The Gardens
Memory Gardens

4 seek re-election to Memory Gardens' board

Four individuals are seeking election to serve three-year terms on the Memory Gardens Board of Directors. All lot owners are encouraged to participate in the election process by completing and returning the form in this newsletter. The following are on the 2015 ballot:

- **Anthony Garufi** was appointed to the board in March 2012. He brings 33 years of real estate brokerage, development and management experience as well as three years of public accounting experience. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Capital Association of REALTORS. He is a former board member of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and a past president and director of the Commercial & Industrial Real Estate Brokers (Capital District). He is a partner at Fraida Varah Real Estate Group.

- **Andy Marino** was appointed to the board in February 2011. He is currently vice president of the board and chairs the Bylaws Committee. He serves on other committees including the Newsletter Committee. He is a psychologist for the Schenectady City School District.

- **Teresa Scicchitano-deWaal** was appointed to the board in 2004. She has served as treasurer and currently serves on the Finance Committee. She has been a financial services representative for 27 years with New York Life in Latham. She is an EMT, volunteering with Petersburgh Rescue Ambulance Squad, Inc. She also serves as a trustee for the Petersburgh Public Library.

- **Salvatore I. Prividera Jr.** was elected to a two-year term in 2013. He brings more than 25 years of experience as a communications professional. He is a former newspaper editor, and has directed internal and external communications programs for two statewide trade associations. He is director of communications for the New York State Association of REALTORS.

Guide to important dates at Memory Gardens

March 1 to April 15
Spring cleanup: All decorations are removed

April 15 to November 1
Bronze vases may be used until November 1

May 2
Annual Lot Owners Meeting at Cemetery Office, 10 a.m.

November 1 to November 15
Fall cleanup: All decorations are removed

November 1 to April 14
Bronze vases in markers not to be used

December 11
Christmas Celebration and Remembrance at the Chapel, 6 p.m.

January 31
Holiday decoration removal begins

Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day
Potted plants allowed three days before and three days after

Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day
Flags allowed three days before and three days after. Volunteers are needed to place flags for Memorial Day

For more details visit our website **www.memorygardens.org**

Pre-planning offers many advantages

Among the many services provided by Memory Gardens, pre-arrangement may be one of the most important. Perhaps, you have the cremains of a loved one you need to lay to rest at Memory Gardens or you may desire to pre-plan your own service. Our memorial advisors are able to assist you so that the service is exactly as you desire.

Memory Gardens has 24 different gardens and two mausoleums for interment. Each garden is uniquely designed with distinctive statuary, perennial gardens, flowering trees and evergreens. Each season of the year brings its own special beauty with spring blossoms, summer shade trees, fall colors and winter evergreens.

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Easter Sunrise Service set for April 5

Memory Gardens' 74th annual Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7 a.m. on April 5, 2015, rain or shine. The Rev. Bruce Cornwell of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will conduct the service. The service will be broadcast throughout the grounds via the Schulmerich Carillon. We invite family and friends to participate in the service from their loved one's resting place or their favorite spot in the Gardens.

We recommend arriving at least several minutes in advance to give you adequate time to pick up a program and get situated.

President's Message

As a lot owner or the direct heir of a lot owner, you can play a key role in the Gardens by attending the Annual Meeting of Lot Owners and by casting your vote for those seeking re-election to terms on the Board of Directors.

You can be assured the board operates with the best interests of the Gardens and its lot owners as paramount. In fact, many of your directors are lot owners themselves and have loved ones interred in one of the many gardens on the grounds. However, the board doesn't work in a vacuum and we welcome your participation in the meeting.

On behalf of the entire board, please consider this my personal invitation to join us on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. in the office. You will learn more about the activities that take place to ensure the cemetery continues to meet your expectations both in terms of the services we provide and the maintenance of the pastoral beauty of the grounds.

It is also your opportunity to communicate directly with the entire board, whether you have an idea that you think would enhance the Gardens or a concern that you would like to share with us. I hope to see many of you there.

In conjunction with this meeting, the election of several directors will take place. I encourage you to read the article on the front page to learn more about the individuals seeking office. If you attend the meeting, you will be able to cast your votes. If you are unable to attend, please complete the proxy form in this issue and return it prior to the posted deadline. If you have any questions about the elections, call Executive Director Andy Carroll at 518-869-9506 and he will be happy to assist you.

In closing, I would like to share two additional items with you. First, I would like to offer kudos to our grounds crew. We've had a long, miserable winter here in the Northeast. They have worked tirelessly to keep our roads clear and passable throughout the season. Great job!

And, finally, please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the annual Easter Service at sunrise on April 5.

President

Raymond Paradise

Memory Gardens, Inc.

Annual Meeting of Lot Owners

10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015

at the Memory Gardens Administrative Building, 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205

NOTE: Voting and attendance are limited to Lot Owners (those listed on the deed or direct heir). Lot Owners may vote either in person **OR** by completing and returning the proxy form below. Please sign full name, including middle initial. **Joint owners should each sign.** When signing as attorney, executor, administrator or guardian, please give full title as such.

