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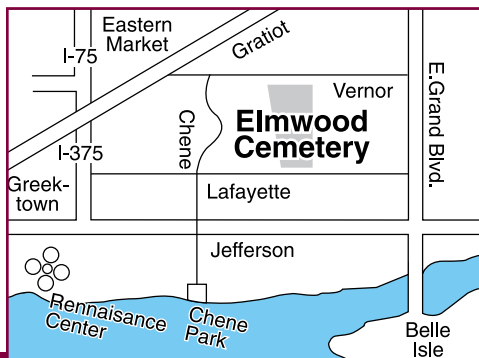
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COME *Experience* ELMWOOD!



BIRDING MIGRATION SEASON IS UPON US!

Elmwood is pleased to partner with Detroit Audubon Society to offer monthly programming for our birding enthusiasts. Following the guided walk, we will meet in the chapel to discuss the various species seen, migration, habitat, and to enjoy refreshments.

Leucistic Red-tailed Hawk. Leucistic birds are mostly white but can produce some pigment as this particular bird showed us, a golden hue in many of the feathers.





ELMWOOD TREES – DETROIT’S FIRST CERTIFIED ARBORETUM

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Check our website,
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for more information, and for
newly added events.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Join our grounds crew and local school children as we plant trees in honor of Arbor Day and talk about the importance of trees to our environment, how to care for them and how they are used in producing everyday products.

TREE TOURS are held in the spring and fall. Join us as we and an arborist talk about the history of Elmwood and some of the different species among our 1,450 trees in this walking tour. Of course, trees are also discussed during our bird walks and our history tours.

TREE IDENTIFICATION CLASS

The arborist shares her knowledge in how to identify trees through leaf shape and color, bark type, buds, and growth. Waiting for date confirmation!



ELMWOOD CEMETERY & FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 8	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
JANUARY 17	African American Heritage Tour, 10 a.m.
FEBRUARY 12	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
FEBRUARY 13	African American Heritage Tour, noon
MARCH 12	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
MARCH 22	Tour with Detroit Audubon and Detroit Boxing Club, 4:00 p.m.
APRIL 9	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8 a.m.
APRIL 22	Arbor/Earth Day Celebration, 9:30 a.m.
MAY 1	Spring/Summer Grounds Access Hours 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Daily
MAY 14	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8 a.m.
MAY 22	Spring Tree & History Tour, 10 a.m.
MAY 27	Memorial Day
JUNE 11	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8 a.m.
JUNE 18	Underground Railroad Tour, 8 a.m.
JUNE 26	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m. Tree Identification Class, 11:00 a.m., Gatehouse

JULY 9	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11:00 a.m.
AUGUST 2	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m.
AUGUST 13	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:00 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 10	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 11	Patriots Day
SEPTEMBER 15	Fall/Winter Grounds Access Hours begin 8:30 – 4 Daily
OCTOBER 8	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
OCTOBER 9	Kids Fun Run
OCTOBER 29	Fall Tree & History Tour, 8:30 a.m.
NOVEMBER 2	Tombstone Tales “Around the Pond” Tour, 9 a.m.
NOVEMBER 2	All Souls Requiem Mass, 10 a.m., Chapel
NOVEMBER 11	Veterans Day Commemoration – 37th Annual, 10 a.m., Civil War Section
NOVEMBER 12	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 10	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.

STAY CURRENT

Keep up with what is happening at Elmwood Cemetery by checking our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Elmwood is thankful for the generous support of the Mary Thompson Foundation that funded the recent acquisition of assistive listening devices to help those better hear speakers on our guided walks.



ELMWOOD'S OUTDOOR SCULPTURE GARDEN

Elmwood Cemetery's unique display of memorial art creates a lasting legacy, from towering obelisks to flat markers. The decorative symbolism of memorials has much to do with the period of time and indicates something of importance to the honored individual. Many of these symbols as memorial art date to Victorian era influences in the 19th century

Today, we are highlighting the torch which became popular as memorial art during this time.

A lit torch represents life, immortality, and the everlasting life. They may be depicted on top of monuments, upright or downward facing.

The inverted or upside-down torch represents death of the person, life extinguished. If the inverted torch has a flame, it symbolizes the eternal life of the soul and the resurrection. If there is no flame, it means the extinction of life and mourning.

The inverted torch was closely associated with the Greek god of death, Thanatos, and was also due to the Roman practice of conducting funerals at night where torches were needed for light and were used to light the funeral pyre.



TOMBSTONE TALES HISTORY TOURS

Elmwood is delighted to offer guided walking tours throughout the year. The tours are approximately 90 minutes and are held in all weather. Learn the stories of those interred at Elmwood. Or perhaps you would prefer a smaller tour – private and group tours are also available by contacting Joan Capuano.



