

Fall 2016

News from Oak Hill

The NEWSLETTER of the FRIENDS of OAK HILL CEMETERY

From The President

September 2016

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Photo by Doug Christian

At the rear of Oak Hill Cemetery is our Carriage House, the building generously donated by the Basil family, where we store our maintenance equipment. Just west and above there are two sets of steps, built in 1988 with approximately 68 sets of in-step boxes designed for cremated remains. Over the years, the mortar joints had deteriorated, and the natural stone that clad the sides of the steps had

begun to fail. It was time to repair the steps, and so we have taken the opportunity to enhance the area, while adding new matching granite boxes on the sides of the steps. We have removed the stone cladding, and designed a new foundation for the side boxes, while adding a patio in the middle of the two sets of steps. On it may be placed a bench and perhaps a piece of sculpture. We are also planning

to add a large box structure under the patio that will hold communal cremated remains, a technique that has been used by other cemeteries around the world. The metal railing was made unnecessary, and so removed to other locations and reused. A storm forced us to take down the lovely beech tree, nearby pathways have been rebuilt and sodded, new granite drainage has been added. The

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Available in the cemetery office

"Oak Hill Cemetery"

A brief history – contains a map of the cemetery, list of notable people buried in Oak Hill and a brief history of our founding. \$3.00

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Set of eight note cards featuring four scenes of Oak Hill Cemetery through the seasons. Envelopes included. \$5.00

"Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, DC Monument Inscriptions and Burial Data"

Two-volume set, including matching sleeve. \$175.00

All photos in this newsletter were taken by Oak Hill Staff, unless otherwise noted.

Memorial Trees

Establish a lasting memorial

From time to time, the Cemetery is asked to memorialize someone, a family member or close friend, who may or may not be interred at Oak Hill. The "Memorial Trees" provide a unique opportunity for Patrons to establish a lasting memorial and enhance the landscape. Patrons may select the site, the tree species (if there are multiple species designated) and the inscription for the stone monument. Trees and monuments will be installed each November. Commitments for trees should be made by the end of September each year. Here is how it works:

We will plant trees in the Cemetery in the fall to replace some lost over the years. With the counsel of Bartlett Trees, we are selecting sites for new trees, determining the best species suited for each site. Each site will be evaluated as to its location, available sunlight, and its effect on the surrounds over the long term. The majority of the native trees in the cemetery are White Oak and Poplar. Over the years many varieties were added but sometimes in their maturity, they became a problem due to root invasion or blocking sunlight. Our plan is that newly planted



"Memorial Tree" sites. These trees will be identified by a six-inch monument at the base identifying an honoree.

trees will enhance the Cemetery in the best possible way for decades.

We will designate many of the "Memorial Tree" sites. These trees will be identified by a six-inch monument at the base identifying an honoree. The monument will be carved stone and will be moved from the tree trunk as the tree matures, preserving the memorial aspect of the planting. The Memorial Trees will be ordered in October for November delivery and planting each year. Monuments will be ordered at the same time so they are installed at the plantings.

This will be an on-going program as the need for replacement trees will always be present.

If you are interested in being a Patron of a Memorial Tree, please contact the Oak Hill Cemetery office for all the details.



Oak Hill Historic Preservation Foundation

Board of Directors Named

New members of the Oak Hill Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation Board of Directors met together for the first time in August. For many years the Cemetery Board of Managers has also acted as the Board for the Preservation Foundation. But recently, the Managers have recognized the need for an enthusiastic group of individuals to focus solely on the efforts to develop funding for longer term cemetery needs. The first meeting was a chance for the new board members to meet each other and informally discuss their backgrounds, interest in Oak Hill, and understand the relationship between the two entities, Oak Hill Cemetery Company and the Oak Hill Cemetery

Historic Preservation Foundation. In the next meeting, the group will elect its officers and begin deliberations on their mission, to raise funds for preservation projects at Oak Hill.