****ILLEGIBLE OR UNSIGNED PROXIES WILL NOT BE COUNTED ****

Completed proxy must be postmarked no later than April 20, 2015 to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS. The undersigned hereby appoints the current President and Secretary of the Board of Directors, with full power of substitution, to represent the undersigned and as proxies to vote, with all the powers which the undersigned would possess if personally present at the annual meeting of members to be held at the administrative building at 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 on May 2, 2015 at 10 a.m., or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy will be voted as specified by the undersigned. Further, the undersigned grants full power to the current President and Secretary of the Board of Directors to act as the undersigned's proxy on any proposals arising other than Proposal 1.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote IN FAVOR OF Proposal 1. If no choice is specified, this proxy will be voted IN FAVOR OF Proposal 1.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

1) Anthony Garufi	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	/	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
2) Andy Marino	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	/	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
3) Teresa Scicchitano-deWaal	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	/	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
4) Salvatore I. Prividera Jr.	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	/	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**

NAME(S) ON DEED: _____ GARDEN: _____ LOT #: _____

Name: (print): _____ Name: (print): _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ❑ check if new address

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Memory Gardens
2015 Floral Placement Service

*** Placement service begins April 27 and ends October 9 ***

Each year from the end of April through mid-October, Memory Gardens offers floral placement service. For a small charge, our staff will place a lovely bouquet in remembrance of your loved one. Fresh and artificial bouquets are available, and we offer a variety of plans ranging from once per week to a single day.

Fresh bouquets include mixed flowers of bright colors. Choose one or more special dates or take advantage of our weekly plans to ensure your loved one will have a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers from the end of April through mid-October. Artificial bouquets in seasonal colors are pictured below. We offer a spring bouquet, a *Red, White & Blue* patriotic bouquet for placement from Memorial Day through July 4th, a mid-summer bouquet, a late summer bouquet, and a fall bouquet.

MEMORY GARDENS FLORAL PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

Please complete the order form below and return it to Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 with payment, or call our office at (518) 869-9506, or select the "Floral Placement Service" link on our website, www.memorygardens.org

Name of Deceased: _____

Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check No: _____

Card Type: ❑ MasterCard ❑ Visa ❑ Discover ❑ American Express Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Date: _____

Email: _____

❑ Check if new address

Fresh flowers provided by Frank Gallo & Son Florist of Schenectady

Please select which plan you desire below:

❑ **Plan 1** **25 Fresh Bouquets -** Once per week **$325**
Fresh flowers each week from the end of April through mid-October

❑ **Plan 2** **15 Fresh Bouquets -** Every other week **$195**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan 3** **10 Fresh Bouquets -** Every three weeks **$130**
Includes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan 4** **5 Fresh Bouquets -** Select 5 Special Dates* **$100**
(Dates from April 27 and October 9)

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

❑ **Plan 5** **1 Fresh Bouquet -** Select any Special Day* ..... **$20 each**
(Dates from April 27 and October 9)

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❑ **Plan 6** **Artificial Bouquets -** Spring Bouquet_____, Red, White & Blue Bouquet_____ ..... **$24 each**
Mid-Summer Bouquet_____, Late Summer Bouquet_____, Fall Bouquet_____

❑ **Plan 7** **All Five Artificial Bouquets** **$100**

Spring

Red, White & Blue

Mid-Summer

Late Summer

Fall

*Our staff does not place on weekends or holidays

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grounds Open

Dawn to Dusk

Floral Order Form Enclosed

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Pre-planning offers.... *continued from front cover*

In addition to selecting a garden or a mausoleum, there are many other decisions that can be made as part of the pre-planning process such as selecting and designing a memorial. Making these selections during pre-planning ensures that your wishes are honored and reduces the burden on family during their time of mourning.

Memorialization is a celebration of a person's life. We offer the finest bronze memorials for your selection in various sizes, colors, styles, designs and borders. These may be complemented with the addition of cameos, epitaphs, personal signatures and emblems that symbolize civic and fraternal affiliations, hobbies, military service, professions, religious devotion and sports. These options provide an unparalleled level of personalization and a legacy of information for future generations. The memorial you select will be a lasting symbol of the special life you want to remember and commemorate.

With traditional ground burial, the casket is placed within an outer enclosure or vault constructed of concrete, stainless steel, galvanized steel, copper or bronze to protect the casket from the weight of the earth and to deter the collapse of the grave in the future. Memory Gardens offers an economical alternative to conventional vaults. Our grave liners are reinforced, non-sealing concrete outer enclosures that are less ornate than a burial vault at a very reasonable cost. We also have urn liners available to protect cremains.

There is a lovely chapel at Memory Gardens, which can be rented for your family and friends to gather to say their final farewells. Protected from the elements, the chapel remains cool in the summer and is heated during the winter. The chapel can easily accommodate a large gathering of friends and family. We also have tents available for graveside use during the summer months for protection from the rain and sun.

Memory Gardens endeavors to provide superior and caring service to the community at reasonable cost together with pre-arrangement services to ensure peace of mind. We invite you to visit Memory Gardens and provide us with the opportunity to assist you.

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