

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 107 burials and sold 97 new graves last year. We also provided foundations for 77 monuments and markers. Thanks to Mike and our crew members Bob, Terry, Caitlyn, John & Patrick who worked hard to keep the grounds neat and tidy. We have had many compliments on the way our grounds are so well kept.

We replaced several older pieces of grounds equipment, including our dump truck, trailer and several mowers. Tree work was done to trim as needed and to remove several dead or diseased trees at both of our cemeteries.

Section 4 has now been opened for purchase and was completely marked out for plots.

Holiday Greens

Unfortunately our Holiday Greens Program has been discontinued by our supplier. However, there are several area florists and nurseries that can provide a wreath or grave blanket for you.

Please contact any one of them and let them know in which Section your loved one's plot is located so that they can deliver the greens.

Chester Floral and Design: 908-879-0202
Flowers By Trish: 973-584-8018
Presto Flowers: 973-810-2911
Stony Hill Gardens: 908-879-2696

Dates to Remember

Saturday, April 17, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

Women's Auxiliary semi-annual meeting

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

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Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

Annual Plot Holders Meeting

Meetings will be held in the Smith Memorial Building

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Our annual plot holders meeting was held on October 7, 2020. 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: Larry Ashley, David Conover and Bill Renzetti.

Permitted Decorations

Annuals and perennials (no trees, shrubs, vines or vegetables) 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 and will be removed by the staff.

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

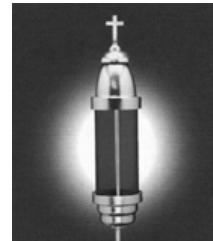
Holiday Wreaths and Grave Blankets may be placed after December 1st and will be removed by the cemetery staff after February 1st, weather permitting.

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 either the Cremation and Infant Sections.



Web Site

Please visit our web site at <http://pleasanthillcemetery.org>. The web site was updated to be responsive to different computer, tablet and phone layouts. You can download our Rules & Regulations, our Holiday Greens order Form, see photos of the cemetery and a contact form to let us know if you move. Here is a photo of the new home page.





Our Copper Beach Tree Decked Out In Snow

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 1983-2020 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.

We only have two meetings a year. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** with these dates:

SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM

All members (and new members) are asked to complete the form below and return it to me at the address below by May 30, 2021 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 _____

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Capt. James Tomkins



James Tomkins was born March 2, 1785 in Philadelphia. He became a sailor and by the early 1800's was Captain of the cargo ship St. Michael. His ship was damaged on a sailing from Baltimore to Norway and was sequestered for repairs in Amsterdam in February of 1810. At that time, he made his way to England where he met and then married Jane Harrison. They were married on September 25, 1810 at St. Peter Church, Liverpool, where she was from.

James Tomkins and his wife came to New York City and in 1831, bought 143 acre farm in Chester, NJ. He built a home that later became the Parkhurst Dickerson house on Pleasant Hill Road. He operated a general store in Chester in the early 1850's. He was grandfather of Mr. Henry C. Howell and Mr. Dickerson's mother, Mrs. Lemuel Fordham Dickerson. (PHC History by Edwin Collis).

Capt. Tomkins died March 15, 1859. His wife, Jane, preceded him in death on February 9, 1859. Both Jane and James are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery along with his many Tomkins and Howell descendents.