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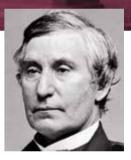
ELMWOOD GROUNDS ARE OPEN DAILY!

We have had quite a winter here in Michigan. Our grounds crew did an exceptional job of keeping roadways clear to give our families access to their loved ones' lots. Now it is time to look for those early signs of the much better weather — warm breezes, sunshine, and splashes of color! Please visit Elmwood or arrange a tour for your friends or special group. Spring is truly a breathtaking time at Elmwood — our grass is green, flowering trees are budding to show their magnificent color and unique perennial plants abound.



JACOB MERRITT HOWARD

Few men in this country have the opportunity to make significant changes to our Federal Constitution. Jacob Merritt Howard, in his lifetime, wrote state and national laws whose principles and precepts are still observed today. Howard was instrumental in drafting the words of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the US Constitution. He is recognized as one of the most conscientious, hardworking, sincere and principled men in 19th century politics.



2014

Jacob Howard was born in Vermont and educated in Massachusetts. He married Catherine Amelia Shaw and they had seven children. Howard, an eloquent orator, was a lawyer and politician. He was elected Detroit Attorney in 1834 and state representative in 1838. He was Michigan Attorney General from 1855 to 1861. As one of the founders of the Republican Party, he made political and legislative history in Michigan and the nation's capitol.

Howard was vehemently opposed to slavery. It was 250 years ago this month that Howard's work on the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery, was first passed by the US Senate. Although the proposed amendment hit many bumps in its path to passage due to members concerned about usurping states' rights, the amendment was supported subsequently by both legislative branches and President Lincoln and then ratified by the states in 1865.



Howard's final resting place is located in section B, just beyond the Chapel. His memorial is so very meaningful. He chose the obelisk which in the 1800s became a common site in cemetery's across the nation following the construction of the Washington Monument in our nation's capitol. Howard, however, left specific instructions for his family. If at the time of his death all men in the United States were free, Howard's monument was to tower into the sky. On the other hand, if there was even one man still enslaved in the United States or its territories, then his obelisk was to be intentionally broken, and it was. This is symbolic of his life ending prior to the completion of his work. The words of the 13th Amendment, Section 1, are inscribed upon the base of Howard's monument: Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Historic Elmwood Cemetery & Foundation

Message from Sandy McMillan, President, Trustees of Elmwood Cemetery and 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 and your generous donations have enabled us to achieve great progress with our





grounds and gardens restoration, preservation of our buildings, and development of enriching events and educational materials that make historic Elmwood Cemetery such a dynamic setting in Detroit.

We have a strong skilled work force that anticipates the restoration needs and helps us to meet them in a cost effective manner. Our

management team has continued to exceed expectations in growing our business; and our Trustees have worked diligently to ensure the needs of the Cemetery will be cared for in perpetuity by thoughtful management of the Cemetery's investment account.

Now, we are looking to prepare the Historic Elmwood Foundation to operate in perpetuity and

have established an endowment fund. This will ensure that the Foundation will be self-sustaining in

the long term and be able to continue to bring unique community events that share the story of Elmwood and preserve the haven enjoyed by school children, academic and special interest groups, as well as the greater Detroit community. Together we can achieve our common goal of a restored Elmwood Cemetery that is relevant and accessible to future generations.

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 or you may make a donation electronically through our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org

Historic Elmwood Foundation Mission Statement:

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.

www.ElmwoodHistoricCemetery.org

Check out Elmwood's 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 weekly contact.

DISCOVER MORE about Elmwood! Visit www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org



SAVE THE DATE

June 2, 2014

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



ELMWOOD CEMETERY TOURS 2014

Elmwood Cemetery, an oasis of nature in the heart of Detroit, has a lively tour program. The tours vary from our general tour to special 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 for furthering its community outreach. 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.

Regular tours start at 10 a.m. and will be available May through October. 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. Advance pre-paid reservations are required.

Regular Tours will be held on:

- Saturday, May 3
- Tuesday, May 20
- Saturday, June 14
- Saturday, Aug 9
 - Tuesday, June 17

African American Heritage Tour

- Tuesday, July 1
- Saturday, July 12 • Monday, Aug 4
- Tuesday, Sept 9 • Saturday, Sept 27
- Saturday, Oct 4 • Tuesday, Oct 7
- Saturday, Oct 11

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 and payment.

The dates are on Tuesdays:

• May 6, June 24, July 22, Aug 26 and Sept 30

WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY ELMWOOD ...

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 your group.

Bird watching on our grounds provides a natural environment for hundreds 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.

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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.

 Saturday, Oct 18 Saturday, Oct 25

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ELMWOOD CEMETERY UPCOMING 2014 EVENTS

• April 14

Summer Floral Beds Available!

Visit our website or contact the office. Ouantities are limited.

• April 28

Arbor Day Celebration

10 a.m., Gatehouse

Join our grounds crew as we plant a new trees along the western fence line in Section A.

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 11

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 9 and 10. You may drop in or call and ask us to place the bouquet at your loved one's site. Quantities are limited.

• May 21

Annual Flower Planting

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

• May 23 – 26

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.



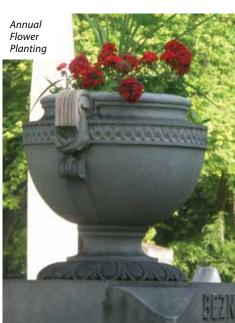
June 2 **Historic Elmwood Foundation Donor Reception**

4 – 6 p.m., Gatehouse

• June 14 Flag Day 10 a.m., Civil War Lot

• June 15 Father's Day

Our office staff will help you honor your father with a floral arrangement, if ordered by June 12th. Our office also will sell small bouquets for \$10 on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14. 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 – April Grounds access from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily

November 3 All Souls' Day, Chapel

Please join us in the Chapel for our All Souls' service. The office also will sell small bouquets for \$10 on Friday and Saturday, October 31 and November 1. 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 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 1

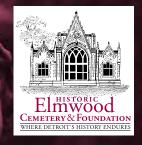
Tree Lighting Ceremony

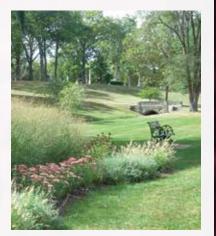
6 p.m., Gatehouse

Please join us as we honor those who passed away during 2014 with our annual ceremony. Refreshments and holiday cookies are served.

Tree Lighting Ceremony







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.

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.

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.

ORDER SUMMER FLOWERS TODAY



Please visit our website or contact the office staff to order your summer flowers today. Our staff will plant and water your flowers from May through mid-September. Last year we sold out of our available flowers in early May. Don't miss out – **ORDER TODAY!** Or, eliminate the hassle of remembering, and arrange for perpetual flowers.