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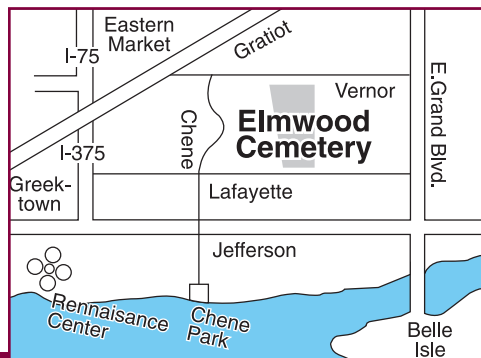
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ELMWOOD CEMETERY CELEBRATES 175 YEARS SERVING THE METRO DETROIT COMMUNITY

Elmwood Cemetery's first burial on September 12, 1846 was Frederick D. Canfield, an infant child and the nephew of cemetery trustee Henry Ledyard. He was buried on the grounds in Section A just a few weeks prior to our official dedication ceremony on October 8, 1846.



Elmwood's founding trustees were Israel Coe, Alexander Fraser, John Jeness, Henry Ledyard, John Owen, and Charles Trowbridge. They were all prominent citizens in Detroit who chose to establish a burial ground for all people—regardless of heritage, religion, or race. Initially they purchased forty-two acres of the George Hunt farm. Additional Hunt property was later purchased along with the farm of D. C. Whitwood, bringing Elmwood to its present eighty-six acres.

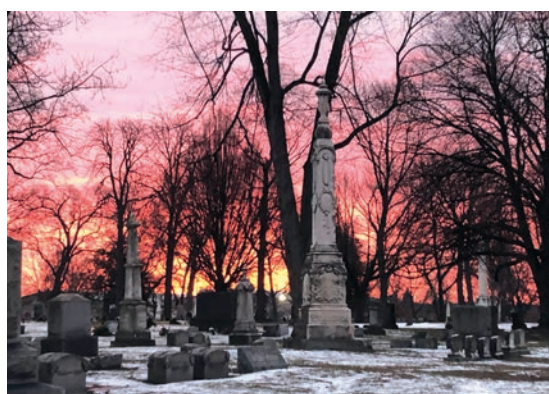
Elmwood is designed as a “rural or garden” cemetery where nature provides a soothing park-like setting to the burial ground. Large stands of trees provide shade to visitors and are a backdrop to the beautiful memorials chosen by families and friends to honor loved ones. Designed prior to the park movement in the United States, Elmwood continues to be used by its visitors as a spot to honor and remember the deceased but also as a spot to enjoy nature, exercise, or picnic.

We have served the Metro Detroit community continually since 1846 and are proud to carry forward the traditions and expectations of our founding trustees.

On behalf of the trustees and staff, it is an honor to care for your loved ones. Thank you for placing your trust in us!

Mike Bernard

Trustee of Elmwood Cemetery, President



COME *Experience* ELMWOOD'S GREAT FALL COLOR!

We are delighted to once again offer community programming at Elmwood. Like so many other organizations, the Covid-19 pandemic caused a disruption to our regular event schedule. We have opportunities for birding, guided tours, special events and ceremonies, and our arboretum programming.

FALL GUIDED TOUR SCHEDULE

Elmwood Cemetery contains the graves of many prominent men and women including 7 governors, 11 U.S. senators, 30 Detroit mayors, military heroes, and countless business and community leaders. Come join us on a guided walking tour as we share the stories of Detroit and the people that helped

shape our great city. Our walking tours are FREE and last about 2 hours. We do require advance registration by emailing jcapuano@elmcem.org. Please provide your name, date of your desired tour, and the number of guests. Joan will send you a confirmation email.



HISTORY TOURS: CAPTURING THE SPIRIT OF ELMWOOD

September 25th at 9 a.m.

October 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.—*a special one-hour walk prior to our All Souls' Service*



UPCOMING BIRDING EVENTS

Please join us to see our native birds as well as those migrating south for warmer weather.

September 18th, 9 a.m.

October 23rd, 9 a.m.

November 13th, 9 a.m.

December 11th, 9 a.m.

FALL TREE TOUR

Join us as we pair a bit of history with learning about Elmwood's different trees from a certified arborist. The arborist will share how to identify different species explaining varying bark and leaf design, as well as flowers and buds. She will also discuss disease prevention and tolerance.

October 24th at 8:30 a.m.



Tours are also available through our partners – Detroit Historical Society, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and Preservation Detroit.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY

The fall is a beautiful time to visit Elmwood Cemetery. Please keep these dates in mind for your fall activities:

OCTOBER 9 War of 1812 Rededication Ceremony, 1 p.m.

