

# **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 23, 2019 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 three members of the Association's Board of Managers. Candidates nominated by the Board of Managers are Kara MacKenzie, David Osterman and Joseph Prather, all of whom currently serve on the Board of Managers. Ms. MacKenzie is an attorney with many years of litigation experience and is a member of the law firm Gina Mendola Longarzo in Chatham NJ, thus bringing to the board considerable experience in legal matters generally and particularly in her specialty of employment law; she is an owner of graves at Somerset Hills Memorial Park. Mr. Osterman is an attorney with many years of litigation experience and is a member of the law firm Goldberg Segalla in Princeton NJ, thus bringing to the Board considerable experience in legal, insurance and risk management matters; he is the current proprietor of a family plot at Somerset Hills Memorial Park. Mr. Prather is the retired President of Griffin & Howe, formerly of Bernardsville NJ, with over fifty years of experience in manufacturing and retailing, thus bringing to the Board considerable experience in business development, community relations, and financial management; he is an owner of graves 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 24, 2019; 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.