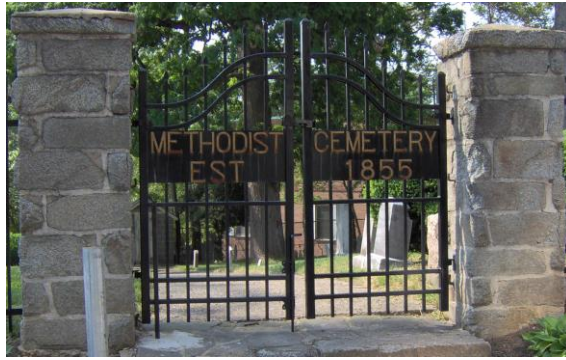


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Dear Members & Interested Friends,

The Annual Meeting for The Methodist Cemetery Association will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 2-4 p.m. at Friendship Terrace, 4201 Butterworth Place N.W., in the 3rd floor lounge. This building is directly behind the cemetery, off 42nd Street. Please come if you can!

The Year at a Glance

Due to the February blizzards we did lose a few small pieces of two different boxwoods, and one small azalea looks like it is doomed. This Spring we had quite a bit of clean-up work after the storms that brought so many power-outages to the area took down some large branches.

But other than those small upsets, the Cemetery has been flourishing. Wish you could have seen the cemetery on this past Spring; it was beautiful! We now have quite a number of irises outside of the fence along Murdock Mill Road. These, along with the daffodils, the Easter lilies, and a number of other plants were all blooming beautifully. The flowering trees (dogwood, red bud, peach and cherry) all bloomed nicely, as did the large older azalea. The Cemetery looks beautiful now in the Summer as well, with the Rose of Sharon bushes, the sedum, chrysanthemums and several other plants all in bloom. Despite first the drought and then the heavy rains, the grass is looking good. At least it's well cut and trimmed! We are so lucky to have John Schwartz back this year, cutting the grass! What a miraculous recovery. He and his nephew are doing us an invaluable service; John even has a new John Deere riding mower for the job!

As may be appropriate for a cemetery, we've had a relatively quiet year. This Spring there was another Tour of Tenleytown sponsored by Cultural Tourism in cooperation with the Tenleytown Historical Society. The Cemetery was one of the stops on the tour, and a short speech given by Diane Tamayo.

Although the Heritage Trail for Tenleytown was postponed for a time, preparations are scheduled to resume shortly, and we are hoping for a Fall celebration.

Your Support is Needed

We ask for your support by attending this Annual Meeting if at all possible. We desperately need membership involvement and a vote on the Board of Directors. Bill Mastbrook will no longer be able to serve on the Board, and must be replaced. Please pass the word to relatives who may be interested in being members and/or on the Board.

Also, please remember that membership dues should be paid before or at the general meeting.

And, don't forget, we can always use physical assistance tending to the cemetery: weeding, mulching, trimming bushes, mulching/raking leaves; as well as periodic help with grass cutting and trimming. If we had the help, it would be nice to improve the quality of the grass - we owe a lot of the green in the grass to invasive weeds! Additionally, we'd love to keep adding flowering plants to the cemetery, both outside the fence and inside. We can use ideas as well as labor in these pursuits!

Agenda for the September 2010 Annual Meeting

1. Collection of membership dues
2. Old business
 - a. Minutes from last year's meeting
 - b. Treasurer's report
3. New business
 - a. Election of Board of Directors
 - b. Ideas for the coming year
 - c. Heritage Trail
 - d. Heads up on upcoming award (not yet publicized)
 - e. Proposal to amend the bylaws
 - f. Date for the next annual meeting (May 2011?)