

FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION **OF NEWARK AND SOMERSET HILLS**

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Members (all owners of one or more graves, crypts or niches at Fairmount Cemetery and/or Somerset Hills Memorial Park) will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of Fairmount Cemetery, 620 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ 07107. The agenda for the Annual Meeting will include the election of two members of the Association's Board of Managers. Candidates nominated by the Board of Managers are William J. Johnson and Jacqueline L. Welsh, both of whom currently serve on the Board of Managers. Mr. Johnson is an investment manager and a principal in Xantos Partners located in New York City, thus bringing to the Board considerable expertise in financial matters and trust fund management; he is a owner of graves at Fairmount Cemetery. Ms. Welsh is the former Director of Development and Marketing of the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills located in Basking Ridge NJ and currently serves as the Director of Philanthropy and Business Development of the VNA Home Health Hospice Foundation, South Portland, ME, thus bringing to the Board considerable expertise in sales and marketing as well as in community relations; she is a niche owner at Somerset Hills Memorial Park. As provided by the Association's By-Laws, any member may nominate candidates for election. To be valid for consideration at this Annual Meeting, any nomination must be in writing, signed by at least one Member, and received by the Association (620 Central Ave., Newark, N.J. 07107) not later than April 25, 2017; the written nomination shall include a biographical description including areas of expertise and experience that may benefit the Association. The New Jersey Cemetery Act provides that if a grave, crypt or niche is owned by more than one person, a majority of its owners shall decide among themselves who shall be the authorized representative to cast the vote associated with their grave, crypt or niche; the Association will recognize any person who is present in person at the Annual Meeting with a prima facie claim to being the authorized representative. The New Jersey Cemetery Act also provides for proxy voting; a proxy is valid for no more than three years. The Association's By-Laws require that any proxy to be valid must be in writing, signed, and dated by the Member authorized to vote, that the Member's signature must be notarized, and that the proxy holder must attend the Annual Meeting in person. A sample form of proxy is available upon a Member's request.