

*Pleasant Hill and Flanders-Hillside
Cemeteries
Fall 2025 Newsletter*

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ANNUAL PLOT HOLDERS MEETING

The Annual Plot Holders Meeting will be held on November 12, 2025. All plot holders at Pleasant Hill or Flanders-Hillside Cemeteries are welcome to join us at 5:30 pm in the Administration Building.

TRUSTEE

We sadly acknowledge the passing of long-time Trustee of Pleasant Hill/Flanders-Hillside Cemeteries. Mr. Edward Hanington passed away August 31, 2025. He served on the Board of Trustees since May of 2012 and was Secretary of the Board. Ed was a professional engineer and over his 13 years of service he provided valuable insight on a wide range of projects including the ongoing repairs to the chapel.

GROUNDS UPDATE

The Cremation area at Pleasant Hill has been expanded and refreshed with new shrubs and plantings. The fence surrounding this area at Pleasant Hill has been replaced. Labor for installation of the fence was donated by one of our plot holders, Tom Rady, of Duffy's Fencing in Long Valley. (Below photos – before and after.) Additionally, a Cremation area is being added at Flanders-Hillside Cemetery.



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please note, artificial flowers in any form are not permitted in either Pleasant Hill or Flanders-Hillside cemeteries.
- It is important that we be notified of any change of address for plot owners. Information can be sent to auxadministration@pleasanthillcemetery.org so that our records can be properly updated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Administration office hours are 9:00-12:00. Appointments may be made by contacting the office at 908-879-7349. If we are not available to answer, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

PHC HISTORY **Jonathan Nicholas**

Jonathan Nicholas was born April 1, 1757 in Wales. He came to the US with his brother, and he settled in Elizabethtown, NJ. He married Elizabeth Lawler (1759-1833) on May 16, 1779, and had eleven children.

Jonathan, with the rank of Sergeant, was assigned to the Third Regiment, New Jersey Line, which was raised on January 1, 1776, at Elizabethtown, New Jersey for service with the Continental Army in the American War of Independence. The regiment saw action at the Battle of Valcour Island, New York Campaign; Battle of Brandywine; Battle of Germantown; Battle of Monmouth, Sullivan Expedition; and Battle of Springfield. The Regiment nicknamed "Jersey Gray" was disbanded on January 1, 1781 at Pompton, New Jersey.

After the war Jonathan settled in Morris County around Flanders. On August 19, 1828, he was placed on pension records for his military service. He died at age 82 and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery with his wife. Several of their children are also buried here along with their descendants.

FLORAL TRIBUTES

With upcoming holidays, for your convenience, these local businesses will be happy to assist in placing floral tributes. Please mention whether it is to be placed at Pleasant Hill in Chester or at Flanders-Hillside in Roxbury. If possible, please give Section and Grave number.

- Chester Floral and Design – 908-879-0202
- Flowers by Trish – 973-584-8018
- RH Farms – 862-258-5305
- Stony Hill Gardens – 908-879-2696

HONORABLE MENTION

A form has been added to the website (drop-down under “Find A Loved One”) for plot holders who may wish to have family members at Pleasant Hill or Flanders-Hillside who have served as First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS) listed. This information will be added to our list of Veterans buried in PHC and F-H. To assist us in updating this listing, please complete and return the completed form to the Cemetery office.



AUXILIARY

As always, we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to our generous plot holders who support the Auxiliary. This year funds were used for beautifying the grounds with spring and fall flowers.

All plot holders are welcome to attend our meetings (dates noted on the last page of the Newsletter). Comments and feedback are always appreciated.

Your assistance and support to the Auxiliary is critical for us to help keep our cemetery beautiful and efficient. If your employer has a matching program, you may want to access this benefit on our behalf. If you haven't yet sent your 2025 donation (which is tax deductible), please make your check payable and mail to:

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Auxiliary, P.O. Box 78, Chester, NJ 07930-0078

If there is any change in your address for the Newsletter or for a Plot Holder, please make note below and return to us or send an email to auxadministration@pleasanthillcemetery.org.

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2025 donation	\$	<u>\$15.00</u>
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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUXILIARY MEETINGS

All meetings are held at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays
December 3, 2025, April 15, 2026

ANNUAL PLOT HOLDERS MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 5:30 pm

All meetings will be held in the Administration (Smith Memorial) Building

INFORMATION UPDATES

This Newsletter is intended to keep you informed of our activities. Plot holder questions, comments, suggestions and compliments are always welcome and should be addressed to the Superintendent. It is important that we have a current contact name and address for all plots at Pleasant Hill and Flanders-Hillside. *This is especially important if you have moved after purchasing your plot.* Please send any changes via email to info@pleasanthillcemetery.org or snail mail to the Superintendent.