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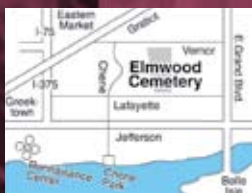
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7am - 7pm

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2008

Message from Francis W. "Sandy" McMillan

President - Elmwood Cemetery



We are excited to present our new management structure at historic Elmwood Cemetery. We are aligning the business to better meet the future needs of the Elmwood community and ensure that the grounds and facility are optimally maintained.

Mr. Mike Shukwit, a six-year employee with Elmwood, has been promoted to Director of Operations. He has fifteen years of experience in the cemetery business, including superintendent of another metro area cemetery. Mike is responsible for managing the outside operations and purchasing. He will oversee capital improvements at the Cemetery, such as our recent improvements to the Chapel, and the next phase of the road restoration. Mike continues to work with our outstanding grounds crew. He will

coordinate the tree reforestation and maintenance plan, development and maintenance of wildflowers and gardens and the monument restoration program.

Ms. Bonita Smith, Memorial Advisor, has been promoted to Director of Administration. Bonita is responsible for managing the overall administration of the Cemetery including record keeping, banking, and coordinating accounts receivable and payable. In addition, she is addressing systems issues such as our technology needs and general office procedures. Bonita also retains some of her sales responsibilities. She has 17 years of experience in the industry. She joined Elmwood Cemetery in 2004.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Ciara Green-Lowe has joined the staff of Elmwood Cemetery as Memorial Advisor. Ciara reports to Mr. Allen Barksdale, Director of Customer Service, and works directly with customers on memorial, tribute and preplanning needs.

We look forward to serving you and your families. Thank you for your continuing support.

Cemetery Tours

Regular guided tours will be held May through October. Retired Cemetery Director Mr. Chancey Miller will regale tour participants with the interesting stories of those laid to rest at Elmwood. Typically, our tours are held in all weather and are walking tours. We do have a small transportation vehicle to assist the elderly or disabled. This must be arranged in advance.

Bus tours of forty individuals or less can also be accommodated. Advance reservations are required for all tours. Please contact the office staff to arrange your tour.

Proceeds from all tours are given to the Historic Elmwood Foundation. Members of the Historic Elmwood Foundation receive free tour admission depending upon their level of donation. Non-members incur a charge of \$5 per person for regular tours. Group tours are \$50 for 10-20 people and \$100 for more than 20 people. Special tours are priced separately.



Perennial Splits?

Elmwood is hoping to add beautiful perennials throughout the cemetery. If you are splitting the perennials in your garden, please consider donating your splits to the Cemetery. We will find a spot where they will be appreciated by our many visitors. Please drop your splits off at the Cemetery garage, across from the gatehouse. While you are here, take a moment to say hello to the office staff or drive through the grounds to check our progress! If you are unable to bring your splits to Elmwood, please contact the office and we will try to make arrangements to pick them up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• May - October

Join us for a regular guided walking tour! The tours will leave promptly at 10 am from the gatehouse on the **first** Wednesday and **third** Saturday during the Summer months. Advance reservations are required. Foundation members tour for free. \$5 tour fee for non-members.

• May 1 • Summer Hours Begin

Expanded hours, 7am - 7pm, for grounds access.

• May 10 • Mother's Day

Remember to contact our office by May 7th to purchase a floral arrangement or flower bed for your mom's site!

• May 21 • Flower planting

Join our staff and volunteers as we plant annual flowers in beds throughout the Cemetery.

• May 24 - 26 Memorial Weekend

• June 12 • Flag Day

11am, Civil War Lot

• June 21 • Father's Day

Our office staff will help you honor your father with a floral arrangement or flower bed.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 17th century, people sometimes had coffins built with escape hatches or bells attached, in case they revived after burial. It is believed that this practice may be the actual origin of the phrase "saved by the bell."

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Pictured from left to right, first row: Cheryl Barksdale, Bonita Smith, Allen Barksdale, Jr.; 2nd row Ciara Green-Lowe, Michael Shukwit.

