

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

It has been another busy six months at Elmwood and we are excited to share news with you including: an update on the new columbaria and granite benches, the Annual General Meeting date, and an update on memorial trees and benches.

As part of the 8th Annual Canadian Business Awards hosted by Corporate Vision, Elmwood Cemetery was recognized as the **Most Compassionate Small Cemetery in Ontario for 2024**.

New Columbaria and Benches:

Two curved columbaria and three granite benches are expected to be installed during the third week of May 2024. Like the previous two orders these are also from Carrier Mausoleums Construction Inc. in Montreal, QC and they will match in style and design. These units will increase the available niche inventory from the current 27 to 123.



Annual General Meeting: As a Charitable organization, we 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

28th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cemetery's Board Room, located in the office. We encourage our Rights Holders and all those interested to attend.

Memorial Gift Fund: A gift of a new memorial tree would help to replace those older maple trees lost due to age, wind and storms. In late summer and early autumn, nurseries have clearance sales on their tree inventories, and we buy a few each year. If you would like to donate towards one, the average cost of suitable trees is \$250. Many of the cement benches throughout the cemetery have fallen in disrepair. The gift of a new cast-iron bench would be appreciated. The average price of suitable benches is \$300. In both cases, a charitable gift receipt can be provided and a memorial plaque could be added. Smaller donations can also be made to this fund for inclusion in other memorial initiatives.

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

Update on Pre-ordered Memorial Trees and Benches: A supplier for the memorial benches has been identified and we are awaiting the delivery of five benches to cover the initial orders. A supplier for memorial trees has also been identified and we will be purchasing the appropriate number of maple trees very soon. You will be contacted if you have donated funds towards either of the memorial items so that you can attend the installation or planting day.

Cancellation of Family Day / Decoration Day: Unfortunately, Family Day/ Decoration Day will not be taking place. 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.

Water Lines: This is a reminder that our water lines and taps are open from May 1st to October 15th to facilitate watering of your personal floral displays.

By-laws: A copy of our By-laws is provided at the time a Contract for Services is signed. They are also available on our website: www.elmwoodcemetery.ca under the tab 'About Us'. Special attention should be paid to the section titled Memorialization (Section G). Violations of these By-laws will be brought to the attention of the Interment Rights Holder and appropriate action will be taken. In order to facilitate these discussions, you are reminded to keep us up to date with your contact information.

Seasonal Decorations and Saddle Flowers: With winter behind us, we would like to remind our Rights Holders to please remove any decorations that are not in good taste, such as Christmas, as well as check on the freshness of flowers and wreaths. If you can't, let us know. In high winds, saddle flowers often fly off of the headstones and it can be difficult for staff to reunite them with the appropriate headstone. It would be beneficial if the saddle blocks had the family name written on it to assist us. Fallen decorations in good condition will also be moved to the open wooden box behind and to the right of the cemetery office.

Garbage: You are encouraged to discard planter baskets beside the garbage drums rather than in them. Our garbage drums often contain refuse from personal homes and dog poop bags that are not tied with a knot. These actions are disrespectful to the cemetery and unpleasant for the maintenance personnel.

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.

Sponsorship: Elmwood Cemetery is pleased to once again sponsor a Minor softball team. Schedules will be available at the office for pick-up if you are interested in coming to the games!

The Board of Directors' wish is for all of you to remain healthy and safe. A reminder that our nature trails are open year-round! We welcome your questions and feedback through a telephone call at 613-962-4652 or an email to info@elmwoodcemetery.ca.

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