The new Historic Preservation Foundation Board of Directors are:

Marissa Bourgoin
Richard L Fischer
George Hill
Mimsy Lindner

Judi Cochran
Clift Seferlis
Darla Jackson

Dave Jackson will serve as Executive Director of the Foundation. Elizabeth Mizell will serve as Development Specialist. Please congratulate our new Board of Directors and support them in their efforts!

Treasurer's Report

The fiscal year ended with positive net revenues

by Loretta Castaldi

Oak Hill Cemetery ended the fiscal year on April 30, 2016 in stable financial condition. The Cemetery has no debt. The Cemetery has adequate inventory of saleable sites and financial reserves to fund Cemetery operations for many years to come. Moreover, the Cemetery has significant, untapped space that can be developed into additional burial sites as the current inventory is depleted.

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Thanks to the generosity of donors, and positive net revenues for the fiscal year ending April 2016, Oak Hill Cemetery more than doubled the scheduled annual installment to the reserves. The

goal is to build reserves to a level that will allow the cemetery to continue operation for at least a century after sales cease.

Funds were also used during the fiscal year to continue major drainage projects in the Stewart and Cocoran sections of the cemetery, and to repave and enhance the road on North Hill. Under the engineering guidance of board Vice President, David de Vicq, most of the labor for the drainage projects was performed by in-house employees. This saved the cemetery money and also developed the employees's skill set.

In the upcoming year, we will continue work on cemetery improvements and contribute to the capital reserve fund.

Superintendent's Report

by Dave Jackson

Something you already know..... the past summer was brutally hot. The effects have been very evident in many places in the cemetery, Shrubs, some trees, especially new ones, and grass planted within the past couple of years have all shown signs of distress. The only irrigated area of the cemetery is the Ellipse at the 30th street entry. Otherwise we depend on mother nature or the crew hauls water in buckets or uses hoses from the few water spigots we have around the grounds. We depend primarily on Brian Williamson, our foreman, Jose Guzman, and Mainor Pinor-Torres to perform these jobs, plus they trim and mow the grounds. These gentlemen are dedicated to their work at Oak Hill, show up every day, and work a full day. As you probably know, our staff hand digs all burial spaces in the ground. That means "picks and shovels" as opposed to modern backhoes or tractors which won't fit within our confined spaces. They prepare nine-foot deep sites for caskets several times a year. I



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continue to be amazed and proud to be associated with this very hardworking group.

We annually report "cemetery" activities in this newsletter. In the last fiscal year that ended in April, 2016 there were 45 interments and inurnments. This compares to 39 in 2015 and 49 in 2014. Last fall we completed a substantial road project up Northern Avenue to Circular Avenue. We also finished with solving drainage issues in the Stewart Section and re-set a

large number of stones there. Lot holders around Circular Avenue, Fowlers Circle, and in the Stewart Section will see a substantial improvement in these areas. They have transformed from barely attractive to some of the most attractive in Oak Hill. There continues work under the direction of Vice-President David deVicq that will improve other areas.

In October we will restore/rebuild Western Avenue from the main intersection up to



Cross Avenue. This is the last of the major roads needing major repairs. The road appears to have several layers of asphalt and even concrete. We have no record as to when it was last done or what is under all the layers. There is a possibility that the original surface was cobblestone and we are hopeful that it is intact as a surface for us to use in the future, after a small amount of work. Otherwise it will be removed and new compacted base, asphalt base and asphalt overlay will be done. Please excuse any inconvenience we may cause during the time we have this project underway.

Last fall I attended a one-day work-shop at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA entitled "Reimagining the Cemetery as Museum." It was terrifically interesting (at least it was for me) program on how Mount Auburn is creating interest in the cemetery by focusing on their many impressive memorial structures. The program was funded by part of a grant from the US Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant was used for a variety of purposes, including monument restoration, the recording of the many monuments included in their list of "Significant Monuments", publication of a book on the subject, and then a day-long program to share what they did with other historic cemeteries. Rather than expound on this great program, I direct you to mountauburn.org

where you may read about this and much more.

