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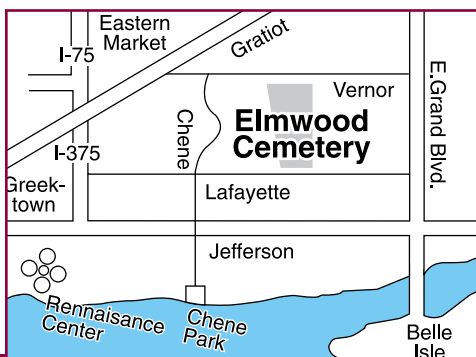
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We hope you will have time to visit Elmwood this year. Perhaps you would like to participate in an event, sit by our restored pond area, run or bicycle on our roads, watch for the migration of birds, walk along our grounds appreciating our outdoor sculpture garden, perennials and majestic trees, or simply relax in this quiet setting just minutes from the hustle and bustle of

downtown Detroit. We hope you and your friends will come and experience Elmwood!

All events are free of charge, including our guided tours, but they do require advance reservations by emailing jcapuano@elmcem.org or by calling Joan on 313/801-1971. The complete regularly updated list of events can be found through the website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org.

TRIBUTE TO CEMETERY TRUSTEE SANDY MCMILLAN

Long-time cemetery trustee Sandy McMillan announced in December that he would step down from his role as president and chairman. Fortunately, Sandy has agreed to continue as a trustee. Sandy has served Elmwood for over four decades and under his stewardship as president, oversaw the construction of the new mausoleum complex, the restoration of all the key buildings and roadways, established the Historic Elmwood Foundation, built significant relationships with our lot owners, provided shared services agreements with other historic cemeteries, and guided the cemetery's finances through lean times.

At the December meeting, Sandy passed the reins of leadership to J. Michael Bernard. Mike is an attorney with

Dykema here in Detroit.

His practice focuses primarily on business counseling and planning with an emphasis on capital raising transactions, corporate governance, employment matters, mergers and acquisitions. Mike has been named to Michigan *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* lists and is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*. Mike is very community focused and has served on numerous boards and committees in the metro Detroit region. Mike has served as an Elmwood Trustee for 20 years.



COME *Experience* ELMWOOD



BIRDING

Elmwood is pleased to partner with Detroit Audubon Society and Rosann Kovalcek of Wild Birds Unlimited to offer programs for our birding enthusiasts. Following the guided walk we will meet in the chapel to discuss the various species seen, migration, habitat, and to enjoy refreshments.



ELMWOOD TREES

Detroit's First Certified Arboretum

- Arbor Day Celebration. Join our grounds crew and local school children as we plant trees in honor of Arbor Day and talk about the importance of trees to our environment, how to care for them and how they are used in producing every day products.
- Tree Tours are held in the spring and fall. Join us as we talk with an arborist about the history of Elmwood and the different species among our 1,450 trees in this walking tour. Of course trees are also discussed during our bird walks and our history tours.
- Tree Identification Class. Arborist shares her knowledge in how to identify trees through leaf shape and color, bark type, buds and growth.



TOMBSTONE TALES HISTORY TOURS

Elmwood is delighted to offer guided walking tours throughout the year. The tours are approximately 90 minutes and are held in all weather. Learn the stories of those interred at Elmwood. Or perhaps you would prefer a smaller tour – Private and group tours are also available by contacting Joan Capuano.



MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Please join us this May 27th at noon. We will gather pond-side for a brief ceremony to honor those who have passed away. Light refreshments will be available. In the event of rain, please meet in the cemetery chapel.



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY

JANUARY 5	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
FEBRUARY 1	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 1 p.m.
FEBRUARY 15	African American Heritage Tour, 10 a.m.
FEBRUARY 16	African American Heritage Tour, noon
MARCH 16	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
APRIL 1	Summer Begonia Floral Bed Sales Begin
APRIL 18	Arbor Day Celebration, 9:30 a.m.
APRIL 19	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
MAY 1	Spring/Summer Grounds Access Hours 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Daily
MAY 11	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
MAY 11	Spring Tree & History Tour, 5:30 p.m.
MAY 27	Memorial Day Celebration, noon
JUNE 12	Tree Identification Class, 5:30 p.m.
JUNE 21	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
JUNE 22	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m.
JULY 5	Tombstone Tales Tour, 4:00 p.m.
AUGUST 2	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m.
AUGUST 17	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 11	Patriot Day
SEPTEMBER 14	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 16	Fall/Winter Grounds Access Hours begin 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily
SEPTEMBER 21	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
OCTOBER 1	Sale of Winter Evergreen Wreaths Begins
OCTOBER 18	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
OCTOBER 26	Fall Tree & History Tour, 8:30 a.m.
OCTOBER 27	Tombstone Tales Tour, 9:30 a.m.
NOVEMBER 1	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
NOVEMBER 2	Tombstone Tales "Around the Pond" Tour, 9 a.m.
NOVEMBER 2	All Souls Requiem Mass, 10 a.m., Chapel
NOVEMBER 11	Veterans Day Commemoration – 35th Annual, 10 a.m., Civil War Section
DECEMBER 7	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.

