

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

Well, here we are again, already six months since our last newsletter and time for an update. After what seemed to be an unending winter, spring is finally upon us once again. Nature is blossoming with revitalisation all around us, and so too is our cemetery.

To assist with wayfinding, we have started the installation of 20 new signs that will replace some of the older ones throughout the cemetery. The signs will indicate the Sections (A-G, J. M), the office and the parking area.

To keep our Rights Holders and visitors better informed we have updated the double-sided Notice Board just inside the front gate. The board displays a map showing the Sections, the landmarks, a price list, contact information, the latest newsletter and some of our important by-laws.

Perhaps one of the most noticeable revitalizations you will see is the landscaping done by the new Columbarium area located by the cemetery Office. Our contractor, Adam Kooistra, and his team have been hard at work completing the project and enhancing the beauty of our cemetery.

Unfortunately, like the previous couple of years, Family Day / Decoration Day will again not be taking place. This is because we have noticed a growing decline in numbers and a general lack of interest. We do ask if this was an event you enjoyed attending, please reach out and let us know so we can better evaluate this decision for next year.

Many enhancements have been made to our Nature Trails that are bringing a lot of joy to adults and families that are using them. This includes spreading mulch to soften the trail and adding tree faces and other adornments that catch your eye. So, we hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and we look forward to seeing you out at Elmwood.

Annual General Meeting:

We, as a Charitable organization, need to have an Annual General Meeting where our Rights Holders and the public are encouraged to attend and hear what has transpired over the last year.

We will be having our Annual

General Meeting on Tuesday, May 30th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cemetery's Board Room, located in the Cemetery's office. We encourage our Rights Holders and all those interested to please come and attend.

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VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

We couldn't do all that we do at our cemetery if it wasn't for our amazing volunteers. If you are interested in helping around the cemetery, with your time and talent, please contact us as we would be most gracious.

Due to recent storms, we are beginning to lose some of our beautiful trees. We are slowly replacing them, and if you're interested in donating towards a new tree, please contact the office and we will be happy to help.

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

Nature Trails: At our last board meeting we decided we would all go for a hike on one of our nature trails. So, with some of us in the golf cart and others on foot we went into the woods behind the cemetery. We wound through the trees and on top of the leaves and entered a peaceful area where you were deep in nature; with the sounds of the bullfrogs and the birds if you were quiet.

After we finished, we had a renewed appreciation of how great this little secret of the cemetery is. Helping with healing, being one with nature, and knowing that your family members aren't far away. So, the next time you come visit your family, consider taking some time to enjoy one of several well-marked trails maintained by our amazing volunteers.

Columbarium Update: As part of the cemetery's overall revitalization, we started Elmwood's newest Columbarium area, back in 2017 with the middle, taller, Columbarium. Originally it was surrounded by lawn but had an overall goal to be surrounded by more Columbarium units. In 2021 our contractor, Adam Kooistra, installed inground concrete foundations for seven more Columbarium's, surrounding the middle unit.

We were able to purchase and install an additional Columbarium that year, which was the start of the seven units to encompass our center piece. This is where it has been for the last couple of years.

This spring Adam and his team returned with their excellent professionalism. They have added pavers for the entire 40ft circle and have locked them together. Topsoil around the perimeter has been added and seeded, and once they take root, the landscaping portion of this project should be completed, with plans to order another Columbarium unit soon.

Ball Team: We are happy to announce we are sponsoring a ball team once again. Elmwood's Team is in the Jr. Mite Division (born 2015-2017). Jr. Mites teams are currently set to play on Tuesday nights, however once registration is finished and the schedules are completed, we will share the information on our website and Facebook page for anyone interested in watching and cheering the team.

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 hope all of you continue to keep safe, enjoy the warm weather on the way, and have a lovely spring and summer. We hope to see you come for a visit and perhaps use one of our trails.

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