Darla and I spent another day exploring Mount Auburn and came away filled with ideas about what we saw and how it related to Oak Hill. I knew they had an iron fence that was similar to ours and I wanted to see it. But it was gone! The entire fence had been

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removed and sent out for restoration. That really peaked my curiosity so when I returned home I called Gus Fraser, the VP of Preservation and Facilities at Mount Auburn to find out what was going on. The fence had been disassembled and removed by Cassidy Bros. Iron Works to repair, restore, and repaint it. It was scheduled to be re-installed in the Spring.

Twice last year we experienced a "failure" in our iron

fence, one where a post separated from a base and, with a few pickets, leaned into the cemetery space inside. The other was a failure of the connection from top rail to post and several pickets fell out onto the adjacent sidewalk. No injuries at either "failure." Expensive repairs and greater focus on the conditions were the results. These led to us installing about forty iron "supports" around many of the posts and pickets to prevent future "failures". These are a temporary measure.

Our fence has an interesting history, related elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope you will read about it and, the next time you visit, I'll hope you will stop and appreciate it's grandeur, mass, and significance.

In the past year, I began to make a point of saying "Come visit!" to families who place a loved one here or who purchase a space for the future. It is by visiting that one gets the most from Oak Hill. The greenscape (my word) constantly changes; the slopes and valleys beckon; the comforting cloak of air is to be experienced. Words, mine or others, don't do it justice.

Come Visit!



President's Report *(continued from page 1)*

old drainage, blocked for decades, has been reopened, and cobblestone gutters rebuilt. The area is still very rough, and will be until after construction is completed in the next few months, but much of hillside west of the Carriage House will now be stabilized and made more beautiful. The Carriage House itself was freshly painted this month. There once did exist a path along the steep hillside west from the Carriage House towards Montrose Park. We have also cleaned up a short section of the old path, adding a gutter, which will further protect the hillside below the steps from erosion. All of this work, with the exception of tree and railing removal, has been done by our employees, particularly Ricardo Haraujo and Abraham Mejia and their efforts have been remarkable.

This summer we also used ground penetrating radar to see what areas of the cemetery were unused, we catalogued fallen or distressed monuments, removed a superfluous pathway here and there, and repaired Honeysuckle Pathway. Many other monuments and markers have been straightened and aligned. A new granite gutter was installed near the Dumbarton House wall. We hope soon to install a long section of granite gutter east of the Carriage House. We have also scheduled the installation of a concrete pad on which to place and change our dumpster, at which time we will explore repairing and replacing drainage and repairing the road work in and around the major intersection of Central Avenue. This is the last major piece of road to be repaired at Oak Hill. When we remove the old surface, what will we find? We are very excited to find out.



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We are also pleased to announce the reinstallation of the Heron Fountain on the Ellipse. The fountain was removed during construction of the second mausoleum on Cross Avenue, because the concrete surround was in need of replacement, and because its temporary removal made construction of the mausoleum easier. With the consultation of a landscape architect, we moved the location a few feet west, ran new electric conduit for the water

pump and heater, installed a new blue-stone surround, and added new plant material. We hope you are pleased.

As some of you may have read in the newspapers, Oak Hill was criticized by a local landscape foundation for having installed the second mausoleum on Cross Avenue. It was

argued that the installation spoiled the Ellipse, an iconic area that they erroneously believe has never—and should never—change. Please let us add certain facts that have not been included in the discussion. The Ellipse is a space that has changed repeatedly since Oak Hill was founded. It was not originally an open space, as old photographs and drawings show a grove of three dozen large, probably oak, trees. In the 1880s two large statues were erected on the ellipse, those of Bishop Pinckney and John Howard Payne. Perhaps at that time the pathways were added. Certainly much of the existing plant material was added later, as none of it is more than several decades old. And the Heron Fountain is not original, indeed for a while it stood not on the Ellipse, but on the area next to the R Street fence. A different fountain is shown in old photographs. And so the argument that the Ellipse should not change because it never has changed is not accurate. The decision to install a row of



