

The Legacy

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

May, 2021

2020 A Very Unique Year

Just like all of you 2020 started as a normal year and then things got a little scary and concerning with everything related to the pandemic. It was the first year in the past 15 that we didn't do our normal Memorial Day event and as the pandemic continued we had to cancel the Halloween tour for the safety of everyone.

Wayne, Amy and I didn't let that slow us down at the cemetery though. We continued to work at least every Sunday, sometimes more to keep to the grounds mowed. We didn't have assistance from the Scouts and Fraternity as that would have presented a safety concern related to the pandemic. But we adjusted and continued with what needed to be accomplished.

In the Spring we did recover the headstone of Philip and Lydia Cody, the grandparents of Buffalo Bill and were just so excited to have their marker back in the cemetery. We also had a deer spend the summer with us and it was always fun to watch her as became very friendly and would walk up near us to watch what we were doing. She didn't seem to mind when the tractor was running or the chain saws.

In November when that first big storm hit we had another tree fall over and after clearing some of it ourselves we called **Ardmore Tree Service** to the rescue. More on that later in the newsletter.

Wayne, Amy and I did take a little break over the winter months. We can't thank each of you enough for your on-going support and words of encouragement. Please keep coming back for visits. We enjoy seeing that you have been there even when we are not there.

Thank you again! Be Safe & Stay Healthy!

Warmest Regards ~ Nancy

•P.S.—If you want to see color photos included in the newsletters, please visit our website: www.ectc.org.



The Maple Tree

The very large tree that came down in a storm in November fell across the road, hit a large branch attached to the tree across the road and brought that branch down. To say it was a mess is an understatement. Wayne and I had a lot of help to clear the road from Kenny Kremm who has family buried in the cemetery. He brought his chain saw and with the three of us cutting, the road was cleared in about 4 hours but that still left the tree itself. So in order to try and get it cleared up before the snow really started to fall we called in our friends from **Ardmore Tree Service**. Mark Derrickson the owner of Ardmore is on our board and is always so helpful when we are in need. *If you need fire wood, come on by. Free to good home!*

Thank you Mark and team!



This is where we started from.



The Gazebo

One of our former volunteers stopped by the cemetery this summer. Bob Stieglmeyer was a professional painter before his retirement. The gazebo was in need of a new coat of stain, so we asked Bob if he would be willing to assist us in restaining the gazebo. Of course, once a painter always a painter. He came back with all his equipment (even brought his son) and made quick work of restaining the gazebo inside and out.

We can't thank you enough Bob—it looks beautiful!!



Headstone Raising

Of course along the way we reset some headstones, and uprighted one that had fallen over. Luckily Wayne and Amy's son Jeff was at the cemetery helping us the weekend we decided to put this headstone back up on its base. Keep in mind we do this all by hand with no equipment but we seem to have gotten it down to a science.



What Happens to the Brush?

Did you ever wonder what happens to all the branches that fall from the 187 trees at the cemetery? We burn it. Wayne and Amy's youngest son, Jeff, still comes to the cemetery on the Sundays he has off from work and clears our brush piles for us. *Thanks Jeff!*



Event Ready!!!