We will remember and honor the contributions of patriots Hugh Brady and Elijah Brush at their gravesites in Section A. This celebration is in collaboration with the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 – General Alexander Macomb Chapter.

OCTOBER 10 Kids Fun Run, 8:30 a.m.

In partnership with the Detroit City Football Club (DCFC), Elmwood will host a fun run for children. The 5K course is from DCFC on Lafayette through the cemetery gates, along the roadways, and back out again.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Detroit/DetroitCityFootballClubVirtualRace>

OCTOBER 10 Tree Identification Class, 12 p.m.

We will gather at the gatehouse and walk the cemetery grounds while an arborist will talk about different methods of identifying trees and some of the unique trees in Elmwood's arboretum.

NOVEMBER 2 All Souls' Service, 10 a.m., Chapel

All are welcome to join the Elmwood community as Reverend Steven J. Kelly, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church Detroit and a director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation leads us in a Requiem Mass in the Chapel. We remember and honor those who have passed away. Light refreshments follow. A short walking tour is available prior to the service beginning at 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Celebration, 10 a.m., Civil War Section

Members of Detroit area JROTC programs, Martin Luther King Jr. High School marching band, re-enactors, community leaders, and most importantly, veterans come together for this 37th annual commemoration of Veterans Day at Elmwood Cemetery.

Keep an eye on our website or send a message to jcapuano@elmcem.org and you will be added to Elmwood's email list.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many old world beliefs have fallen out of fashion in the 21st century. Some of the most common include:

- **Thunder** heard following a burial means the loved one's soul has reached heaven.
- **Witches** must be buried face down to bar supernatural spells.
- **Speaking ill of the dead** will cause the deceased to come back and haunt you.
- **Bell ringing** means an angel has received her wings.
- **Open a window** to provide the soul a quick journey to the afterlife.

STAY CURRENT

Keep up with what is happening at Elmwood Cemetery by checking our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please notify jcapuano@elmcem.org if your address, phone number or email changes.



DO YOU PREFER TOURING ON YOUR OWN?

Elmwood has developed self-guided tours for your convenience. These educational tools are designed to permit visitors to walk along our pathways at their own pace and learn some of the history of our grounds and those laid to rest at Elmwood Cemetery. The self-guided maps are available, free of charge, in our office, along with other educational material, or may be downloaded from Elmwood's website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org.

The history tours highlight four unique categories: African American Heritage, Business Visionaries, Political Leaders, and our newest map—Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

We also developed three separate tree maps that highlight the varying species of trees across our eighty-six acres. The trees on the maps each have a tree identification marker that notes the scientific and common names, and a QR code. If you have a smart phone you can use this code to find out more facts about a particular species.



MEMORIAL SYMBOLISM

Cross with Crown – Life after Death, Sovereignty of the Lord, King of Heaven, Faith Above All Else.

The Cross passing through a crown may also be interpreted as symbolizing the reward in heaven (the crown) coming after the trials in this life (the cross).

James 1:12 (KJV) states “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of Life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

The crown is also a symbol of reward and glory of life after death and the victory and triumph over death. Spikes or peaks added to the crown are symbolic of power and authority.



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FALL 2021

MESSAGE FROM TERRY BOOK

President, Historic Elmwood Foundation



Historic Elmwood Foundation Board of Directors pictured front row, Mimi Crawford and Terry Book; back row John Snyder and Jim Deutchman.

Not pictured Reverend Steven J. Kelly and Susan Rohde.

Your support matters.

Please help us ensure Elmwood Cemetery remains a sanctuary for all by donating to the Historic Elmwood Foundation today.

This past year we began the restoration of the pond perimeter adjacent to the roadway where we experienced significant erosion, continued to work on the hillside in Section A, expanded our perennials, completed a new self-guided tour map specific to those who were instrumental in the success of Detroit's underground railroad, continued our important events but in a Covid restricted manner—Arbor Day, Memorial Day, Patriot's Day, Veterans Day, and All Souls Day. We have continued to expand our biographies and are finalizing a complete redesign of our website to make it easier for our families and visitors to find information and schedule events. We are hopeful that you will continue your generous support of Elmwood, our educational programming, community events and restoration needs.

Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today. Historic Elmwood Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law. If you are interested in making a bequest to Elmwood in your will, please contact Joan Capuano, Executive Director of the Foundation, on (313) 801-1971.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request.



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Our 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.

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