mausoleums on Cross Avenue was unanimously approved in 2009 by the prior Board, President and Superintendent. The decision to install the new mausoleum was unanimously approved by the current Board, President and Superintendent. It has taken its place among the other thousands of beautiful designs in the cemetery that we love so much. It was then argued that we should not have built this structure without a building permit. In 165 years, Oak Hill has never sought or received a permit for any funerary structure. We did seek and receive permits for the building of the Carriage House and the renovation of the Chapel because they are places for assembly and daily activity. We follow practice of the vast majority of cemeteries around the country, exceptions being made if there is heating, plumbing or electricity. The Government of the District of Columbia examined this issue carefully and agreed that no permit was necessary. Their administrative policy was appealed, and we entered the process on the side of the DC Government. We are pleased to report that Judge Weberman at the Office of Administrative Hearings dismissed the case, ruling in favor of the District Government and ourselves.

In July the Superintendent and the entire Board traveled to Mount Auburn Cemetery to meet their President, to tour their

lovely grounds, to meet the Director of Development, and to meet with their Facilities Superintendent. Mount Auburn and Oak Hill share a common fence design, the grand Bigelow cast iron fence that runs along our R Street and their Mount Auburn Street. At one time they had many hundreds of feet, now only 120. We still have 800 feet, but after 165 years the fence is failing. We have taken temporary measures to stabilize some sections, after several small failures, but we wish to embark upon a major renovation when funds permit. Mount Auburn has just completed the removal, repair and reinstallation of their Bigelow Fence, at considerable expense, and we wanted to meet with their team, and their contractor, to see what we could learn. We have also been in touch with our usual fence contractor and research continues.

Serving on the Board of Oak Hill inevitably leads one to learn to love cemeteries, to want to visit cemeteries around the country and around the world. Beauty, history, sculpture, and community service are not unique to Oak Hill but there is much to learn from others. In case anyone is curious, please rest assured that travel to these cemeteries is the responsibility of each individual Board member. Travel by the Superintendent is provided by the operating company.



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The Tall Iron Fence Along R Street

According to records gleaned by our former cemetery Board of Managers member Wes Pippenger, the southern border of Oak Hill Cemetery was first lined by a wooden fence. Notes from Board of Managers' meetings describe the fence as "wood panel" but there are no details of height, color, or materials. The fence ran from about 80 feet west of the intersection at 30th Street east past the Gatehouse and main gate about half way down to 28th Street.

As you probably know, Oak Hill was founded by William Wilson Corcoran as a part of the "garden cemetery" movement of the day. The first of the "garden" movement was Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA founded by a group of local notables that included Jacob Bigelow. Bigelow, a medical doctor, was concerned about the unhealthiness of church-yard graveyards and their eventual space constrictions. And so, Mount Auburn was dedicated on September, 1831. Bigelow was a force in the design of Mount Auburn. In 1844 Dr. Bigelow designed an Egyptian-style entrance structure that was flanked by an elaborate cast iron fence. The multistory Egyptian-style structure was originally constructed of wood painted to resemble its eventual stone con-



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struction. The iron fence posts were set on stone bases and rise to ten feet topped with impressive lotus flower finials. Smaller lotus flower finials top every picket between the posts. The pickets were set along a bottom rail that fits a notch in the post bases. Pickets were held at the top via a notch on a rail that connects to the posts just under their finials. By the time Adams, Whitredge and Cummings of Boston prepared and assembled the cast iron fence along the borders of Mount Auburn on Old Cambridge Road by 1848 and Coolidge Avenue in 1851, there was a total length of 4,364 linear feet and a cost of \$26,958! That works out to around \$2.7 million in today's dollars.

In discussions about the fence at Oak Hill Cemetery, we learned that once 19th century foundries created molds for a

project, they added the designs to their "portfolio." Future customers picked from among various features to create their own unique designs.

