected during Superintendent Joe Connel's rounds during grass cutting and weed trimming activity, it's virtually impossible to predict which tree will be damaged during wind storms. Tree limbs which are likely to fall are identified and scheduled for removal, but tree root structures cannot be evaluated until a windstorm blows a tree over.

These photos are examples of the type of failures which have occurred recently.



## CEMETERY WILDLIFE

During Superintendent Joe Connel's work in the cemetery, he often comes upon local wildlife, such as deer, raccoons, squirrels, snakes, etc. The pictures below depict some of the more unusual species.



American Bittern (Heron)



Gray Fox Cub

### ***Excerpt from “The Immigrants and Their Cemetery: The Story of Prospect Hill” by Jean Bischof Crabil***

#### **The Nineteen Twenties – 100 years ago**

\$66,000 for Western Section. The amendment was reintroduced in the House District Committee of the 67<sup>th</sup> Congress by Mr. Reed on July 7, 1921, and it remained there until December 12, 1921, when the House finally passed it. The senate accepted the amendment on January 20, 1922. Thus the western part of the Cemetery could now definitely be sold, though Congress had granted this right on August 5, 1890. The Board did not sell until forced to do so. It remained true to its principles! Three bids came in at once, the highest being from Mr. C.P. Knapp for \$66,000. It was accepted. The sale was approved in the Annual Meeting of Lot Owners on March 14, 1922. It comprised all land between V and Bryant Streets, NW.

The year 1921 constitutes the beginning of a good new custom – the writing of a brief general annual report by the president or secretary of the Board. Up to now there had been only chart-like dull financial accounts. Another innovation (starting November 12, 1925) was the writing of the minutes in English. The last report in German dates from October 8, 1925, by Secretary Hermann G. Winkler, who also wrote the first minutes in English. He became secretary in the March election of 1924,

having become member of the Board in 1919. His predecessor as secretary, Mr. Wm. Martin, had been secretary uninterruptedly since 1901 (24 years).

In the year 1922 an endowment fund was established by setting aside \$90,000 for the permanent improvement and preservation of the Cemetery. The superintendent's house received badly needed improvements. A flagpole was erected at the main entrance of the Cemetery. The loss of treasurer Brickwedde in 1921 was a real blow; his interest in the welfare of the Cemetery was highly cherished. Mrs. Henrietta Brickwedde donated a beautiful chair to the office in memory of her husband. His successor was Geo. F. A. Stutz; he became treasurer of the Board in 1921.

A garage was built in 1923 for \$1,108. The endowment fund had, by the end of 1923, increased to \$100,103. Eighty poplar trees, back of the hedge of North Capitol Street, were planted in 1923, giving the Cemetery a more private and park-like appearance. The northerly newly purchased ground helped to preserve the embankment on that side of the Cemetery and saved the Cemetery the necessity of building an expensive wall. New cement walks in front and around the chapel were made, adding to the general beauty.

The year 1924 (July 12) meant the death of the beloved and honored president Wm. Stiebeling. He reported in March 1924 that it must be gratifying to all the lot owners to realize what was done by the Board in the matter of permanent improvements, that \$30,000 had been spent for this purpose during the years 1918 to 1923, that \$16,000 had been paid for the V Street wall, \$1508 for sidewalks on V Street and on North Capitol Street, \$6,552 for cement gutters, roadways and walks, and \$5,000 for purchase of ground. This latter ground was bought in 1923. It lay northward of Prospect Hill. Its acquisition spared the Society the expense of building a wall on this side, which is high ground, too.

Building a New Residence for the Superintendent (1927). The Lot Owners Association in the Annual Meeting on March 9, 1927, approved the erection of a new residence for the superintendent on the premises, including an office for the association, and appropriated \$15,000 for the purpose. Blueprints and specifications and bids were presented and accepted. Estimates ranged from \$9,984 to \$11,315. At first a brick house was contemplated; it was later changed to a blue granite beautiful stone house at a total cost of about \$17,743. A building committee supervised the construction, consisting of geo. F. Stutz, Peter L. Schaefer, and Louis Sievers. General Contractor was Thos. F. Jones. The cornerstone was laid on July 24, 1927. In it was put the old sketch of the history of the Cemetery up to 1873 written up by Pastor G. L. Rietz.

## **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 no charge for this service.

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## Order Form

Your gifts are especially 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/we plan on attending the Annual Meeting on **May 26, 2025 at 10:00 am**: YES / NO

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 \$7 postage for each book purchased **Note New Postage Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

# of markers	Name	Name	Name	@ \$35 ea.	\$ _____
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Total amount of book order, plot markers and/or 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:

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