Transportation Vehicle

The Mary Thompson Foundation made a \$10,000 donation to Elmwood Cemetery to enable Elmwood to purchase a six-person transportation cart. This cart will be indispensable as more people will be able to take advantage of the many tours, historical tributes and events held at Elmwood Cemetery every year. It will also permit Elmwood's staff to take special care of those visitors who are no longer able to walk to their loved one's grave or are in special need during a grave side or mausoleum service.

The transportation cart is burgundy in keeping with Elmwood Cemetery's colors. It has a cream colored canopy and seats. Special mirrors have been installed at the front to allow the Elmwood staff person driving the cart to see each person seated in the cart. It is powered by electricity to provide a quieter ride and to be less disruptive to the natural serenity of the Cemetery.

The transportation cart bears a plaque acknowledging the generosity of the Thompson Foundation. Headquartered in Detroit, the primary aim of the Mary Thompson Foundation is to assist the frail and elderly in Michigan. Its fields of interest include centers and services for the aging, geriatrics, and nursing home and convalescent facilities. Elmwood greatly appreciates the support of The Mary Thompson Foundation.

Tune Into Our Website

Discover more of everything about Elmwood! We regularly update the website with the latest news on our Foundation projects, biographies of those who are laid to rest here, new happenings at the Cemetery, and upcoming events. The website also offers links to other Detroit and national programs of interest. We will add a section on America's rural cemetery movement this summer. Visit www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org



Historic Elmwood Foundation



Message from Terry Book, *President*

The Foundation is now in its fourth year and I am very proud of what we have accomplished. Each year, we have an annual appeal centered on various projects that further the mission of the Foundation: to preserve and protect the treasure that is Elmwood Cemetery. I would like to take a moment to update you on some of our 2007 projects.

Historic Chapel Renovation

In 2007, we completed the renovation of the interior of the Chapel including painting, new flooring, lighting and refinishing the hardwood altar floor. We replaced exterior wood, where necessary, and painted. We removed the iron screens from over the stained glass windows, thereby improving the natural light in the Chapel. This spring we are refurbishing the landscaping around the Chapel.

Monument Restoration

During the last 160 years, more than 80,000 burials have taken place at Elmwood Cemetery. Rich and poor, famous and unknown have come to rest in our ground. Many have memorials, and some have elaborate tombs. The passage of time and our 4-season climate have taken their toll on all. Today, there are markers, monuments, and mausoleums that need care but have no family remaining to provide for this upkeep. Some funding was provided last year and the Foundation has begun to repair and restore a few of these "abandoned" memorials. We will post "before and after" photos on our website.

Tree Reforestation

We have over seventy species of trees on the Cemetery property. The Foundation is working with an arborist and a landscape architect to ensure a thoughtful planned approach to Elmwood Cemetery's reforestation. Trees have been selected to replace damaged or dying trees, or to add a new species. This Arbor Day, April 25, 2008, we planted three concolor fir trees. This is possible due to your generous donations and a mini-grant of \$200 received from the State of Michigan. We await word on a DTE Foundation matching grant request that, if granted, would help fund the planting of 27 additional trees in 2008.

Wildflower and Garden Fund

The grounds crew worked diligently in 2007 to expand the color around the gatehouse area. Last Fall we prepared additional areas for planting. Landscape architect Candy Sweeny identified various new locations for wildflowers and bulbs were planted across from the pond. A new 30 foot garden, consisting of native Michigan grasses and flowers, will be placed in section B. Garden groups and individuals are always welcome to adopt small or large areas at the Cemetery.

Road Restoration

In 2007, we completed the first phase of our road restoration program. Along the southern section of the Cemetery, we added great appeal with completely new roads and curbing. The curbs will prevent water and soil run-off on to the roads and provide a finished look to the Cemetery. The first phase impacts sections 10, 11, B, C and D. While this is not a very glamorous project, it is necessary and costly. The second phase will begin this July.

Our annual appeal will occur in late May. We hope you will consider giving generously. This year the Board is pursuing renovation of the historic pond. If you would like to play a key role in any of our projects, please contact Joan Capuano, Executive Director of the Foundation.



FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

We are thankful to the many friends who supported the Historic Elmwood Foundation in 2007.

