

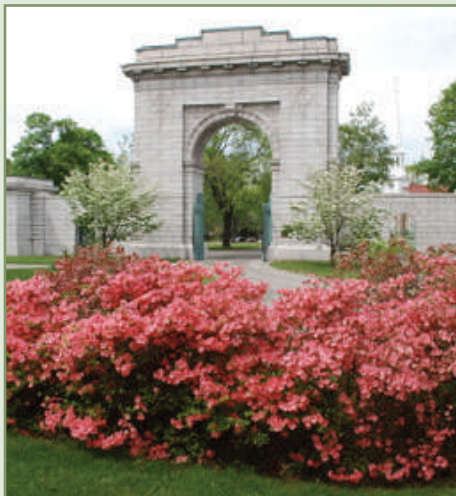


## Welcome!

Welcome to the West Parish Garden Cemetery Newsletter. This newsletter is intended to give the friends of the cemetery an update on current and recent happenings.

## Can You Help?

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to this nonprofit to help manage maintenance costs as we grow. Memorial trees and benches can be donated in a loved one's name. Visit our website today to make a donation or send a gift in the enclosed envelope.



## Spring is in Full Swing

### Exciting Year in the Chapel!

The Chapel has had a lot of loving care this year. The outside was power washed, the magnificent doors were refinished, roof repairs were completed, new spring plantings were placed outside, and the largest improvement was the refurbishing and cleaning of the Tiffany stained-glass windows. Total renovation costs were over \$23,000 not including many hours of our staff's labor. The results are amazing and we invite you to come see the Chapel! Donations are still being accepted towards the Chapel repairs.



### New Expansion Area

A new section near Hydrangea Circle will be opening soon. The design for the new area is being created now and we expect to see the section opening for lot sales at the end of 2025. When the hydrangeas are in bloom, it's a lovely site.

### Cobblestone Hill Section

The Cobblestone Hill section of the cemetery is available for lot sales (through the arch on your right). These lots are easily accessed and afford wonderful views of the cemetery.

### NEW!

### Spring Flower Planting Program

Can't make it to the cemetery to plant flowers this spring? Or would you prefer if someone else planted them for you? We have a new program for you. We will plant, fertilize and water flowers for you this spring. The number of flowers will depend on the size of your headstone. If you are interested, please either call the cemetery, or simply fill out the form on the cemetery website.



Sample Spring Flower Planting

### Children's Garden

Please consider a gift to the Children's Garden Fund to help maintain this treasured play area for years to come. We rely on generous donations to keep this special space looking beautiful for children and parents to enjoy.

## Stay Connected

We encourage you to check our website for a complete list of cemetery events.

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### Locate a Loved One

This feature is now available on our website. You can type in the name of your loved one and search for their location in the cemetery.

[www.westparishgardencemetery.org](http://www.westparishgardencemetery.org)

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The Chapel at West Parish  
or West Parish Garden Cemetery

## West Parish Garden Cemetery

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### Chapel Open for Viewing

The Chapel at West Parish will be open to the public for viewing on Saturday, **June 14** from **10 am – 4 pm**. We have recently made some improvements to our historic hidden gem. Swing by and see it for yourself. Members of the board of directors will be on hand.



### Wedding Season at The Chapel at West Parish

The Chapel is available to rent for the wedding of your dreams! Couples love the intimate setting and our wedding coordinators Nancy and Sue work with each couple to ensure their special day goes perfectly! For more information about renting the Chapel, please call the office or visit our website.

### Thank you!

A special thank you to the Holt Family for donating an American flag for us to have in the Chapel. We appreciate it!

Thank you to all our donors for their generous gifts. The cemetery relies on donations of all sizes to ensure that the cemetery, chapel and grounds continue to be a welcoming place for all to visit.

Thanks to Mark Atwood, Dan O'Neil and the crew who work hard to maintain the cemetery grounds and keep things looking beautiful for all lot owners and visitors.

And thank you to our Office Manager, Sue Regan!

## Upcoming Events in the Cemetery

### Lantern Festival

The **11th Annual Lantern Festival** takes place on Saturday, **June 14** from **7-9 pm** on the lawn next to the Chapel at West Parish. Bring the kids, a blanket or chair, and enjoy an evening of music and lantern decorating. Lanterns will be launched on the pond at sunset to the music of bagpipes. The exciting Taiko Drummers will be performing, along with other entertainment. Entry is free. Lanterns cost \$15 to decorate.



### Cemetery History Walk

Join us on **June 14** from **10-11:30 am** to learn about the rich history of West Parish and some of the notable people buried in the cemetery. The guided tour will conclude inside the Chapel where one can hear the organ play and see the original Tiffany stained glass windows. The tour is free and lasts approximately 1 ½ hours. Please meet at the Arch across from 129 Reservation Road in Andover. This event is free and donations are encouraged.

### Planting Policy

Reminder that the cemetery does not allow any artificial flowers, glass of any kind, solar lights, or white landscaping rocks.