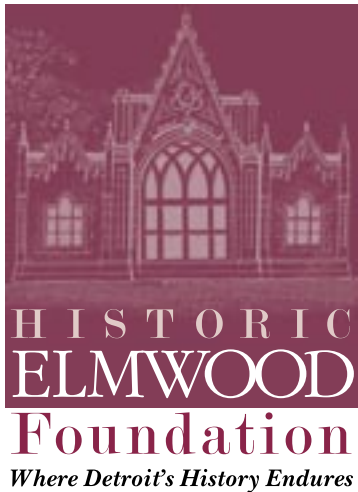


Historic Elmwood Foundation



Board of Trustees Establishes Historic Elmwood Cemetery Foundation

The Elmwood Cemetery Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the establishment of the Historic Elmwood Cemetery Foundation.

The idea for the Foundation was formulated by the Board of Trustees as a way to create a "Friends of Elmwood" organization to accomplish formally what so many other organizations in the community have achieved. The Foundation will promote the beauty and historical significance of Elmwood Cemetery. Because the Foundation is a financially separate and distinct entity, it can undertake those objectives that the not-for-profit Cemetery could not.

The Foundation, in addition to enhancing and preserving the beauty of the Cemetery's grounds and buildings, will also develop social and cultural programs to benefit the community and will develop education programs to help schools, colleges and other organizations.

Several members of the Foundation Board of Directors have already been appointed, and the Board of Trustees of Elmwood Cemetery is currently seeking other civic, cultural, educational and religious leaders to round out the roster.

One hundred and sixty years after the Cemetery's establishment, the Historic Foundation offers Elmwood a promise of even more great years ahead of it.

Historic Elmwood Foundation to Aggressively Promote Cemetery Beautification, Preservation and History

In its board-appointed mandate to enhance the existing beauty of Elmwood, the new Historic Elmwood Foundation will be focusing special attention on improving the grounds and buildings of the Cemetery.

Elmwood's trees, flora and wildlife will benefit from the Foundation's protection, conservation and cultivation. Identifying, planting and pruning the 80 different varieties of trees on Cemetery property is under consideration. Also, the Foundation plans to undertake general landscaping, which would include individual and corporate sponsorships of specific areas, as well as replanting and trimming fence lines and creating new fence planting designs.

The Foundation hopes to restore the Cemetery's 1850's era Chapel with the establishment of a special fund for improvement and maintenance. Other projects that are under consideration are: the creation of public seating areas in the park and signage that would identify the sites of historically significant individuals.

Recognizing the importance of the rich cultural and historic significance of Elmwood, Chancey P. Miller, the Foundation's new Executive Vice President and former Cemetery General Manager, plans to develop many social and cultural programs to benefit both the City of Detroit and the community members served by Elmwood.