

# 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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## **BOARD NEWS**

Here we are, another six months have come and gone since our last newsletter and it is time for an update. Although the pandemic is still here, this area thankfully continues to keep low numbers and has recoveries occurring faster than new cases. We hope this newsletter once again finds you and your family members in good health.

We continue to be kept informed by the BAO (Bereavement Authority of Ontario) on a regular basis of any changes to the Provincial Guidelines which are mandatory for us to follow. Our Superintendent, Darlene, continues to do an amazing job keeping current and implementing these changes.

Our Annual General Meeting, which is normally held in May, has not taken place as of this writing. When a date is set all details will be shared on our website and Facebook page. In the meantime, we encourage anyone with concerns, questions, or comments to please contact the office. Our contact information can be found in the green area of this newsletter.

Although we were unable to have our Family or Decoration Day, we are happy to say we are beginning to plan for our annual Remembrance Day Service to be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM. Please note that like all functions we will be following Provincial Guidelines. Information will be posted closer to the date on our website and Facebook page.



**Columbarium Project:** Back in our May newsletter we were happy to share with you our plan on creating a 35ft (10.7m) circle around the tower Columbarium we have on a knoll just east of the office and that it was our hope to start surrounding it with 5 lower Columbaria. After some planning we have gone ahead with a 40ft (12.2m) circle and 7 lower Columbaria. The larger circle allows us to have more space

between the Columbaria on all sides to allow for a more accessible access. We are also pleased to share that the initial work has been completed by Adam Kooistra (AK Custom Landscapes) and the circle and footings for the Columbaria are in place with one of the Columbaria ordered. This will be a project with phases over the next 2 to 3 years but we remain committed to keeping it as presentable as possible.

## ***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. Tax Receipts are given for donations of \$20 dollars or more. Just a reminder that starting this year you will now receive one “donation receipt” by February 28 the following year that details all donations for the previous year. We much appreciate all donations as they go a long way in improving your Cemetery. This year again we received a very nice donation from the City of Belleville. It is excellent that our Municipality/Council supports this public/non-denominational Cemetery within its borders.

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

**THANK YOU:** The Board of Directors and Staff would like to give a much deserved thank you to Adam Kooistra. Adam has been doing the construction work for the new Columbarium however has gone out of his way to do numerous other jobs for the Cemetery at no cost. Adam has done extra work in leveling the parking area for the trail, relocated the sun dial and re-aligned it North, added and leveled gravel on our driveway going into the office so there are no more potholes, and so much more. Adam, thank you! Not only for the amazing job you’ve been doing on the new construction but also for going above and beyond to help us out.

**Decorations:** With the holidays approaching we would like to remind our Rights Holders that decorations that are in good taste are welcomed, however from time to time we must deal with decorations that are either not good in taste or are beyond their freshness such as flowers/wreaths or Christmas decorations in May. Unused, or empty, shepherd hooks have been removed but not thrown out. We ask that you please take these with you and store them at home when you are not going to use them. We like to keep your Cemetery as neat as we possibly can, so please try to follow up on this small detail and if you can’t, let us know and we will remove items for you however we will not store them. Our Cemetery bylaws, which are on our website, give detailed information about this, and we are always happy to answer any questions.

**Keeping In Touch:** In the past two newsletters we mentioned about helping us keep up to date with your contact information. We know there have been a couple of instances of individuals receiving both a physical copy and email copy of the newsletter. We want to thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to get everything updated and ensure things like this don’t happen.

We have recently been setup on a new, modern, technical environment to help get everything in order and work is being done to update our Cemetery software. We kindly ask if you receive both a physical and email copy too, or need to have information updated, please let us know as we continue to get everything updated and configured.

**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.

In closing, the Board of Directors’ wish is for all of you to continue to remain safe through this pandemic and upcoming Flu Season; and may we all be able to enjoy holidays and reconnect once again in the new year.

***Respectfully  
Your Elmwood Cemetery Board & Staff***

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