

# 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.

## Board of Directors

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## **BOARD NEWS**

Although a little later in the month than usual, here we are, another six months has passed since our last newsletter, and it is time for another update. While some things have changed, others have remained the same, and while the numbers of those with the current strain of COVID-19 continue to fluctuate we hope this newsletter continues to find you and your family in good health.

We've been hard at work improving the Cemetery since the spring. We have a new Niche wall added by the Columbarium near the office, with the installation of paving stones set to start soon. We have also paved the upper part of the Cemetery near our nature trail and the crematorium and created a packed gravel drive leading to the office.

Our Property Chair, Ron Hansey, has been hard at work. He has added a new watering station, planted new trees to replace the ones lost by the various windstorms, and along with volunteers spread approximately 175 cubic yards of mulch on the nature trails.

Our AGM saw a couple of individuals come out to hear and learn everything that has been happening at the Cemetery over the last couple of years. It also saw Janna Munkittrick-Colton volunteer to join the board. We thank her for volunteering and welcome her and her experience.

**Remembrance Service:** Our annual service for Remembrance will take place on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be **STARTING EARLIER** at 4:15PM. We look forward to seeing everyone for this important annual event, and like previous years we will be recording it and putting it online so that those who aren't able to join us in person may still do so virtually.

**Board Position:** The Board of Directors is still looking for a volunteer to fill a vacant board position. We meet approximately 6 times a year and any other times when required. If you are interested in serving our community by helping our Cemetery, please contact us at [info@elmwoodcemetery.ca](mailto:info@elmwoodcemetery.ca) or 613 962-4652 to let us know your interest.

**Cemetery Benches:** While we appreciate the time, dedication, and money that goes into creating a custom bench, the Board of Directors requests that you consider donating a bench. Please come and speak with us so that we can assist you in acquiring a bench that will match the others throughout Elmwood.

## ***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 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.

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

**We've got a signal:** Anyone that has been to the Cemetery or who has even driven by knows that the cellular reception is next to non-existent. Thankfully our Property Chair, Ron Hansey, has been hard at work and has installed a small tower with a cellular booster. This has given our office a much-needed improvement to help serve you better.

**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 in good 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 By-laws, which are on our website, give detailed information about this, and we are always happy to answer any questions.

**Email issues:** Although we have updated to a new, improved, and modern technical environment we have been experiencing some user confusion. The Social Media Chair, Peter Matwyuk, will be working with the Superintendent, and other staff, to ensure there are no further delays in correspondence and that any unanswered emails are addressed soon.

We apologize for this inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this transition. If you have sent an email that has not been responded to please call our Superintendent, Darlene, at 613 962-4652.

**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. May we all be able to enjoy the holidays and continue to reconnect with family, friends, and community in the new year.

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

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