

# 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.

## Board of Directors

Ann Coleboroune  
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**Coming Soon**  
Cemetery Registry  
for our website!

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## BOARD NEWS

**Elmwood Cemetery Revitalization Plan** ~ The Board of Directors and Staff at Elmwood are pleased with the day to day operations but also recognize that the needs of the public, workers and volunteers are not always met. With this in mind, we are developing the "***Elmwood Cemetery Revitalization Plan***" which, with the help of grants, donations and memorial gifts, will see many of the needs met. It is our goal to "revitalize" the cemetery by soliciting donations and applying for grants with safety and the environment front and center. Some of our identified needs are a wheelchair accessible washroom for the public's use, a meeting room to be available for use during interments as well as for our board meetings, lighting around the office area, and resurfacing of the roadways. Watch for more extensive listing in the near future.

So we are asking you to consider helping with donations aimed specifically at the revitalization, as well, in the near future we'll be looking for volunteer hours to assist with some of the projects. Watch for our progress and other revitalization concerns in future newsletters and on our website. We thank you in advance for your support!

**Go Bantam Bangals!** ~ This year the Board has agreed to sponsor a Rep Pee Wee Softball Team. The team travels to Tweed, Eldorado, Springbrook, Campbellford, Frankford, Belleville and Norwood. Suzanne Emery, Public Awareness Chair, has been very supportive over the years by attending the games to support our team.



The Board would like to extend sincere condolences to the following staff members, Darlene Bulten, Jake Bulten, and Ralph Mumby at their time of loss and grief over the passing of their parents.

Two projects in the works are the possible restoration of our Nature Trail, and a digitized cemetery registry for our website. Keep watching our website for more updates.

A thank you is in order to Ron Hansey who allowed Elmwood the use of his power washer to clean park benches and other items around the cemetery. Ron was also instrumental in undertaking the cleanup of various sections of the cemetery this spring.

## DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors would like to extend a warm thank you to all those who contributed to the cemetery either by means of a cash donation or memorials: Andy & Corrie Jongenotter, John & Marion Grebby, Doug & Mary Flood, Marian Sowa, Muriel Stoliker, Madeline Johnston, Verna Akey, Marabeth Reid, Marguerite Sutton, Claude & Laurie Stone, Robert Williams, Lorraine Ymker, Marilyn Chilvers, Ron Hansey, Muriel Mimee, Larry & Doris Granger, Ingrid Otte-Pabst and Norman Adshead.

The Board would also like to thank Joanne Wheeler who kindly gave of her time to help Darlene in the overall cleanup of the cemetery this spring.

*Please consider including Elmwood Cemetery in your obituary for those who wish to make a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

There have been a number of complaints of dogs running through Elmwood not on a leash. The By-Laws state, dogs must be on a leash when they are on Cemetery grounds. It is also necessary to pick up after your dog making use of the cemetery garbage containers.



### By-Laws Reminders:

1. Planters/floral displays are to be on hooks or on top of monuments.
2. No glass, plastic, metal or crockery on gravesites.
3. Cemetery is not responsible for broken items.

The By-Laws are enforced mainly for the safety of our grass cutters so that injuries do not occur due to flying objects.

I ask that if anyone is not going to be using the numerous shepherd hooks on your family grave this season, to please remove them and take home with you.

The cemetery has just recently been cleared of faded and dirty floral displays. Anything still in good shape has been placed in front of the green garbage bin beside the cemetery office for pick up. With everyone's help our cemetery can be kept clean and beautiful for all to enjoy!

*Darlene Bulten, Superintendent*

## COMING EVENTS

**AGM** ~ The annual General Meeting will be held at Thurlow Community Center on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:00pm. Refreshments will follow the meeting. The AGM is open to all Rights Holders and any other interested parties.

**DECORATION DAY** ~ The Board of the Directors has decided to refer to our June event as "Decoration Day" instead of Family Day. This year the event is planned for Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30pm. This event is rain or shine. Everyone is invited to join the Directors and Staff for refreshments. There will be a raffle. John & Glenn will give a quick overview of the Revitalization Plan.



*Winter has come and gone and I look forward to an exciting year because of the vision the Board has brought forward to improve the cemetery, which includes the Revitalization Plan. Glenn & John have worked hard to formulate this extensive project. It is the mission of Elmwood to offer the highest level of competence and if ever there was a Board that could, it is this one!*

*Thank you team.*

*Ann Colbourne*

