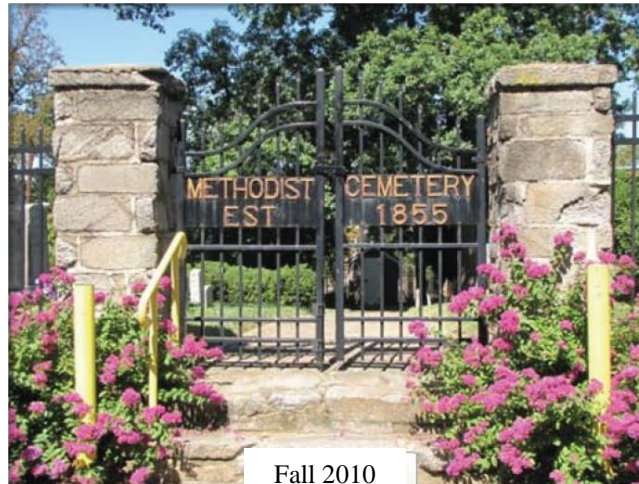


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Dear Members & Interested Friends,

The Annual Meeting for The Methodist Cemetery Association will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. at Friendship Terrace, 4201 Butterworth Place N.W., in the 5th floor lounge. This building is directly behind the cemetery, off 42nd Street. Please come if you can!

The Year at a Glance

The Methodist Cemetery in Tenleytown, D.C. continues to flourish despite a number of challenges.

Bad News

Unfortunately, John Schwartz is no longer able to cut the grass for us. We are actively searching for lawn mowing services. One estimate is \$450 per cut. We will need to discuss funding this new (but not unexpected) expense. For the past 5 years our annual intake has only been between \$800 and \$1,500. This will not even cover half the expected maintenance costs - even if we only cut once per month.

Meantime, Diane & Fred Tamayo are continuing to weed, mow, weed-whack, and mulch -- for no compensation.

Good News

The homeless people have finally left the cemetery - and their possessions have been removed! This has taken a bit of effort. Through this experience, we have made a number of neighborhood contacts, and hopefully friends, including: Friendship Place (the local homeless non-profit advocacy organization in Tenleytown), a neighborhood police officer, some of the tenants in the neighboring townhouse office building, the administrator at Iona House, and the maintenance people at City Line.

Bad News

The beautiful bushes pictured on the letterhead are half dead - possibly from the winter? Hopefully they will come back after judicious pruning.

More Bad News

There is a tombstone down in the cemetery. It appears to have just toppled over. Unfortunately, it is a large one and will have to be professionally reset.

Your Support is Needed

We ask for your support by attending this year's meeting if at all possible. We desperately need membership involvement, approval of the budget, and a vote on the Board of Directors. We will need to replace Amy Patterson as Treasurer, as she has moved too far away to co-sign checks that will now definitely be needed. We also need to get the budget approved so we can hire a lawn service.

Please don't forget: membership dues are due by the time of the annual meeting (May 20, 2012).

Volunteer labor is also welcome any time.

Agenda for the May 2012 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. Discussion of lawn service and requisite funding
 - c. Next annual meeting: 3rd Sunday in May (tentative)