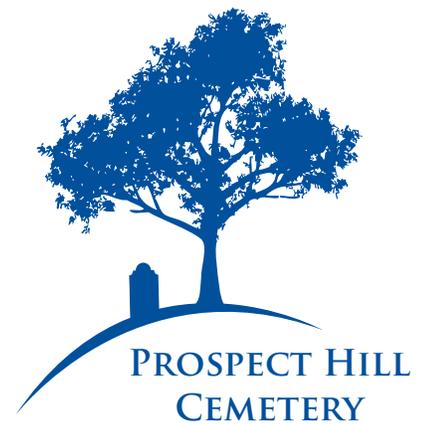


THE VIEW

from historic Prospect Hill Cemetery

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PROSPECT HILL
CEMETERY

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EAGLE SCOUTS PAVE THE WAY FOR BETTER NAVIGATION OF PHC

Restoring Paths, Mapping Gravesites

Two recent Eagle Scout projects will help visitors locate their loved ones within the cemetery. The first began last spring when Chance Bowersox from BSA Troop 828 and other Scouts worked with board members Bill Wilson and Vince Nesline to provide a more complete, accurate map of the graves and markers at Prospect Hill.



Chance Bowersox (third from left) and BSA Troop 828 map gravesites



Colin Howard uncovering paths

Chance noted that his project, which used GPS technology, took 160 total hours of work. “We worked in teams of three to shoot each burial site, find the GPS coordinates and record the information. We also added data for headstones that were missing and corrected mistakes from the original spreadsheet listing those buried here.”

In all, Chance and his team documented 2,241 marked burial sites, about 90% of the burials on PHC’s list. Then he spent hours setting up the database with the GPS coordinates. Carolyn Parker Knott, PHC board president, remarked, “The Scouts provided a copy of the database, which will improve our ability to administer the cemetery and allow us to better assist visiting families in finding their loved ones when they ask for directions to a gravesite.”

Chance said, “I’m glad I could do this for Prospect Hill.” His scoutmaster, Tom O’Dwyer, noted that this was one of the most detailed and time consuming Eagle projects he had ever seen.

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CONTINUED COVER STORY

The second project took place this fall, when Colin Howard of BSA Troop 265 and other Scouts uncovered two long-lost, original fieldstone paths to improve access to graves in the upper cemetery. The path where Colin did the test work and which was completed in mid September, runs next to the obelisk monument where Thomas Bayne, reputed to be the first person buried at PHC, was laid to rest. The second path the crew unearthed leads from the driveway almost to the crest of our hill.

Colin's grandparents and great grandparents are buried at PHC, which inspired him to undertake his Eagle project to benefit our historic cemetery.

GOOD HEDGES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS

To beautify the new fence along our border with Towson City Center (TCC), Prospect Hill's board and Caves Valley Partnership, owners of TCC, have jointly planted a lovely green hedge along the fence dividing our properties. Despite the dearth of rain at summer's close, the hedge is thriving with the help of TCC's building engineer, Antoine Nicholson of Mackenzie Services Company. Antoine watered daily this past spring, then watered weekly through the summer and fall. We greatly appreciate his diligence!

MONUMENTAL REPAIR

With all of the exciting landscaping and other long-term work going on at Prospect Hill, we also can't neglect our annual maintenance responsibilities. Gravestones remain the property of individual families, and the families are responsible for their upkeep. To keep the cemetery in good order and safe for visitors, however, the board repairs old monuments for those who do not have family known. Your donations help us to maintain those gravestones – just one of many maintenance expenses we face each year.

A recent donor wrote, "Once again, it gives me great pleasure to enclose our check for \$1,000 to contribute to the impressive work of the board of directors. The work of maintaining the cemetery in a satisfactory condition requires continuing effort."



Uncovered path in upper cemetery



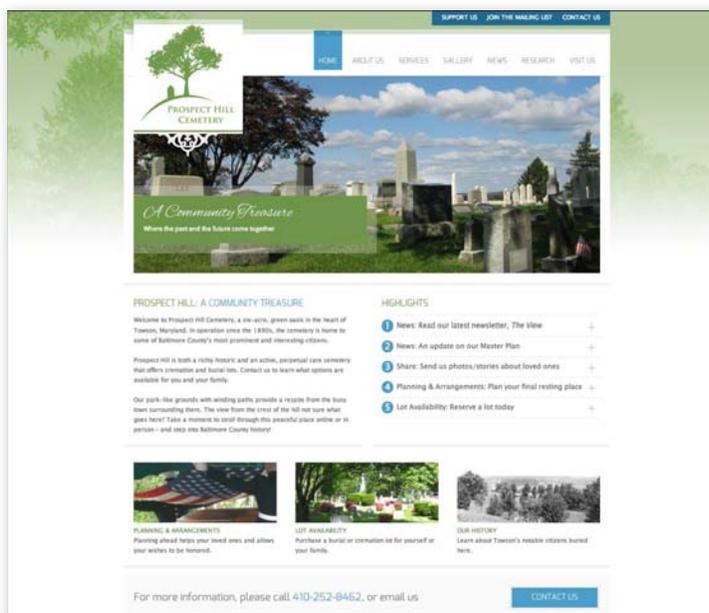
Antoine Nicholson keeps the new hedge green

PHC LAUNCHES ONLINE PRESENCE!

