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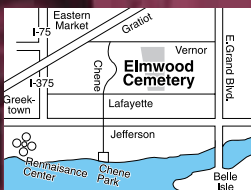
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NEWSLETTER

2013

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



Spring has arrived! Please visit Elmwood to witness our splashes of color throughout the grounds from our daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, lilies and other perennial plants to our lilac bushes and dogwood trees. The grass is green from the winter snow and spring rain and provides a lovely back drop to our arboretum and spring color. Elmwood is breathtaking.

This is one of our busiest seasons with families visiting loved ones on Mother's, Father's and Memorial days. School children and special interest groups participate in our very active tour program, and special events. We encourage you to take advantage of all Elmwood offers.

Our staff is here six days a week to address your needs. Please schedule an appointment with one of our memorial advisors should you want to learn about our available lots. As always, we are honored that you have placed your trust in us.



BATTLE OF BLOODY RUN

250 years ago this July, the British and the Indians fought a fierce battle. In an attempt to break Chief Pontiac's siege against Fort Detroit, British Captain James Dalyell urged Major Henry Gladwin to authorize a surprise attack on the Indians. Gladwin reluctantly agreed.

At 2:30 a.m. on July 31, Dalyell began his intended surprise attack on the Indian encampment. However, Pontiac had learned of Dalyell's plan (perhaps from his French allies) and gathered more than 400 men to fight the British. Pontiac ordered nearly half the men to hide on the opposite side of a narrow bridge below the Indian encampment. As the British troops, some 200 soldiers, attempted to cross the bridge over Parent's Creek, they were themselves victims of an ambush.

Gunfire erupted from all sides devastating the British. Dalyell realized his plan was destined to fail and called for a retreat. Unfortunately, the call came too late. The only hope left for the British was to charge their way out of the battle. Dalyell and about sixty of his men were killed as a result of the fire fight.

There was so much blood spilled in the battle that the water in Parent's Creek appeared red. The Creek became known as Bloody Run. This battle marked the height of Chief Pontiac's siege of Detroit, which he was forced to abandon three months later.

The only portion of Bloody Run Creek that is exposed today lies in Elmwood Cemetery. It runs north-south along the pond road in the valley. Visit Elmwood and imagine the terror felt by the British as they were ambushed over the eastern ridge by Chief Pontiac's men.



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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.

Message from Terry P. Book, President, Historic Elmwood Foundation



Each January the Board of the Foundation meets to set our agenda for the new year. We determine commitment levels for community outreach, events, education, and restoration. Our focused approach has enabled us to achieve great progress in the Foundation's mission. None of this would have been possible without the donations that you provide each year.

Elmwood is comprised of 86 acres; the buildings and grounds, while maintained beautifully, are in need of restoration, and our community outreach is in high demand. Your donation will help us restore our grounds and gardens, preserve our buildings, and present enriching events and educational opportunities that make historic Elmwood Cemetery such a dynamic setting in Detroit.

We thank you if you have already contributed this year to the Historic Elmwood Foundation. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, we hope you will join those who support this remarkable place. Please complete and return the enclosed envelope with your donation. We still have much more we need to accomplish! Together we can achieve our common goal of ensuring Elmwood Cemetery is restored and relevant for future generations.

SAVE THE DATE

June 6, 2013

All donors to the Historic Elmwood Foundation will be invited to a reception celebrating the Foundation's accomplishments.



Governor Rick Snyder appoints Foundation Executive Director, Joan Frear Capuano to the Michigan Historical Commission

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This March, Governor Rick Snyder appointed our Foundation Executive Director, Joan Frear Capuano, to the Michigan Historical Commission. Joan is one of nine commissioners in the State charged with safeguarding and promoting Michigan's great history, and approving State historical markers. The Governor said "preserving and promoting our state's outstanding historical significance is of great importance, and I am confident that Joan will effectively serve in this role." Elmwood is proud to support Joan in this endeavor.



Joan Frear Capuano,
Executive Director

WEBSITE REDESIGN

This spring Elmwood will launch a redesigned website. If you are interested in receiving email blasts when we announce events and newsworthy matters, please send an email to jcapuano@elmcem.org. We commit to you that we will not send frivolous emails nor bombard you with daily contact.



DISCOVER MORE

about Elmwood! Visit
www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org

ELMWOOD CEMETERY UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 15**

Summer Floral Beds Available!

Please return the enclosed order form, visit our website or contact the office.

- **April 23**

Arbor Day Celebration

10 a.m., Gatehouse

Join our grounds crew as we plant a weeping willow tree along the creek.

Arbor Day tree planting and tour



- **May – October**

Regular Guided Tours

- **May 1**

Summer Hours Begin

Extended hours for grounds access through September, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

- **May 12**

Mother's Day

Remember to contact our office by May 8th 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 10 and 11. You may drop in or call and ask us to place the bouquet at your loved one's site. *Quantities are limited.*

- **May 22**

Annual Flower Planting

9 a.m., Gatehouse, weather permitting. Join our staff and volunteers as we plant flowers in beds throughout the cemetery.

