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The Elmlawn Memorial Park has served the residents of Western New York since 1901. Our Foundation works 'diligently to secure grants and other funding to support the continued beautification and maintenance of the park and ensure it is here for generations to come. But now, more than ever, we need your help.

Please use the convenient form below to make a donation today. You can designate on the form where you would like your contribution to be used according to your wishes. Any and every contribution is sincerely appreciated.

Elmlawn Memorial Park Foundation is eligible to receive bequests. We ask you to consider including Elmlawn in your estate planning. Contact your financial planner for more information. You may also consider matching 'corporate gifts or gifts on an annual basis.

Stay up to date

Call – Our staff is available to assist you or answer any questions you may have.
716.876.8131.

Click – Visit us online at elmlawncemetery.com for complete details, photos and more.

And find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Come Visit – Elmlawn Memorial park is conveniently located off Delaware Ave. in Kenmore, close to the exit off Route 290.



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Office Hours: following the most current mask requirements and social distancing procedures.

Monday – Friday 8:30 to 4:30 | Saturday 9 to 12 | Grounds open from 8am until dusk.

Complete and mail this form along with your support in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

You can also make a donation via PayPal by visiting our web site – elmlawncemetery.com.

Yes, I want to support Elmlawn Memorial Park.

Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____ Please make check payable to Elmlawn Memorial Park Foundation.

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I would like my donation to go toward:

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Please have an Elmlawn representative contact me about property and memorialization.

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A Newsletter of the
**Elmlawn Memorial
Park Foundation**



The beauty of Elmlawn branches out with new arboretum

Elmlawn Memorial Park and the Elmlawn Memorial Park Foundation are pleased to announce that we have received official certification for our new arboretum from ArbNet, a national Arboretum Accreditation Program. That means Elmlawn is the first and only cemetery in Western New York to have an accredited arboretum, sharing a widely recognized set of industry standards in the national arboretum community.

"We are proud of this accomplishment and look forward to the further beautification the accredited arboretum brings to Elmlawn," said Mike Austin, president of the Memorial Park. "More importantly, we are please to be able to offer this wonderful resource to the community, where people can learn, reflect and enjoy the tranquility among more than 30 species of trees throughout the cemetery."

Elmlawn worked with a certified nursery and landscape professional in designing the arboretum with select tree species, who then helped with ArbNet accreditation. Educational descriptions and interpretive signage for each species and a colorful map to guide visitors are underway. The Memorial Park's 100+ acres have already been enhanced thanks to the recent generosity of Rotary Club of Kenmore who provided a grant that enabled us to plant 40 new elms. The new arboretum perfectly complements the community's support.

In the future, families will be able to purchase memorial trees in the arboretum to honor their loved ones with a lasting legacy. Our newsletter will keep you up to date on the memorial trees and other developments in the Elmlawn Memorial Park Arboretum. As always, you can visit us online at elmlawncemetery.com for the latest information.

Message from the President

Michael Austin, President, Elmlawn Memorial Park

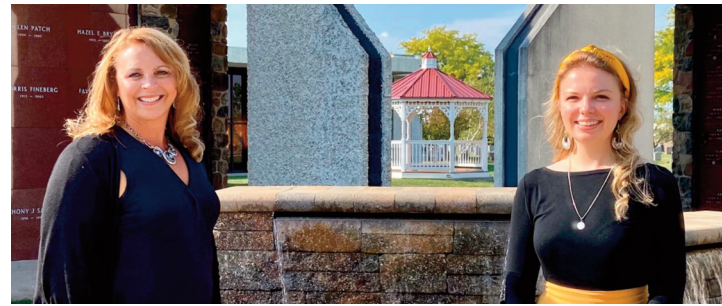
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families, local funeral directors and others who have been so cooperative during the restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your patience and understanding have made a difficult time a little easier and helped Elmlawn continue to meet the needs of the community.

While policies are subject to change as circumstances may vary, at this writing, we are following the New York State mandates and some policies and procedures have been updated. These include:

- The mandates now allow no more than 50 people for services occurring outdoors
- Pallbearers may now be used
- Military honors are being held for veterans
- Wearing of masks and social distancing is required for funeral directors and associates, family members and all attendees.

