

# Elmwood Cemetery Newsletter

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## *Experience the Serenity*

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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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## Coming Soon

Cemetery Registry  
for our website!

For past newsletters check  
our website:  
[www.elmwoodcemetery.ca](http://www.elmwoodcemetery.ca)

## BOARD NEWS

The past few months have proven to be an unusually sunny summer with record breaking temperatures. Along with great weather the overall sales of niches and lots have been steady.

Besides selling, Darlene has been busy planting many trees that have been donated to the cemetery. A special thank you to Peggy Graham who was faithful in visiting the cemetery daily to water the thirsty trees.

Last year a substantial donation was given for tree maintenance. With the money Hanna Tree Service removed two dying trees in August. They also pruned twenty-one of the existing trees.

Darlene and Ron Hansey ventured to Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa to learn how to properly assess and repair monuments. This training offered by Ontario Association Cemetery and Funeral Professionals was very helpful.

After several months of deliberations Elmwood Cemetery has signed a new land lease agreement with Ontario Independent Crematorium, better known as Elmwood Crematorium. The business occupies a building onsite and offers cremations for the general public. Our lawyer, Jeff Murray, of Kaufmann, Dockrill and Murray was of great benefit offering his professional advice in working through the lease agreement.

If you are so inclined, check out our newly manicured Nature Trail at the back of the property. Elmwood is very grateful to a gentleman who has diligently worked at not only opening the existing trails but creating an entirely new path for those who wish to enjoy a peaceful walk through the trees. The trail has benches along the way if one wants to sit and take a rest.

To update, the Revitalization Plan was submitted to the Parrot Foundation and the grant was declined. John & Glenn will submit the grant application again at a later date. In the meantime, they will work at preparing a grant application for the Ontario Trillium Foundation.



## 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: Ronald & Judith Barnes, Joan Coll, Barbara Webber, Ken Hayes, Burton & Barbara Sine, Jim Hurd, Bradley Devolin, Mrs. K. Bronson, Marie Johnson, J.R. & Rosemary Allen, Ann Colebourne, Cara Colebourne-Pinchuk, Shirley Shappert, Doris Cummings, Glenn Payne, Albert Adams, Mary Beth Plumpton, Moses & Pam Carles, Marilyn Chilvers, Dorothy Shortt, Ron Hansey, Marion Sowa, Lana Reid and Doreen Ryan.

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

## DECORATION DAY

On Sunday, June 5th, the Board members and Staff enjoyed a time of fellowship with a number of Rights Holders and their families. The winners of the annual draw were Kit Bronson & Jane Ashcroft. The prize for each winner was an outdoor planter. Thank you to everyone who supported the event!



*I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for all those who have contributed in any way to the successful year of 2016. I am blessed to have such an amazing Board of Directors and a faithful Staff who dedicate their time and talents to the overall care of the cemetery.*

*Ann Colebourne*



## COMING EVENTS

**Remembrance Day** ~ On Thursday, 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. 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. Right Holders are invited to light their memorial candle before the service begins. Light refreshments will be served in the office after the short service.



**In Gratitude of Silence** By: *Debbie Holick*

Silent now the soldiers sleep, their tales long laid to rest. I knew them not yet still I weep and place a poppy o'er my breast.

They were husbands, brothers, fathers, sons; so valiantly they fought. On shores stained red, on hands and knees; it was our freedom that they sought.

Courageously they stood their ground but freedom carries a cost. Thousands of men were wounded and countless lives were lost.

So in gratitude of silence and all those who have served, sleep now, you have earned it. Your peace is well deserved.