The board has been busy creating an online presence for PHC. In November, the results of these efforts will be unveiled at:

www.prospecthilltowson.org

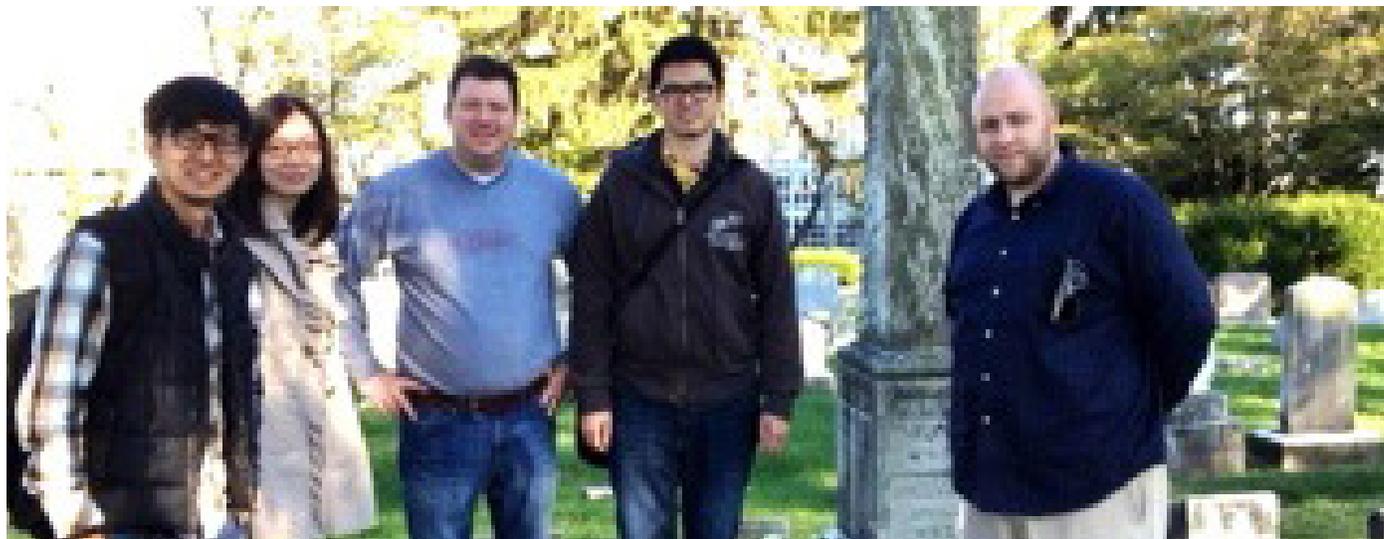
The professionally-designed website will provide information on our mission, history and board. It will also make it easier for people to visit us, make arrangements for loved ones to be buried at our historic cemetery, and support us in a variety of ways. Please visit online soon and invite others!



A sneak preview of our new home page

HOPKINS MARKETING CLASS TOURS PHC

A marketing class taught by Dr. Kathy Wilson, wife of Bill Wilson, recently got a personalized tour of our beautiful cemetery. Students in her Integrated Marketing Communications class at the Carey Business School of Johns Hopkins University were charged with writing a case study for a nonprofit. Kathy graciously invited Prospect Hill to be one of the organizations studied. After board officers Carolyn Knott and Ginger Galvez made a presentation to the class, a team of students spent two hours on site learning about the challenges of managing and marketing a cemetery that must generate all operating revenue from annual donations and lot sales. Carolyn was on hand for the students' final presentation and received a copy of the group's report. We thank Kathy for this opportunity for collaboration.



JHU team writes case study on PHC

WHO LIES HERE? JOHN E. MUDD, RESPECTED TOWSON ATTORNEY

Historic Prospect Hill Cemetery contains many of Towson's most influential citizens. Many of the individuals and families who rest in this beautiful place figured prominently in the growth and development of our community.

Like the Bosley family, the Mudd family has been a familiar presence in Towson and in the cemetery. One prominent member of this family was John Edward Mudd, a respected Towson attorney who unsuccessfully ran for the 2nd Congressional District in 1968 against long-time incumbent Clarence Long.

Mudd was born in Winchester, VA, to a large family with 11 children. He was a distant descendant of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, the Charles County physician who treated John Wilkes Booth after Lincoln was assassinated. His maternal grandfather was Nicholas Charles Burke, a former Maryland Court of Appeals judge, for whom Burke Avenue in Towson is named.



*L to R: Tricia, Tom, Maureen, John Sr., John Jr., Dan
Back Row: Susan, Mary Ann, (Amy, the youngest, not yet born)*



John E. Mudd

After graduating from Towson Catholic High School in 1944, Mudd earned a bachelor's degree from Loyola College and a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. While at Loyola, he met (Alice) Maureen O'Toole on a senior prom blind date and married her in 1950. They raised a family of three sons and four daughters in a spacious Victorian home on W. Joppa Road, the site of frequent family parties and gatherings.

Mudd served in the Army during the occupation of Japan from 1946 to 1948, and was later recalled to active duty during the Korean War. However, he contracted tuberculosis and spent two years in a military hospital.

A partner in the law firm of Mudd, Harrison and Burch who specialized in medical malpractice and insurance cases, John Mudd was respected as a bright and hard-working lawyer.

Mudd's youngest daughter, Amy Ciarlo, recalls, "Dad had a quick wit and a great sense of humor. He liked wearing ties that could be conversation starters, including one with Mona Lisa and others that contained riddles. He always brought treats back from the Eastern Shore to share with friends and family."

Another daughter, Tricia Mudd, remembers, "He loved the Orioles, Colts and Ravens, and he truly loved Towson." Mudd died in 2003 at age 75 in Towson, eight years after the passing of his wife, Maureen. The couple lies side-by-side at Prospect Hill.

Do you have a brief family history you'd like to share in our newsletter? Send to: info@prospecthilltowson.org or call 410-252-8462.