Our office is staffed daily and we are here to assist and guide you through the process of planning your burial and memorialization needs. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions. We also have space in our office that provides proper social distancing to meet with one of our Family Service Counselors by appointment.

Thank you and stay safe and healthy.



Meet Elmlawn's Family Service Counselors

L to R: Andrea Williams and Stevie Gisel, Elmlawn Family Service Counselors

For more than 120 years, families in Western New York have turned to Elmlawn Memorial Park for caring, compassionate guidance concerning burial and memorial needs.

Today, our tradition of care and concern is carried on by Andrea Williams and Stevie Gisel, who have more than 15 years of combined experience in helping clients during what is most always a difficult time for the family.

According to Andrea, no two families or clients are the same and every one has different needs. So first, the Family Service Counselors listens closely with sincere empathy. Different ages, backgrounds, religious beliefs, budget needs and other factors are taken into consideration to assist the person in determining what they would like to memorialize their loved ones.

"Our families have so many options, from traditional burial to cremation gardens to memorial benches and more," explains Andrea, whose background as a former business owner helps her handle the many details for clients. "We are here to guide them through, answering questions, offering choices and making suggestions, all with the understanding that the person with whom we are speaking is experiencing the loss of a loved one."

Stevie is a former teacher and notes that, as counselors, they also serve as educators for the family. "There is so much to know, that it can be overwhelming for the families, so it is up to us to help them understand what is available to them," Stevie adds. "Sometimes we wear many hats, but everything we do is to provide the best possible service for the family."

Both Andrea and Stevie point to the atmosphere of teamwork as another advantage at Elmlawn, where every department works together to ensure that client needs are met. To speak with one of the experienced and knowledgeable Family Service Counselors and to set up an appointment to meet with them, call Elmlawn Memorial Park at 716-876-8131.

Explore Elmlawn

Discover interesting stories and history throughout our Memorial Park

Each of the more than 70,000 burials and mausoleum entombments in Elmlawn Memorial Park have a story, including interesting local histories and intriguing personalities from our community. In this and future issues of our newsletter, we will share some of these with you so you can explore some of the local tales at Elmlawn.

A Titanic connection.

There were two known Western New York residents who went down with the Titanic, the renowned British passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1912. Edward Austin Kent was an architect from a wealthy Buffalo family who lived at the site of the Buffalo Club on Delaware Avenue. In the 1890s, he designed the original Temple Beth Zion on Delaware Avenue which was tragically destroyed by fire in 1961. He was just 58 years old when he perished on the famous ship.

Henry Sutehall, Jr. was a 25-year-old musician who was traveling on the Titanic to see his family back home in Kenmore, NY. Sutehall left his family home on East Lasalle Street in Kenmore in 1910 to travel the world with a friend and fellow musician, Howard Irvin, hoping to earn a living with their music. They decided to return to America in 1912, Irvin traveling on a different ship, and Sutehall on the Titanic. As the story goes, Sutehall felt lucky to land a spot on the prestigious ocean liner during its maiden voyage. Of course, he was not so lucky, as he was one of 1,500 people, mostly men, to go down with the great ship.

Henry Sutehall Jr.'s older brother William passed away three years after him and is buried in a family lot in the Grace Lawn section of Elmlawn Memorial Park. William's memorial stone includes Henry's name and references that he was lost with the Titanic.



Looking forward.

Unfortunately, two of Elmlawn's great fall traditions – the annual Family Fall Fest, and the Family Fun Run, sponsored by the Kenmore Alliance Church – were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are looking forward to bringing back both of these community events in the fall of 2021 and will keep you posted of exact dates when they become available.

About the Elmlawn Memorial Park Foundation

This newsletter is produced by the Elmlawn Memorial Park Foundation as we reach out to update our friends, neighbors and supporters on how we are serving the community.

The Foundation is a 501(C) 3, non-profit charitable organization created to secure and oversee the funding necessary to ensure the future of this historical community

asset. Donations to the Foundation in support of Elmlawn are tax deductible according to IRS guidelines.

If you have donated to the Foundation, we sincerely thank you on behalf of the entire Elmlawn family. Now, a gift to Elmlawn will strengthen our mission to serve as an important resource in the community. You will find a convenient form on the back cover you can use with an enclosed postage paid envelope to show your support. Any and all contributions are appreciated.