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**Fall and Winter Cemetery Hours**

**Cemetery Grounds Access**
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Daily (Sept. 15 – May 1)

**Office Hours**
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – noon Saturday
This office is closed on Sundays.

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www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org
Welcome to beautiful historic Elmwood Cemetery where Detroit’s history endures! The fall is a wonderful time to visit this natural greenspace. Whether you are interested in the memorial art found in our monuments or appreciate the fall color change through our incredible arboretum, we invite you to come and experience Elmwood. Look inside to find out more information about our fall events. All events are free of charge, including our guided tours, but they do require reservations by emailing jcapuano@elmcem.org or by calling Joan on 313/801-1971.
FALL 2022

MESSAGE FROM TERRY BOOK
President, Historic Elmwood Foundation

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

2022 has been 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.

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

- September 10th 8 a.m.,
- October 8th 8:30 a.m.,
- November 12th 9 a.m., and
- December 10th 9 a.m.

We anticipate that these birding walks will continue on the second Saturday of the month through the winter 2023.

ELMWOOD TREES – Detroit’s First Certified Arboretum

- Fall Tree Identification Class will be held on September 25th at 9 a.m.
- Fall Tree Tour will be held on October 29th at 9 a.m.

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. Reservations required.
**TOMBSTONE TALES HISTORY TOURS**

Elmwood is 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.

- **September 17th** at 11:00 a.m.
- **October 30th** at 9 a.m.
- **November 2nd** at 9 a.m.
- **November 12th** at 11 a.m.

Or perhaps you would prefer a smaller tour – private and group tours are also available by contacting Joan Capuano.

**KIDS’ FUN RUN**

*Le Run for Le Rouge*, a charity 5K run organized in partnership with Detroit City Sporting Coalition. The run will start at Detroit City Fieldhouse on Lafayette and route through the Cemetery grounds. Runners and walkers are welcome and should register through Le Run for Le Rouge 2022 (runsignup.com). Proceeds benefit youth soccer programs providing low or no cost opportunities for players in the city of Detroit. October 9th at 10:30 a.m.

**ELMWOOD CEMETERY & FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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<td>Kids Fun Run, <em>Le Run for Le Rouge</em>, 10:30 a.m.</td>
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Check our website, [www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org](http://www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org) for more information, and for newly added events.
Elmwood 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.

Today, Joannie Capuano, Foundation Executive Director, is highlighting some of her favorite monuments seen at Elmwood.

The Granger monument in Section G has many different symbols: draped cloth and cording for military service; the shaking hands which might mean farewell or welcome to eternity and the crown with the cross meaning faith above all else but when paired together with the hands most likely indicates a Mason membership; bountiful baskets and sheaths of wheat indicate prosperity.

Here it is the saying I love so much on the Bristol monument “She hath done what she could.” Wouldn’t we all like that to be said about us! Above is etched “Sacred to the memory of Mother.” The angel looks as if her face is tear stained. Section V.

The Detroit Firefighters monument found in Section 1 depicts a firefighter in period uniform with the traditional horn in the crook of his right elbow and his helmet in his left hand. Lower on the monument are depicted the first firehouse in Detroit and original firefighting equipment.

This monument in Section M was erected “by his Brethren in Grateful Remembrance of Most Worshipful Horace S Roberts.” He was a Colonel in Michigan’s First Infantry during the Civil War. He died at Bulls Run second battle on August 30, 1862. “His body fills an unmarked grave.” He served as a Mason Grand Master in 1861. The flame on top of the monument represents eternal life.

The cross with the symbols associated with the four gospel writers. St. John – a rising eagle; St. Luke – a winged ox; St. Matthew – a divine man; and St. Mark – a winged lion. Sections K and 8.
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.

REMEMBER OUR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS – FREE OF CHARGE!

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT ELMWOOD
Visit our new website [www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org](http://www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org)
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](http://www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org), Contact Us, by calling the office at (313) 567-3453, or by email at jcapuano@elmcem.org.
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.

BEQUESTS

Over the years we have been blessed to receive donations from people who have chosen to remember Elmwood in their will. We are quite grateful for this legacy. If you would like to include the Historic Elmwood Foundation, language for a gift to be made following your death is simple and can be incorporated into a new will or added by an amendment to your existing will. Please contact Joan Capuano, Executive Director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation, for assistance.

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know you can give online?

You can now make donations on our website. Scan the QR code or visit us at:

https://elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org/foundation/support-us