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

ELMWOOD'S OUTDOOR SCULPTURE GARDEN

Elmwood Cemetery's unique display of memorial art creates a lasting legacy, from towering obelisks to flat markers with special etchings. The decorative symbolism of memorials has much to do with the period of time and indicates something of importance to the honored individual and family. Leaves on a monument provide beauty, but also have symbolic meanings:

Cypress – hope

Ivy – grief

Laurel – victory

Oak – strength of mind & soul,
bravery

Olive Branch – peace, victory

Palm – Eternal peace,
heavenly reward, victory over
sin and death

Wheat – food for the afterlife,
harvest, bounty, prosperity

Willow – sorrow



REMEMBER ELMWOOD'S EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The Historic Elmwood Foundation has prepared various pieces to aid our visitors when at Elmwood Cemetery. Please check our website and the office for the FREE educational material:

SELF-GUIDED MAPS AND AUDIO TOURS

- **African American Heritage** – From the 1800s through present day, Elmwood is proud to honor many key African American leaders.
- **Business Visionaries** – Many Detroit business leaders were visionary, smart, persistent, influential and passionate. They, along with many others, took advantage of the ability to establish and grow businesses here.
- **Leadership Legacies** – Elmwood is the final resting place of 7 governors, 11 US senators, and 30 Detroit mayors.

ELMWOOD BIOGRAPHIES – Elmwood has significantly expanded its information on people in the cemetery and we include photos where possible.

ARBORETUM TOURS – Elmwood developed self-guided tree tours, dividing the 86-acres into three maps highlighting deciduous, flowering and evergreen trees

throughout the property. The actual trees have a tree identification marker with the scientific and common name as well as a QR code if you have a smart device, you can use this code to learn more about the species.

BIRDING SPECIES LIST – Our birding list continues to grow. Please let us know if you see or hear additional species during your walks on our grounds.

Discover More About Elmwood

Visit www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org



DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CELEBRATION

The Sarah Mygatt Webster Sterling Tent No. 3 was chartered on April 15, 1914 with forty-two members. Mrs. Sterling was a native Detroitier married to Civil War Union Colonel James Tuttle Sterling. She was actively involved in support of Union troops and left her home to be near her husband in the south during the war and serve as a nurse on the battlefield. After the war, she was active in the Women's Relief Corps, an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic "GAR".

Tent No. 3 met at the GAR building until 1973. The tent was reactivated in 1992. The Daughters remember past veterans and support current veterans, participate in patriotic ceremonies, preserve historical sites and museums, fund academic scholarships, and are active in the community. The Daughters have been long-time supporters of Elmwood's annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

The Daughters held a Memorial service honoring Mrs. Sterling at her gravesite (Section A, Lot 102) in the fall.



MESSAGE FROM TERRY BOOK

President, Historic Elmwood Foundation

Your Support Matters! Please help us ensure Elmwood Cemetery and Arboretum remains a sanctuary for all by donating today.

2019 will be a year of outstanding programming and continued restoration at Elmwood. Your donations make our work possible and permit us to better serve our Elmwood community. I hope you will join us in one of our upcoming events. On behalf of the cemetery trustees and foundation's directors, I thank you for your past support and I hope you will consider donating this year to the Historic Elmwood Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit and all donations are fully tax deductible as permitted by law. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today! Thank you again for your continuing support of our educational programming, community events and restoration.



Cemetery Trustees pictured left to right, Mike Bernard, Eileen McCarthy, Sandy McMillan, Terry Book, Jim Deutchman and John Snyder.

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS

- Gatehouse Roof
- Tree Reforestation
- Perennial plantings
- Exterior Chapel tuck-pointing
- Hillside soil retention, ground cover



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.

BEQUESTS

Over the years we have been blessed to receive donations from people who have chosen to remember Elmwood in their will. We are quite grateful for this legacy. If you would like to include the Historic Elmwood Foundation in your planning, language for a gift to be made following your

death is simple and can be incorporated into a new will or added by an amendment to your existing will. Please contact Joan Capuano, Executive Director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation, for assistance.

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Our Mission:

To preserve the history and educational significance of Elmwood Cemetery; and to develop social, cultural, and educational programs to benefit the community.

STAY CURRENT

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

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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



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or omissions in the listing.*

Beautiful 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 any lot at Elmwood.

EXCITING FUNDING NEWS!

In 2016, the United States Department of the Interior's National Park Service ("NPS") recognized Elmwood Cemetery as a Significant Site for the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom because of those who participated in Detroit's network and are buried here at Elmwood. We have just learned that the NPS has awarded us a grant to develop and produce a self-guided tour map of these notables. NPS indicated our *"project to be very exciting and feel that it will advance the goals of preserving the history of the Underground Railroad and informing the public. We commend your creativity in developing the proposal and your dedication to this important part of our heritage."*

Research will begin on this self-guided tour that compliments our other educational tours: Business

Visionaries, Leadership Legacies, and African American Heritage, as well as our tree tour maps. Elmwood offers these educational materials through the office for free and has downloadable versions on the website.



PASSPORT TO YOUR NATIONAL PARKS STAMP AT ELMWOOD

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