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# 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

Since our last newsletter back in October, Elmwood Cemetery's Board and Staff have been very active despite the fact that Old Man Winter extended his stay into late April. I hope that you, the Rights Holders, have been able to escape all of winter's ills and are enjoying some nice May weather. Below are a couple of items that we have been working on.



The new Columbarium was completed in late November. This time frame didn't give us too much time to dress up the lawns around it before the cold weather set in, but this will be completed as soon as weather normalizes. As was stated in our previous newsletter, this structure is our first step in developing a new Columbarium area to give our future Rights Holders another option. Like most of us, in our personal lives, we can only accomplish this extensive project in small steps from a financial commitment but that is just fine. There is a photo in our office that shows the current overall plan for this area, so please feel free to drop by to check it out.

We are contemplating alterations to the overall appearance of our Niche area closest to the Cemetery entrance. By this I am referring to the Shepherd's Hooks that have been deposited in this area. We understand the desire to put up a decoration, but this section has become something less than ideal in terms of overall appearance. These hooks not only interfere with our grass cutting and trimming but also in some cases continue to display Christmas decorations well into the summer months. Not all Rights Holders follow through with their good intentions after the Holiday Season is over to keep their plants and flowers looking good. So please consider an alternate way to adorn your loved one's resting place as we start to remove those hooks. The hooks will be marked with a name and will be located behind the office for you to pickup.

Elmwood Cemetery contracts out the grass cutting/trimming and autumn leaf mulching tasks. This contract was held for several years by Ralph & Ellie Mumby and they did an excellent job for us. They were looking for a less hectic pace in life so they decided to retire from this line of work. Our Board received multiple tendered bids for this work for the upcoming season and have awarded a contract to *Complete Property Care*. Their bid was supported with very good references and we look forward to working with them this year.

Our Board has applied for grants, that if approved would allow us to accomplish additional items that we would like to see take place in our Cemetery. We are optimistic, but also realize that this grant money is requested by many organizations, so as the season unfolds, we will know more.

As your Chairperson, I would be amiss if I didn't mention and rightfully applaud our Board members and Staff. This past winter, my wife and I were fortunate enough to spend 3 months in Florida. Elmwood Cemetery's business during my time away was very capably looked after due to the dedication of our Staff and Board members – meetings still took place, grants applied for, grass contract awarded. We have an excellent Staff and Board and I sincerely Thank YOU ALL.

I wish each of you, our Rights Holders, a very pleasant Spring and an even better Summer. May all your Hopes and Wishes for the coming year be realized and please stay safe.

*Burton Sine*

## 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: Burton & Barbara Sine, Ann Colbourne, Marilyn Chivers, Anne Thompson, Laurie Stone, Roy Empy, Lana Reid, Norman Adshead, Ron Hansey, Madeline Johnston, Rob Williams, Marian Sowa, Andy Jongenotter, Doris Cummings, Janet Street, Marguerite Sutton, and Ron Putman. Last year the Cemetery received over \$4,400 in donations, which is extraordinary! We continue to operate the cemetery without any government assistance so your generosity is appreciated. Tax Receipts are given for donations of \$20 dollars and over.

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

## COMING EVENTS



**AGM** – On Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm the Directors will gather for the annual general meeting. This year the meeting will be held at **Elmwood Crematorium** located on the property of Elmwood Cemetery in Corbyville. All Rights Holders and other interested parties are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. We want to say thank you to Elmwood Crematorium for the use of their facility.

**FAMILY TRIBUTE DAY** – Will take place rain or shine on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30pm. Come enjoy the afternoon with your family. There will be entertainment, refreshments and a few door prizes. Everyone is welcome!

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** ~ On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm the Board members along with the staff will gather together to honour our veterans by holding an informal memorialization.

**A few reminders...** 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. Also, the three walking nature trails on Elmwood's property continue to be improved for your use. Everyone is welcome to enjoy them.

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