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This date corresponds to the time frame in which the land from the Dodge family (now Evermay) was added to the land originally purchased by Mr. Corcoran for Oak Hill. The annual report from 1870 says.... The president (Corcoran) has at his own personal cost erected some 300 feet of substantial iron railing and a new gateway and entrance on Montgomery Street (now 28th Street) similar to style and finish to the main entrance on Road Street (now R Street)." Those added panels brought the total amount of iron fence to eight hundred feet. **With only a few differences, the cast iron fence at Oak Hill is a copy of the cast iron fence at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA.**

So the iron fence has been the "face" of Oak Hill Cemetery for around 150 years. It was put up at the time when our nation was just beginning to heal from the Civil War and Lincoln assassination. To offer some additional perspective, here's some other things that happened in 1866; Dostoevsky publishes Crime and Punishment; Jesse James and his gang pull their first bank robbery; The Civil Rights Act of 1866 passes over President Andrew Johnson's veto; Alfred Nobel invents dynamite; abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky and author H.G Wells are born, and Tennessee is the first of the southern states to be re-admitted to the union.

In those 150 years, our iron fence has undergone its share of trauma, trees falling, cars crashing and, of course, age. The fence at Mount Auburn was no different and during the 1990s a large majority of the fence was removed due to the expense of its maintenance. Today, about 400 feet remain at the entry of Mount Auburn. Those 400 feet were recently restored to their original condition and their fence is absolutely beautiful.



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Did You Know?

In the original layout of the cemetery, a partially underground receiving vault was planned and set just east of the main intersection of North, East, West and Central avenues.

The pictures below tell the story of the old "shed" and how the area became the beautiful mausoleum built in 1984 by the Basil family. This is sort of an "ugly caterpillar transformed into a beautiful" butterfly story...or really two butterflies!

In the original layout of the cemetery, a partially underground receiving vault was planned and set just east of the main intersection of North, East, West and Central avenues. The meeting minutes of the Board of Managers of that era say "The board resolved to have erected a vault for the reception of bodies before interment, the vault to be sufficiently large to contain about 30 bodies." This vault was used for storage of loved one's caskets prior to burial while arrangements were made or weather improved. Lot holders

used the vault without charge for ten days. Longer term use was charged at \$5 per month. "In case the party did not finally bury in Oak Hill, there was a \$1 charge for receiving, the same for delivering." A letter was written by then-Secretary/Treasurer James W. Deeble to Harvey Weed of New York City saying "In October 1852, a grandchild of Mr. Weed was placed in the cemetery's receiving vault where it had remained since." Deeble noted that Weed's son promised 3 years ago to take the remains away." Cemetery records are unclear about the resolution of this dilemma.

In 1956 there is an entry in the Board of Manager's minutes stating "Construction of the new shed in front of the receiving vault is complete." And so then began a period when the space

was used for the storage of equipment and materials used for the upkeep of the cemetery grounds. In 1973 long time superintendent John Collier retired. Two years later the Board of Managers, at the suggestion of then-superintendent George Kackley began to hire contractors for grounds maintenance.. In the early 80s an agreement was reached with the Basil family to build a private mausoleum on the site of the shed and receiving vault in exchange for the construction of a new, two story tool house further east down Central Avenue. The two new structures were complete by spring of 1984. The practice of using landscape contractors was continued until 1986 when Joe Pozell was hired as Superintendent, primarily due to his landscape expertise.



The Shed / Storage and Shelter for grounds tools and equipment 1956-1984



The Basil mausoleum completed in 1984 where the old storage area was.



The Carriage House we have now was built in 1984 to replace the old storage area that was converted to the Basil mausoleum. It replicates an antique building on the exterior and is a maintenance and storage shed on the inside.



Memorial Plaque for “Willie” Lincoln

The plaque tells the story...



Photos by Doug Christian



The plaque on a small stone pedestal, is on the floor of the mausoleum visible through the upper bars of the door.

