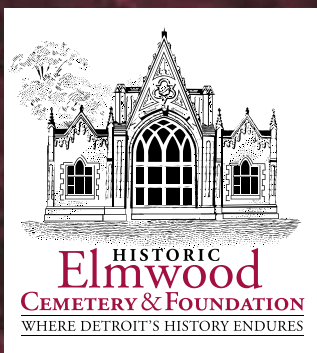


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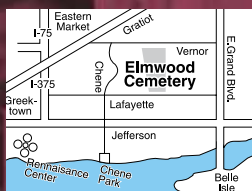
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Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm  
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**Cemetery Hours (May-Sept.)**  
7am - 7pm, Daily

## Message from Sandy McMillan, *President, Trustees of Elmwood Cemetery*



Dear Families and Friends,

I am pleased to report that Elmwood Cemetery continues to thrive. This is supported by over 400 burials and the thousands who visited our grounds or participated in our special programs during 2010. Further, our endowment fund – that ensures the Cemetery is well cared for into the future – is healthy and recovering nicely from the down turn in the market in the fall 2008.

Please take a close look at our upcoming events. Our tours can be stylized to meet your special interest. I hope you will find time this year to come and enjoy beautiful Elmwood Cemetery.

The spring offers particularly

picturesque views with the green grass, the trees and shrubs in bloom, and the return of wildlife. The effort of our staff and grounds crew is evident throughout the property.

I encourage you to contact our staff if you are interested in any of our available lots. We have both prime individual as well as large family lots.

Thank you for placing your trust in us.

## INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY 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 viewing any of our prime individual or family lots.



## FLORAL TRIBUTES

### BEGONIAS!

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 in late September. Weather permitting, the begonias will be in place before Memorial Day. The price is \$60 and must be paid in advance. Order forms are available in the office or through the website.

**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 four business days' notice.

You can choose to purchase a floral arrangement or begonia bed each year or buy them now and have them in place every year for your loved one. More information about perpetual flowers and an order form can be found on our website or by contacting the office staff.



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# Historic Elmwood Foundation

## Message from Terry Book, *Foundation Chair*



I am very pleased to welcome Karen Schrock, M.S. to the Board of Directors. Karen was born and raised in Detroit. She is the President and CEO of Adult Well-Being Services, named by Crain's Detroit Business as the Best-Managed Nonprofit Runner Up in 2009. Karen is a tremendous addition to our Board and, as with all our directors, will work closely with Joan Capuano, our Executive Director, to develop our future plans and programs.

It has been exciting for me to be a part of the revitalization of Elmwood Cemetery over the course of the past 5 years! During this time, we have renovated the chapel and the pond, started our road restoration, re-established gardens on the grounds, developed community programs that benefit thousands. In 2010 alone, we supported the metro-Detroit community through celebrations on Memorial and Arbor Days, as well as

Veterans Day with the Detroit Historic Sites Committee where we were joined by over 1,000 people including US Senator Levin and Robert Bobb. We had 24 regular tour dates, including the launch of our new African American History Tour and hosted more than a dozen special interest groups. The tours are one way we share the lives of those laid to rest here, and discuss our architecture and environment. We also hosted families at our annual Tree Lighting that honors the year's deceased. In addition, Elmwood Cemetery continues to be utilized as an educational resource for elementary, high school and college programs. We celebrated the Foundation's accomplishments at a reception last fall with many of our donors.

Your donations have made all these accomplishments possible. I thank you for your support and I hope you will consider donating again this year to the Historic Elmwood Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non profit and all donations are tax deductible. No portion of any donation goes toward administrative expenses. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today! Information on making a bequest can be found on the website, [elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org](http://elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org).

Again, we sincerely appreciate your financial support.



Pond Island

New Wildflower and Michigan Grass Garden



Arbor Day tree planting and tour



Marshall Fredericks' Geese Before

**Mission:** To preserve the history and educational significance of Elmwood Cemetery and those laid to rest in the cemetery; and to develop social, cultural, and educational programs to benefit the community.

## MONUMENT AND MARKER MEMORIAL CLEANING SERVICE

Elmwood Cemetery is pleased to offer memorial cleaning.

- **Individual markers**      **\$120 each**
- **Companion markers**      **\$200 each**
- **Monuments**      **\$100 per linear foot of base**

Large monuments or family mausoleums need to be quoted individually. Please contact Mike Shukwit to make arrangements or download the memorial cleaning form from our website.



Before



After







## DID YOU KNOW?

Memorial art is used to honor a loved one and create a lasting legacy. There are hundreds of variations in memorial design. Some memorials are adorned with leaves: ivy symbolizes grief; willow – sorrow; cypress – hope; laurel – victory; wheat sheaves – old age; ferns – eternity.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 15**  
**Summer Floral Beds Available!**  
Please order through the website or by contacting the office.
- **April 28**  
**Arbor Day Celebration**  
9:30 a.m., Gatehouse  
Join our grounds crew as we plant a weeping willow tree along the creek.
- **May – October**  
**Regular Guided Tours Begin**
- **May 1**  
**Summer Hours Begin**  
Extended hours for grounds access through September, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- **May 8**  
**Mother's Day**  
Remember to contact our office by May 5th to purchase a large floral arrangement or flower bed for your mother's site! Our office also will sell small bouquets for \$10 on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. You may drop in or call and ask us to place the bouquet at your loved one's site. *Quantities are limited.*
- **May 25**  
**Annual Flower Planting**  
9 a.m., Gatehouse, weather permitting. Join our staff and volunteers as we plant flowers in beds throughout the cemetery.

