

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

Burton Sine ~ Chair
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BOARD NEWS

I hope our Rights Holders were able to cope with all that this last winter offered for weather. I am sure it was a bit of a challenge for some folks contending with the ice and all. For most, a change of seasons' is always welcomed, be it Fall to Winter, or Winter to Spring. Anyway, Spring is here now.

We would like to welcome a new cemetery director. Heidi Hibbert has offered to join our Board on a one year basis. This is in order to give her an opportunity to know the workings of our Board and determine if it fits with her volunteer desires. Heidi comes with many years of volunteering and will be a great asset to our Board.

We have continued to submit applications for grants to make improvements in the cemetery. Maybe one of these times we will be successful. Two of our Board members, John & Glenn, have been tenacious to this end and deserve much credit.

Some of our Board members have recently attended training to better understand the Government legislation that changes from time to time and how it affects the operation of a Cemetery. This government body is called the "Bereavement Authority of Ontario" or BAO. The BAO oversees how cemetery by-laws, rules & regulations, etc., are implemented by a cemetery. They are of immense assistance when a cemetery has to deal with an out of a normal day to day situation.

Just a reminder, that the water line in the Cemetery was extended along the east side of the most easterly road last Fall. This hopefully will make it easier for those wanting to water flowers in the east & south sections of the Cemetery this coming summer.

Did you know: There is a "Care & Maintenance" Fund associated with each cemetery in Ontario. The BAO legislates that there be such a Fund. The monies from this Fund are to maintain a cemetery if for any reason a cemetery should go into major disrepairs due to no individuals/company looking after a cemetery. How does this Fund get funded? More details to follow in our October newsletter.

I hope that by the time you read this newsletter, you are enjoying the warmer weather. Have a good Spring/Summer Season.

Burton Sine ~ Chair
(613) 966-6840

Elmwood Cemetery U16 Belleville Bengals

We are pleased to once again sponsor the same Rep Baseball Team as last year. Schedules will be available at the office for pick-up if you are interested in coming to the games!



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: Ron Hansey, Glenn Fillatre & Robert Campbell, Ronald Putman, Ann Thompson, Shirley Elliott, Kirsten Musclow, Marie Johnson, Burton & Barb Sine, Jim Hurd, Andy Jongenotter, Pam Ferrell, John Grebby, Muriel Stoliker, Lorraine Ymker, Ann Colebourne, Madeline Johnston, Laurie Stone, Roy Empy, Deborah Carr and Peter Reitsma. 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.*

On Saturday, April 27th Darlene, along with the board, and even **some spouses** worked hard to clean up the cemetery grounds. The results were noticeable. Many hands make light work! Some items around the gravestones were removed for the grass cutter's benefit, and can be picked up by Rights Holders on the north side of the office by the large bin.

COMING EVENTS



AGM – On Tuesday, May 28th 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 9th 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 Sunday, November 10th at 4:00pm the Board members along with the staff will gather together to honour our veterans by holding an informal memorialization.

Gravestone Cleaning: If you would like to have your monument power washed please notify the office. A donation in the amount of your choosing would be greatly appreciated.



We would like to welcome Darcy DesRoches from **Great Canadian Land Services Ltd.**, to Elmwood's team of contractors. In April the Board of Directors hired Darcy's company to uphold the high standards set by the Board to keep the grounds looking orderly, beautiful, and peaceful. We hope our relationship will be one of long lasting mutual respect.

Elmwood Cemetery By-laws Reminder

For the past few months the Board of Directors have been revisiting the cemetery's by-laws in order to meet the BAO's standards. The following notice was put in the local paper to make Rights Holders aware that changes have been implemented.

NOTICE

Elmwood Cemetery

The Board of Directors has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.

Any interested parties may contact **Burton Sine** at Tel: 613-966-6840 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at **412 River Road, Corbyville**.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002*. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356

Our Board will be making a more concerted effort this upcoming Season to improve the overall appearance of the cemetery. Some items that are put on a loved one's grave/monument do not meet our cemetery by-laws. Please find below some of our by-laws by which we maintain Elmwood Cemetery:

1. No items made in whole or in part of glass, plastic, metal, wood or crockery are permitted on graves or monuments or to be left anywhere in the Cemetery
2. All permanent markers must be of stone, granite, marble or bronze.
3. Stands, posts, supports or brackets of any material displaying initials or words may **NOT** be placed on any grave site within the Cemetery.
4. Floral stands are to be of a single leg support type and **NO** more than one (1) stand per plot.
5. Ground level containers are **NOT** permitted as they hamper the lawn cutting and trimming.
6. Ornamental or dwarf trees, shrubs or plantings on grave sites are **NOT** permitted.

A very large majority of our Right Holders abide by these by-laws and I am sure in some cases folks simply were not aware of them. We are asking for your help in maintaining these standards. Please try to understand over the course of this Spring/Summer if certain items have been removed by the Cemetery Board members and staff. We are only striving for our ultimate goal – *“A PLACE OF TRANQUILITY, TASTEFULNESS AND FOR OUR RIGHTS HOLDERS AND COMMUNITY TO BE PROUD OF”*.

Thanks for your Cooperation,
Elmwood Cemetery Board