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You are cordially invited to become a member of the Historic Elmwood Foundation. All members will receive a copy of the bi-annual newsletter, free tour admission, and will be listed on the Elmwood website. Those contributing \$250 or more may choose to also receive a commemorative poster.

Just fill out and send the member card below along with your check or credit card information.

Your fully tax deductible donation will go toward Board identified projects that further the mission of the Foundation. Past projects have included the Chapel restoration, bench installation and ground beautification. Please contact Joan Capuano at 313-567-3453 for additional information.



Enroll me at the following level:

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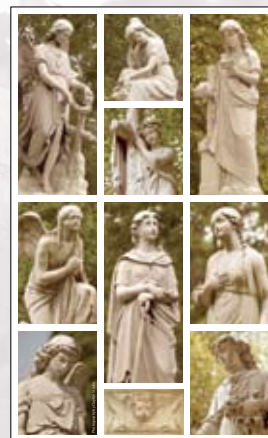
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☐ Please note my updated address

☐ I would like to know more about joining the Corp of Volunteers to help with tours, educational and/or community programs.

☐ Please send me information electronically.



☐ *Please send me the Angels of Elmwood poster.

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Bequests

In 2007, two individuals remembered Elmwood in their will. Their bequests are greatly appreciated. If you are planning a charitable bequest or trust designation, please consider including the Historic Elmwood Foundation. Language for a gift by bequest is simple and can be incorporated into a new will or added simply by a codicil (amendment) to your existing will.

The following are examples of bequest statements that may be used as models. The Historic Elmwood Foundation encourages you to discuss the language in preparing your bequest or trust designation with your professional advisor. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your advisors to develop language tailored to your specific needs. Such collaboration ensures that the correct legal language is used and that your wishes are accurately understood. Please contact Joan Capuano, Executive Director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation, for assistance.

Unrestricted Residual Bequest

I give the Historic Elmwood Foundation, 1200 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48207, Federal ID 20-3821302, (_____% of the residue of my estate) or (the sum of \$_____), to be used by the Historic Elmwood Foundation, wherever the needs and opportunities are greatest.

Unrestricted Contingent Bequest

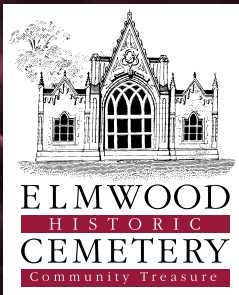
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Memorial Donations

The Historic Elmwood Foundation is pleased to accept memorial donations and will note them as such in our annual reporting of donations. Merely indicate this donation is in memory of _____ by _____.

If you would like your memorial donation to be listed as "A Friend of Elmwood," please so indicate.





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Request For Updated Contact Information

It is important that we know how to reach our lot owners and friends. We know you want to be kept informed on rule changes or development issues that affect your lot as well as information about cemetery activities. If you have a new address, phone number or e-mail address, please let us know by phone, mail or e-mail.

Beautiful and Tranquil Lots Available

From traditional burial in our gardens, to above ground entombment in our mausoleum, and to an array of niche selections for those choosing cremation, Elmwood presents the finest and most dignified burial options, all at a price with which you'll feel comfortable. Please call our office staff for more information or to schedule a pre-planning meeting.



New Service - Memorial Cleaning

Elmwood Cemetery is pleased to offer memorial cleaning.

Individual flat markers **\$120 each**

Companion flat markers **\$200 each**

Monuments **\$100 per linear foot of base**

Large monuments or family mausoleums need to be quoted individually. Please contact our office for assistance with this new service.

Elmwood Cemetery Offers Floral Tributes



You may purchase a **bed of begonias** (24" x 14.5") to be placed in front of your loved one's lawn-level, slant marker or family monument. We will plant, water and remove the begonias. Weather permitting, the begonias will be in place before Memorial Day and until late September. The price is \$60 and must be paid in advance. Order forms and pictures of the begonia bed are available on our website www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org, or you may contact the office.

Floral Arrangements are available to commemorate that birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, date of death, or other special occasion. Two sizes are available, \$50 or \$100. The office staff will need at least three business days' notice. An order form may be downloaded from the website and faxed to the office or you may simply contact the office.