Oak Hill Cemetery is fortunate to have received a gift from Dwayne Hills, a Lincoln history buff. His gift is a stone-mounted plaque in the Carrol mausoleum in memory of the William Wallace Lincoln, second son of Mary and Abraham Lincoln. "Willie's" casket was temporarily placed in the Carrol Family mausoleum in 1862.

The plaque was put in place last fall and during the summer we installed hand rails along the steps from the Corcoran area and near the Carrol mausoleum. These improvements make it easier to visit and understand one of the most iconic historic features of Oak Hill.



How is Ella?

We are often asked "How Is Ella?" Constantly, in fact...



Since retiring in 2012, Ella has taken a number of trips. Here she is at the US Arizona Memorial in Hawaii.

Ella is doing well. After serving Oak Hill Cemetery for twenty eight years (twenty as office administrator and eight as superintendent) she moved to Asheboro, NC, the city where she grew up. She lives in the home once owned by her parents, in which she grew up. Her son Joseph lives and works as a restaurant manager in Boone, NC which is about two hours from Asheboro.

Since retiring in 2012, Ella has taken a number of trips. In the picture above, she is at the US Arizona Memorial in Hawaii. She visited Jim Cannon, Jr. and his wife in Honolulu while the

Cannons were house-sitting for a friend. Ella says it was one of her best trips ever! Among other destinations, Ella has traveled to El Paso, TX, the northeast for fall foliage, and her annual family gathering at the beach around July 4th each year.

Another of her "annual stops" is Washington, DC and Oak Hill Cemetery. She has graciously consented to "fill-in" while Dave and Darla Jackson have been on travel for the past three summers. She not only fills in as superintendent, but also completes various assignments from Dave to "audit" the burial and sale entries from the past

year, and generally insure that we are continuing the meticulous administrative practices she and Joe so carefully put in place over the years. At the same time, Ella takes time in the evenings and weekends to catchup with friends which she and they really enjoy.

Ella has several cousins, aunts and uncles in Asheboro so she is surrounded by family. But we know she misses her many good friends in Washington. Since the summer "fill-ins" started, several have started asking "when is Ella coming?"



New Development Director Named

Elizabeth Mizell joins Oak Hill Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation as Director of Development

Please welcome "Liz" Mizell to the Oak Hill Family. She will be working primarily with the new Oak Hill Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation Board to develop sources of donated funds to pay for future restoration and major repair projects.

As a fundraising professional, Liz has over seven years of experience in the nonprofit sector serving in a broad range of roles with increasing responsibility. She is delighted to have joined The Oak Hill Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation, part-time, on October 1st.

Liz served as Director of Corporate Sponsorships for Luke's Wings until July 2016. Prior to this position she was Corporate Partnerships Manager for United Way of the National Capital Area (UnitedWayNCA) in Washington, D.C. Over a four-year period, she diversified funding and secured large gifts for United Way NCA's Veteran's Initiative. Her professional career includes serving with the District of Columbia Daughters of American Revolution (DCDAR), where she is DCDAR Capitol Chapter Chairman with oversight for recruiting junior members.

Liz served on the host committee for the annual Sweethearts and Patriots Gala, organized jointly by young members of the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and members of the District of Columbia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The patriotic black-tie gala benefits a local organization that supports Veterans - chosen each year by the Founders Committee.

Her background includes President of Tennessee State Society and volunteer grant reviewer for United Way NCA Community Impact Fund Grant Recipients. Through her current work with Junior League



of Washington, she has helped numerous organizations and enjoys assisting Bright Beginnings, Inc., to provide educational, therapeutic, and health services to children in kindergarten and their families. She continues to serve on the board of directors for the Tennessee State Society.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Financial Planning from the University of Alabama, and completed abroad studies in London, UK at Richmond University. She enjoys volunteering in a board capacity and is a member of the Young Nonprofit Professional Network of Washington, D.C as well as the Women's Congressional Golf Association. She holds her Silver Award in Girl Scouts of America, is an English equestrian and grew up in Nashville, Tennessee.

We are pleased to have Liz Mizell as a member of the Oak Hill family.

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