

THE BELL TOWER

BULLETIN

WEST LAUREL HILL • BRINGHURST FUNERAL HOME • TURNER FUNERAL HOME

CEMETERY HOSTS OPEN HOUSES

West Laurel Hill Cemetery is committed to providing our families with outstanding service, products and facilities. In keeping with our founding principles to offer a full range of progressive burial and funeral options we invited local funeral directors and the public to an open house showcasing the newly completed renovations and restoration throughout our crematory and Chapel of Peace.

New additions include a state-of-the-art cremation chamber with a comfortable witnessing area for family members, glass front niches with lighting and ADA compliant restrooms. To preserve the integrity and history of the building, the original sandstone floors have been refurbished and the limestone stained-glass windows have been restored.

Guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast followed by guided tours of the facility.

The Chapel, built in 1938, was designed by the architectural firm Watson & Thompson who also designed St. Mary's Cathedral in Andorra and St. Colman's Catholic Church in Ardmore. Many of the materials used in the construction of the Beaux-Arts/Gothic Revival style chapel are native to the Philadelphia region including Pennsylvania slate shingles and local schist.



SUMMER 2010

FALL EVENTS

BIRD WALK

OCTOBER 2nd

BLESSING OF
ANIMALS

OCTOBER 4th

WOOF, WAG N'
WALK

OCTOBER 9th

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WEST LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

215 Belmont Avenue
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
610-664-1591

Visit our Sister Cemetery
Laurel Hill
3822 Ridge Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19132

www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org



NEIGHBORHOOD INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Bringhurst Funeral Home and West Laurel Hill Cemetery joined The Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd in celebrating Independence Day on Sunday, July 4th at the Bala Cynwyd Playground. A pair of dapple gray Percherons driven by Dave Rohrbach of Bee Tree Trail led our c. 1880's horse-drawn hearse in the parade. Visitors to our tent enjoyed free soft pretzels, creative Balloons by Bonnie, patriotic giveaways and the chance to win one of three gift cards. Proceeds from the sale of our bottled water benefits Union Fire

Association and we are pleased to announce this year's donation of over \$500! A great big thank you to everyone who supported The Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd's July 4th celebration! See you next year!



COMING SOON...

6th Annual GRAVEDIGGERS' BALL

Friday, October 15th

www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org

BEER BARONS TO HOMEBREWERS: *TOUR THE PAST. TASTE THE PRESENT.*

Saturday, October 23rd

Now accepting
reservations and homebrew
entries

610-668-4258

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CEMETERY HOURS

Gates

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
May 1st - October 15th

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
October 16th - April 30th

Office

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Chapel

Monday - Saturday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holidays and Sundays
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Bringhurst Funeral Home is
available by phone
24 hours a day
by calling toll-free
1-877-668-9900

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NEW TV COMMERCIAL & VIDEOS PRODUCED



Aardvark Video Works filming
West Laurel Hill's new TV commercial.

We are proud to announce the completion of our first television commercial highlighting West Laurel Hill's extraordinary beauty and full range of burial and funeral services. The commercial can be seen on CNN, TNT, Discovery, Lifetime and LMN for the remainder of the year. Special thanks to Aardvark Video Works.

Local producer GH Video Communications spent a day filming in Nature's Sanctuary, West Laurel Hill's natural burial section. The video illustrates our full range of green burial and funeral services for families wishing to arrange a final farewell that is eco-friendly and sustainable to the environment. The video will be available at no charge once it is completed in August.

Call 610-664-1591 or e-mail contactus@forever-care.com to receive your free copy. Thank you, Gillian, Ron and Sam for your patience and hard work!

VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS HONORED

In keeping with the Cemetery's long tradition of honoring our veterans, West Laurel Hill's annual ceremony of recognition and remembrance was celebrated in May. Honorees marched beneath a ladder cross and Senator Daylin Leach joined us a guest speaker. A rifle salute and laying of wreaths together with the sound of a lone bugler playing Taps and the release of twenty-one white doves was a touching tribute before our monument dedicated to members of the military and first responders.



Members of the Tun Tavern
Marine Corps League Detachment.



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CEMETERY SUPPORTS SENIOR CITIZEN JAMBOREE



Local residents enjoyed a free lunch, entertainment and a raffle with prizes donated by area businesses.

West Laurel Hill Cemetery joined the Lower Merion community on July 14th at South Ardmore Park in supporting the Annual Senior Citizen Jamboree sponsored by the Township's Parks and Recreation Department. Each year the Parks and Recreation Department does a great job with this event for seniors - an outdoor picnic complete with hamburgers and hot dogs, ice cream, music and a raffle ensures a good time is had by all! Sponsored by the Cemetery, Sally Trace, a talented local artist, provided free caricatures for the guests. Our table also offered free cold water, pens, magnets, newsletters and guide books highlighting our architecture and arboretum tours.