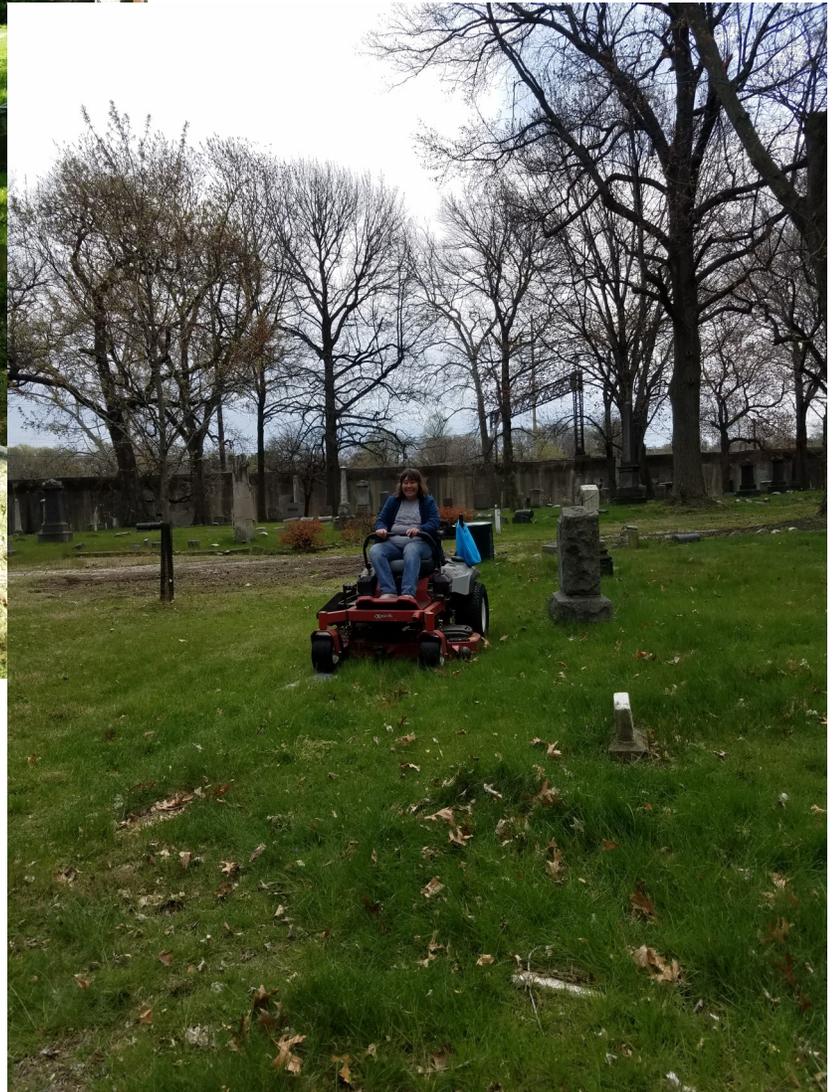
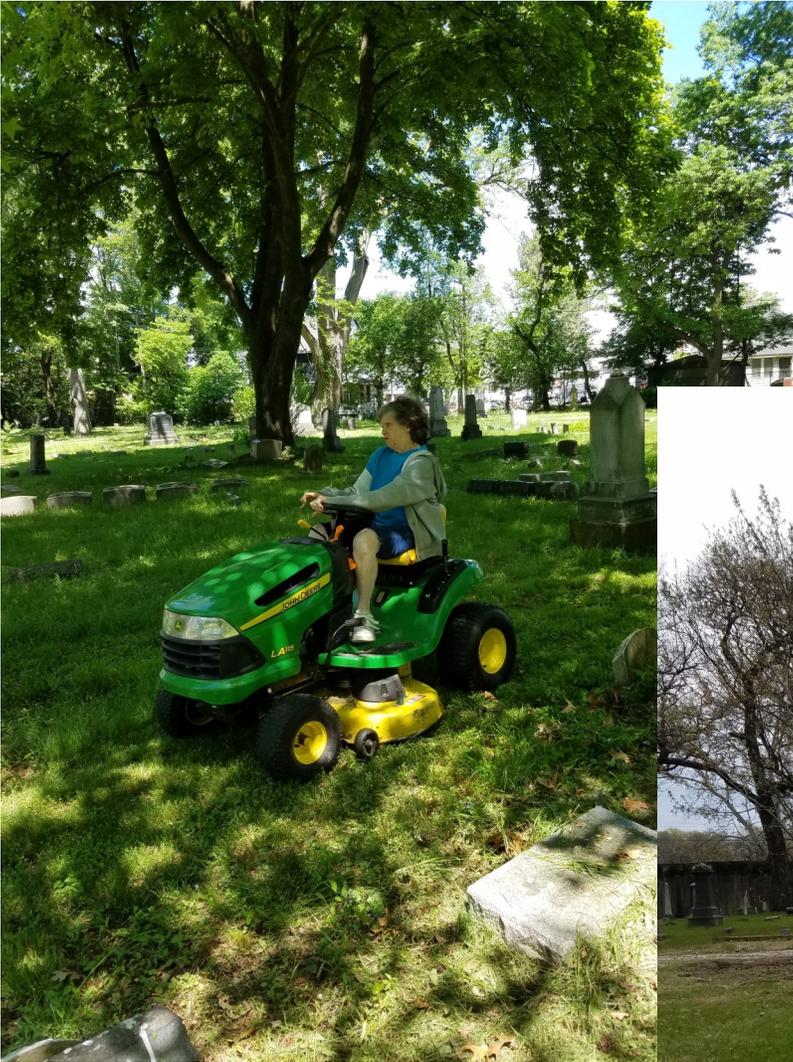
Several years ago we purchased some used tables and chairs for the events we host. They were in need of some sanding and power washing and when that was all done we spray painted them. So now our used tables and chairs look new and are ready for when we can get back to hosting all of you.