Flowers Added



- **May 27 – 30**  
**Memorial Weekend**  
Our office will sell small bouquets for \$10. You may drop in or call and ask us to place the bouquet at your loved one's site. *Quantities are limited.*
- **May 30**  
**Memorial Day Celebration**  
Detroit Firefighters will be honored at 10 a.m. More information will be provided on our website and in local newspapers.



Memorial Day

- **June 14**  
**Flag Day**  
10 a.m., Civil War Lot.
- **June 19**  
**Father's Day**  
Our office staff will help you honor your father with a floral arrangement, if ordered by June 15th. Our office also will sell small bouquets for \$10 on Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18. You may come into the office or call and ask us to place the bouquet at your loved one's site. *Quantities are limited.*
- **October 1**  
**Fall/Winter Hours Begin**
- **November 2**  
**All Souls' Day, Chapel**  
Please join us in the Chapel for an All Souls' service. Our office also will sell small bouquets for \$10 on November 1 and 2. You may drop in or call and ask us to place the bouquet at your loved one's site. *Quantities are limited.*
- **November 11**  
**Veterans' Day**  
10 a.m., Civil War Lot  
Our veterans will be honored at a ceremony sponsored with the Detroit Historic Sites Commission.

Veterans' Day



## DISCOVER MORE

about Elmwood! Visit  
[www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org](http://www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org)



## CEMETERY TOURS

Elmwood Cemetery has a lively tour program with guided walking tours. These tours vary from our general tour to specific interest tours honoring the Civil War, African Americans, Art & Architecture, our Landscaping or any particular area requested. 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. Advance reservations are required for all tours. Please contact the office staff to arrange your tour.

General tours start at 10 a.m. and will be available May through October. Advance reservations are required. Our tour guides will regale tour participants with the interesting stories of those laid to rest here at Elmwood. Our tours are held in all weather and are walking tours. We do have a small transportation vehicle to assist the elderly or disabled but use of the vehicle must be arranged in advance.

### Regular Tours will be held on:

- **Wednesday, May 4**
- **Saturday, May 21**
- **Wednesday, June 1**
- **Saturday, June 18**
- **Wednesday, July 6**
- **Saturday, July 16**
- **Wednesday, Aug 3**
- **Saturday, Aug 20**
- **Wednesday, Sept 7**
- **Saturday, Sept 17**
- **Wednesday, Oct 5**

### African American Heritage Tour

Last year Elmwood launched a new special tour highlighting key African Americans buried at the Cemetery. These special guided tours will be held monthly. The tour starts at 10 a.m. and requires advance reservations.

### The dates are:

- **May 14**
- **June 11**
- **July 9**
- **Aug 13**
- **Sept 10**



*William Lambert*



*William Nathaniel  
"Sunnie" Wilson*



*George DeBaptiste*



### Halloween Tour

Each Saturday in October Elmwood presents its Halloween Tour. Hear some of the odd tales of those buried at Elmwood. The tour starts at 10 a.m. and advance reservations are required.

- **October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**

### Special Interest Tours

A minimum of 8 people is requested for a special interest tour. Time and date to be privately arranged with Joan Capuano.

### Bus Tours

Bus Tours of forty individuals or less can also be accommodated.

**Reservations for all tours can be made by calling (313) 567-3453.**

## OUR EXPERIENCED STAFF

Please contact our staff whenever the need arises by calling (313) 567-3453.

Michael Shukwit, Elmwood Cemetery Director of Operations, has 19 years of experience in the cemetery business. Mr. Shukwit is responsible for managing the outside operations, buildings, capital improvements, grounds, memorial/monument cleaning, arboretum, gardens, and working with the Foundation on its restoration and education plans.

Bonita Smith, Director of Administration, has 20 years of experience in the industry. Her responsibilities include managing the overall administration of Elmwood including record keeping, banking, and accounts receivable and payable. In addition, Ms. Smith provides guidance to customers on lot selection, mausoleums, and all other burial matters.

Ciara Green-Lowe, Elmwood Cemetery Memorial Advisor, has over 10 years customer service and sales experience. She counsels customers on all burial matters including selection of lots and niches, memorials, and tributes as well as preplanning needs.

Joan Frear Capuano, Historic Elmwood Foundation Executive Director. She directs all Foundation projects, community outreach, tours, events and programs. In addition, she is responsible for communications, grant seeking, and the Annual Fund Drive.



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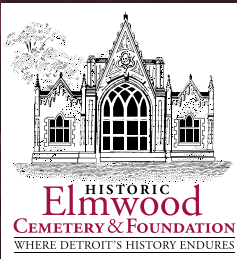


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*Return Service Requested*



## 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 make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you!

## 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.

## *So Much to See and So Much to Do...*

- **Spring planting.** If you, your friends or garden club are interested in adding to the beauty of the cemetery, there are many areas that are available for flowers. Please call Joan Capuano for more information.
- **Do you enjoy running, walking or biking with a group of friends?** Please consider using Elmwood's pathways. The office staff would be happy to make arrangements for a time that works best for you.
- **Bird watching** on our grounds provides a natural environment for dozens of different species.
- **Artists** are encouraged to come and sketch or photograph the many sculptures in the cemetery. If you have art of the Cemetery that you would like to share with our visitors, please contact Joan Capuano. We will consider them for posting in our office and on the website.
- **Tours and Events**  
Please look inside to find out more about what's happening at Elmwood!

