

Woodlawn Cemetery

October 2024 

DEAR FRIENDS OF WOODLAWN CEMETERY,

As we continue to keep the cemetery operational and in good condition, the Board of Directors extends its profound thanks to all those who so generously contribute to its upkeep. You are the lifeblood of this beautiful memorial.

Since we last wrote to you in the spring, we have faced new challenges. We began the spring maintenance season without a part-time employee to take care of the trimming and weed-eating. Eventually we found the help we needed, and the grounds have looked neat throughout the summer.

MEMORIAL DAY

We also learned that the local American Legion has disbanded, so they will no longer be placing flags at the graves of our veterans on Memorial Day. A few donors and volunteers, including a Hamilton High School class, stepped up this year to provide and place about 100 new flags. Alas, unknown vandals desecrated the cemetery by removing or breaking off many of the flags we had placed. As a result, moving forward, families will have to make arrangements to place their own flags. The Woodlawn Board is deeply saddened over what occurred to dishonor our veterans.

TREE PROJECT

Hamilton experienced several violent storm bursts throughout the summer that resulted in many trees coming down and covering some of the headstones. We are currently exploring ways to raise funds to cover what we estimate to be a \$50,000 project to remove trees that are either unsightly or potentially dangerous. There are no extra funds in our operating budget to cover this work. If there was ever a time for large-scale donors to step forward to contribute to this Tree Project, this is it! Of course, we will also gladly accept donations of any size to help us meet this goal.

The Board of Directors is strongly committed to the ongoing care of Woodlawn Cemetery. To that end, we kindly ask for your financial support once again. You may send a tax-deductible contribution for general operations and/or for the Tree Project by check, in the enclosed envelope, or via the PayPal link on our website.

With much gratitude,

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