- **May 24 – 27**

Memorial Weekend

Our office will sell small red, white and blue 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.*

Memorial Day



- **June 6**

Historic Elmwood Foundation Donor Reception

4 – 6 p.m., Gatehouse

- **June 14**

Flag Day

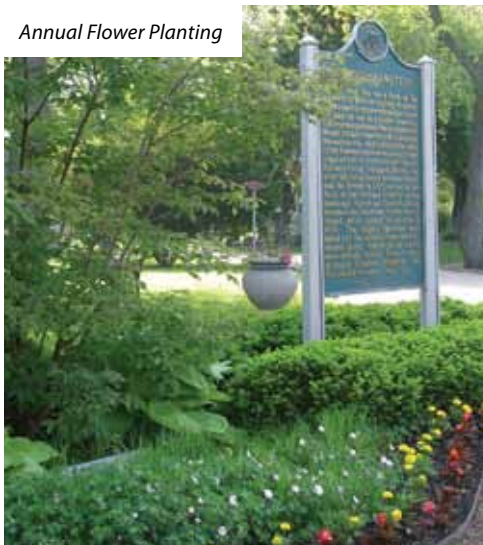
10 a.m., Civil War Lot

- **June 16**

Father's Day

Our office staff will help you honor your father with a floral arrangement, if ordered by June 13th. Our office also will sell small bouquets for \$10 on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15. You may come into the office or call and ask us to place the bouquet at your loved one's site. *Quantities are limited.*

Annual Flower Planting



- **October – April**

Grounds access from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily

- **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 Friday and Saturday, 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.*

Veterans' Day



- **November 11**

Veterans' Day

10 a.m., Civil War Lot

Our veterans will be honored at a ceremony sponsored with the Detroit Historic Civil War Society. Our office will sell small red, white and blue 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.*

- **December 2**

Tree Lighting Ceremony

6 p.m., Gatehouse

Please join us as we honor those who passed away during 2013 with our tree lighting ceremony. Refreshments and holiday cookies are served.

Tree Lighting Ceremony



ELMWOOD CEMETERY TOURS

Elmwood Cemetery has a lively tour program with guided walking tours. These tours vary from our general tour to specific interest tours concerning 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 share with tour participants 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:

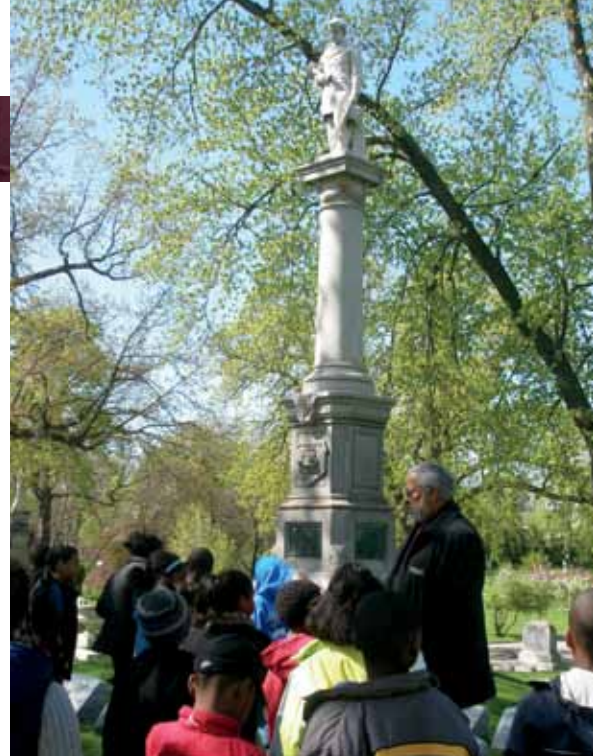
- **Saturday, May 11**
- **Monday, May 13**
- **Monday, June 10**
- **Saturday, June 15**
- **Saturday, July 13**
- **Monday, July 22**
- **Saturday, Aug 3**
- **Monday, Aug 12**
- **Monday, Sept 9**
- **Saturday, Sept 14**
- **Saturday, Oct 12**
- **Saturday, Oct 19**
- **Saturday, Oct 26**

African American Heritage Tour

Elmwood has 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 on Mondays:

- **June 17, July 15, Aug 12 and Sept 16**



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.

WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY ELMWOOD...

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.

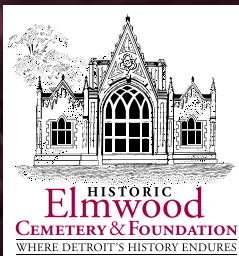
Do you enjoy running, walking or biking with a group of friends? Please consider using Elmwood's pathways. The office staff would be happy to make arrangements for a time that works best for you.

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!





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.



OUR EXPERIENCED STAFF

Michael Shukwit, Elmwood Cemetery Director of Operations, has over 20 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.



*Michael Shukwit,
Director of Operations*



*Bonita Smith,
Director of
Administration*



*Ciara Green-Lowe,
Memorial Advisor*

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.

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



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.

THANK YOU

We know you appreciate the benches that have been placed throughout the cemetery grounds. We would like to thank the Mary Thompson Foundation for helping us provide our families a place to rest as they visit their loved ones in the mausoleum or look over the restored pond area.

