

Pleasant Hill and Flanders-Hillside Cemeteries

Annual Newsletter

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This newsletter is intended to keep you posted about our activities. Plot holder questions, comments, suggestions and kudos are always invited and should be addressed to the Superintendent.

Happenings

We performed 110 burials and sold 90 new graves last year. We also provided foundations for 78 monuments and markers. Thanks to Mike and our crew members Bob and Terry who worked hard to keep the grounds neat and tidy. We have had many compliments on the way our grounds are so well kept.

The Women's Auxiliary continues to provide funds for us to purchase various items to beautify the cemetery buildings and grounds. We purchased new trees and bushes for the newly opened Sections 4 to the left of the Administration Building and Section 15 behind and to the right of the building.

The six new sections behind the Administration building are now completed and will be opened in sequence. Section 4 has now been opened for purchase and will be completely laid out for plots later this year.

Holiday Greens Program

Our Holiday Greens Program will continue again this year. If you would like to have us purchase and place a wreath or grave blanket at your family's grave, simply fill out and return the coupon in this newsletter. You may also go to our web site, download the Order Form and mail it to us with your payment. Remember to **send it to reach us before the end of August** in order for us to meet our florist's deadline.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, April 18, 2020, 2:00 P.M.	Women's Auxiliary semi-annual meeting
Saturday, September 12, 2020, 2:00 P.M.	Women's Auxiliary semi-annual meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 7:30 P.M.	Annual Plot Holders Meeting

Meetings will be held in the Smith Memorial Building

Annual Plot Holders Meeting

Our annual plot holders meeting was held on October 2, 2019. President Kurt Alstede reviewed the year's activities. Superintendent Bill Wineburgh reported on the sales, interments and grounds activities. Our annual financial audit was presented and approved by the board of trustees. The following trustees were elected for a three year term: Kurt Alstede, Leslie Ann Cooper and Ed Hanington.

Permitted Decorations

Annuals and perennials (no trees or shrubs) may be planted one foot in front of and on each side of the monument (but not behind the monument). Please plant them in the ground and remove all pots. Planting flowers is not allowed in the Cremation Section – cut flowers may be left in that section. Artificial decorations of any kind are prohibited in the cemetery.

Palm crosses may be left at the graves at Easter. The grounds crew will remove them after the Easter season.

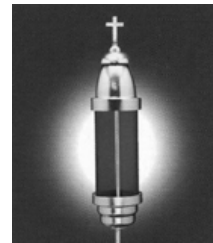
Holiday Wreaths and Grave Blankets may be placed after December 1st and will be removed by the cemetery staff after February 1st, weather permitting.

Trash Containers

Please place discarded plants and sod NEXT TO the trash containers. We provide trash containers for your convenience but please do not leave food trash in them as it attracts critters that spread the paper and cardboard food wrappers in the cemetery yard. A sign to remind visitors about food trash has been added to the trash containers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Vigil Lights

As a reminder, only one approved style of Vigil Light (see photo below) may be placed on your plot and it must be centered in front of the monument with the bottom of the light no greater than three inches above the ground. It may have a different top (plain, cross, etc) and be any color. Vigil lights are not allowed in the Cremation Section.



Holiday Greens Program

You may order greens to be placed on you loved one's grave. The cemetery staff will place the greens after December 1st. They will be removed after February 1st. Complete the order form below and mail it with your full payment to: **Pleasant Hill Cemetery, PO Box 78, Chester, NJ 07930. Paid orders must be received no later than August 31st.** Checks should be made payable to "Pleasant Hill Cemetery."

Detach along dotted line:

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
24" Wreath	\$50.00		\$
46" Grave Blanket	\$70.00		\$
Total Remitted			\$

Please place the above at Section/Plot#/Grave# (Name): _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Web Site Redesign

Please visit our redesigned web site at <http://pleasanthillcemetery.org>. The web site has been updated to be responsive to different computer, tablet and phone layouts. Here is a photo of the new home page.



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY - PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Women's Auxiliary of Pleasant Hill Cemetery was organized in 1954. Our funds are used to beautify the grounds, the chapel and the Smith Memorial Building in memory of our loved ones. With the continued support of our members from 1983-2019 we have contributed to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Trustees a total of \$61,445.59.

The Women's Auxiliary of Pleasant Hill Cemetery would like at least one woman from the family of every plot holder listed among the membership of our organization. PLEASE WOMEN COME TO OUR MEETINGS. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS ON HOW TO BEAUTIFY THE PLACE OF OUR LOVE ONES.

We only have two meetings a year. Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR with these dates:
 SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2020 at 2:00 PM
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 at 2:00 PM

All continuing members and new members are asked to complete the form below and return it to me at the address below by May 30, 2020 with your dues of \$3.00.

Betty Windt, Treasurer

Detach along dotted line:

Please make check payable to **WOMEN'S AUX. PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY** and mail it to: **Betty Windt, 195 W Main Street, Unit 30, Chester, NJ 07930**

Annual dues: \$3.00

Additional contribution: \$ _____ for the work of the Auxiliary (Tax Deductible).

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
PO Box 78
Chester, NJ 07930

Jonathan Nicholas



Jonathan Nicholas was born 3/31/1756 in Elizabethtown, Union County, NJ and died 9/22/1839 in Flanders, NJ at age 83 and was interred at Pleasant Hill Cemetery next to his wife, Betsy.

He served in the American Revolutionary War reaching the rank of sergeant and took part in the Battle of Monmouth and Siege of Yorktown. After the war, Jonathan became a barrel maker and a settler in Flanders near Bottle Hill, in what is now Mount Olive Township. His grandson David Ayers Nicholas built a house on the site of Jonathan's original house which still stands today. The Nicholas house and land had been in the Nicholas family for over 125 years.

His descendant, Lyman Nicholas, served as Trustee and Superintendent of Pleasant Hill Cemetery for 36 years.