We truly do miss seeing you and look forward to things getting back to normal.



Grounds Maintenance News

The mowing continued all summer. Nancy on one mower, Amy on the other and Wayne was always string cutting around the headstones.



2021 Calendar of Events

Memorial Day

ECTCF will not be hosting our traditional Memorial Day event this year due to the pandemic. We will resume this event next year. But we still all need to keep the Memory in Memorial Day.



Halloween Tours

We hope to be able to have this event but it will depend on the current conditions related to the pandemic. We will mail out post cards and update our website with the date and time.

ECTCF—Memberships/Donations

The on-going maintenance of the cemetery grounds including the office/chapel and gardens generates on-going expense that include utilities, equipment maintenance, supplies, etc. None of the Board members are paid for the hours of work we put into the foundation/cemetery every year. We donate our time and resources.

We count on donations from the families of our permanent residents and others who enjoy the urban park we have created and those that participate in our tours. We are excited about our annual newsletter that lets us share with you everything that has occurred over the past year, however, there are costs associated with the newsletter as well. With a mailing of nearly 500 newsletters this cost is substantial. We want to continue to share our successes with you and are therefore initiating an annual membership to the East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation that includes the receipt of the annual newsletter and continued notification of our annual events. We have several levels of membership:

Individual—\$25.00—Includes annual newsletter that includes advance notification of all events.

Sustaining—\$50.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events and helps to support the on-going preservation of this historical site.

Patron—\$75.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* .

Lifetime—\$250.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* along with a new updated East Cleveland Township Cemetery t-shirt.

Because of the Foundation's non-profit status (501(c)3) status your membership is tax-deductible and allows you to continue support to preserve the pioneer Victorian legacy for your children and grandchildren. Please utilize the enclosed form to submit your membership application.

We thank you for your on-going support of us and the East Cleveland Township Cemetery!

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The mission of East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation is to provide educational and patriotic events for the community in an urban park setting that demonstrates the honor and respect due the early pioneer settlers of the Western Reserve.

The East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation's vision is to restore and maintain the East Cleveland Township Cemetery as a historic landmark, creating an urban park where the community can relax, reflect, and discover the historical significance of the area, and to build a solid financial foundation for its future.

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East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation 2021 Membership Application

Information (please print or type)

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City	
State	
Zip Code	
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Both the membership fees and donations are completely tax deductible.

Membership Levels

Individual Membership - \$25.00

Includes annual newsletter and advance notification of all events.

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Donations Greatly Appreciated

In addition to the membership fee any and all donations to continue to support the on-going work are greatly appreciated. Donation included: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

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