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SPRING 2022

MESSAGE FROM TERRY BOOK

President, Historic Elmwood Foundation



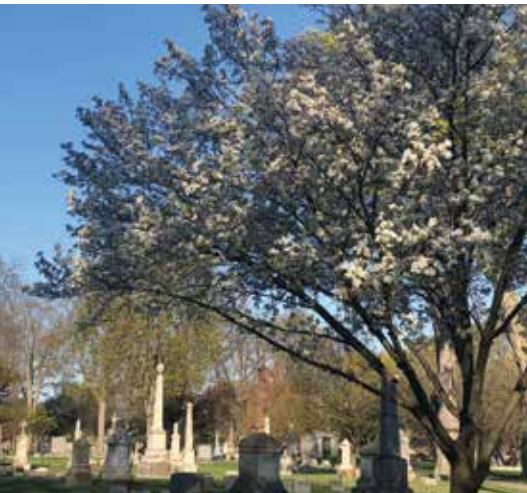
Historic Elmwood Foundation Board of Directors pictured front row, Mimi Crawford and Terry Book; back row John Snyder and Jim Deutchman.

Not pictured Reverend Steven J. Kelly and Susan Rohde.

Your Support Matters! Please help us ensure Elmwood Cemetery remains a sanctuary for all by donating today.

2022 will be a year of outstanding programming and continued restoration at Elmwood. Your donations make our work possible and permit us to better serve our Elmwood community. On behalf of the cemetery trustees and foundation's directors, I thank you for your past support and I hope you will consider donating this year to the Historic Elmwood Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit and all donations are fully tax deductible as permitted by law. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today! You may also make your donation online through our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org. Thank you again for your continuing support of our educational programming, community events and restoration needs here at Elmwood Cemetery.

Warmest regards.



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Our Mission:

To preserve the history and educational significance of Elmwood Cemetery; and to develop social, cultural, and educational programs to benefit the community.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT ELMWOOD

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SPRING AND SUMMER CEMETERY HOURS

Grounds Access: May – September 15 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. **Daily**

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We sincerely regret any errors or omissions in the listing.

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SELF-GUIDED MAPS AND AUDIO TOURS

- *African American Heritage* – From the 1800s through present day, Elmwood is proud to honor many key African American leaders.
- *Business Visionaries* – Many Detroit business leaders were visionary, smart, persistent, influential, and passionate. They, along with many others, took advantage of the ability to establish and grow businesses here.
- *Leadership Legacies* – Elmwood is the final resting place of 7 governors, 11 US senators, and 30 Detroit mayors.
- *Underground Railroad Network to Freedom* – Highlighting those buried at Elmwood who were significant members or supporters of the Underground Railroad and took steps to abolish slavery in the United States.

ELMWOOD BIOGRAPHIES

Elmwood has significantly expanded its information on people in the cemetery and we include photos where possible.

ARBORETUM TOURS

Elmwood developed self-guided tree tours, dividing the 86-acres into three maps highlighting deciduous, flowering, and evergreen trees throughout Elmwood's acreage. The actual trees have a tree identification marker with the scientific and common name as well as a QR code. If you have a smart device, you can use this code to learn more about the particular species.

BIRDING SPECIES LIST

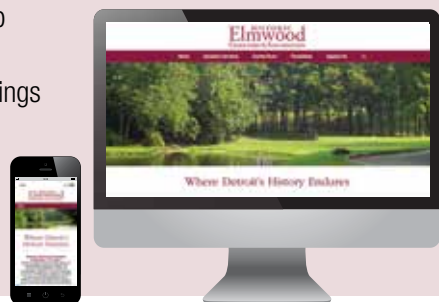
Our birding list continues to grow. Please let us know if you see or hear additional species during your walks on our grounds.

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We are excited to launch our new website. Please take a look!

We will use this to keep you better informed on our events and happenings here at Elmwood.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We would like to make sure we have the most recent contact information for you. We know you would like to be kept informed of rule changes or issues that affect your lot, as well as cemetery activities. Please update your telephone number, address, and email through our website www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org, Contact Us, by calling the office on (313) 567-3453, or by email at jcapuano@elmcem.org.

Beautiful LOTS AVAILABLE

Elmwood Cemetery has prime lots available for individuals and families. In addition, the Cemetery working with the Historic Elmwood Foundation has designated nine large family lots available for purchase. The lots are located throughout the property and range in size from 20' x 20' to 20' x 30'. They are the perfect size for your family mausoleum or large memorial. These special lots are only available through the Foundation and include a donation to the Foundation. Please contact the office staff if you are interested in any lot at Elmwood.

