

Elmwood Cemetery Newsletter

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Mission Statement

Through our compassionate and caring staff our mission is to provide the highest level of competence and communication, while striving to exceed the expectations of each family we serve; before, during, and after the burial of a loved one.

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BOARD NEWS

Earlier this year when I was elected by our Board as Chairman of Elmwood Cemetery, I felt proud to be entrusted with such a position. I take the Chairman role with a high degree of significance, not because of the name, Chairman, but because of all of you, our "Rights Holders" both present and future. The Board's aim is to continue to make this the very best resting place for our loved ones that we possibly can.

Our past Chairperson, Ann Colbourne, has served this Board for many, many years and has set the bar very high. We appreciate all that Ann has done for Elmwood Cemetery and wish her well as she takes a much deserved break from this responsibility and embarks on her next phase of life. The Board consists of six members with a very good mix of experiences and work ethics and hence brings a lot of that to the table. We all benefit from their knowledge and expertise; I feel fortunate to work with such a strong Board.



I would like to highlight a couple of changes, ones that you may have already noticed, that I prefer to call improvements in the Cemetery. A portion of the existing road at the north end has been repaved by Pave-Core. The other improvement will be the installation of a Columbarium this Fall in a new location that has been decided by the Board. We believe this will give future Rights Holders an option as to location and design within the Cemetery. Our long range plan is to build onto this location as demand increases.



I trust this Fall season has and will continue to be good to each one of you. We appreciate and welcome any suggestions that you may have for any Improvement for the Betterment of the Entire Cemetery. **Burton Sine**

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors would like to thank all the faithful supporters who made a donation since our last newsletter: Ontario Independent Crematorium, Elizabeth Sills, Kevin & Kim McCann, Barry & Elizabeth Turpin, James Palmer, Barbara Webber, Bradley Devolin, William Brown & Eula Fenton-Brown, Jim Hurd, Ron Hansey, Dorothy Shortt, Stanley Nugent, Marie Johnson, Ken Hayes, Estate of Marjorie McDonell, Burton & Barbara Sine, Ann Colbourne, Kevin McLaughlin, Marilyn Chilvers, and Larry & Doris Granger.

THANK-YOU! Over the past two years Glenn & John have been working hard to submit grant applications to help with Elmwood's Revitalization Project. On September 18, 2017, a reply from one application was received from the **JOHN M. & BERNICE PARROTT FOUNDATION INC.**, included with their letter was a **grant cheque for \$20,000**. It was a day of great rejoicing to finally see the fruit of the Board's labour. This generous grant will definitely assist with the continuing revitalization efforts in the Cemetery.

This year **Family Tribute Day** was held on June 11, 2017. We would like to thank our Sponsors who provided door prizes for the event: **Thrasher's Garden Centre, Dragon Rolls Restaurant and Metro Grocery Store**. The well planned event featured Country Gospel Singers Christiana and Woody.

Please consider including Elmwood Cemetery in your obituary for those who wish to make a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers. Income Tax Receipts are given for donations of \$20 and over.

COMING EVENTS

Remembrance Day ~ On Friday, November 10th at 4:00pm the Board members along with the staff will gather together to honour our veterans by holding an informal memorialization. For those interested in a graveside candle contact Darlene at the office by calling 613-962-4652. The suggested donation for each candle is \$5. Rights Holders are invited to light their memorial candle before the service begins. Light refreshments will be served in the office after the short service.



SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

In every effort to keep the cemetery safe and looking neat & tidy all unused **shepherd hooks** will be removed from the graves. The hooks will be labelled, and placed by the green bin behind the office for people to pick up.

Since the number of **benches** have increased but our storage space has not, it was decided by the Board that all memorial benches will be left outside for the winter months. If you would like to take your bench home for winter then please notify the Superintendent of your intentions.



Due to the kindness of one donor we now have a **power washer**. If you would like to have your monument power washed please notify the office. A donation in the amount of your choosing would be appreciated. With winter fast approaching all monument cleaning orders will commence in Spring 2018.



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we would like to wish you a very safe and Merry Christmas!