

The Legacy

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

March, 2011

2010—What an Extraordinary Year!

We started out 2010 as any other year at the cemetery, Wayne Rhine and Nancy Adams sat down in January and mapped out our goals for the year as we have done every year. Neither of Wayne nor Nancy would anticipate the phenomenal year that lay ahead.

Ever since the leadership of the Board changed two years ago with Allen Ford as Chairman, Bracy Lewis as President and Wayne Rhine, Dave Onderdonk, Marlin Wiley and I on the front lines of the day to day operations great things have been happening. Our entire Board of Trustees have come together as a cohesive team due to our great leadership. The future continues to look bright and inviting. This newsletter is our first in color, based on the recommendation of Allen Ford, because of the extraordinary year you are about to read about.

It is because of each of you that this newsletter is packed full of great success stories. We thank all of you for your continued support of the cemetery and Foundation and look forward to another exciting year.

Regards ~ Nancy Adams



Springtime—2010

2010—Success Stories

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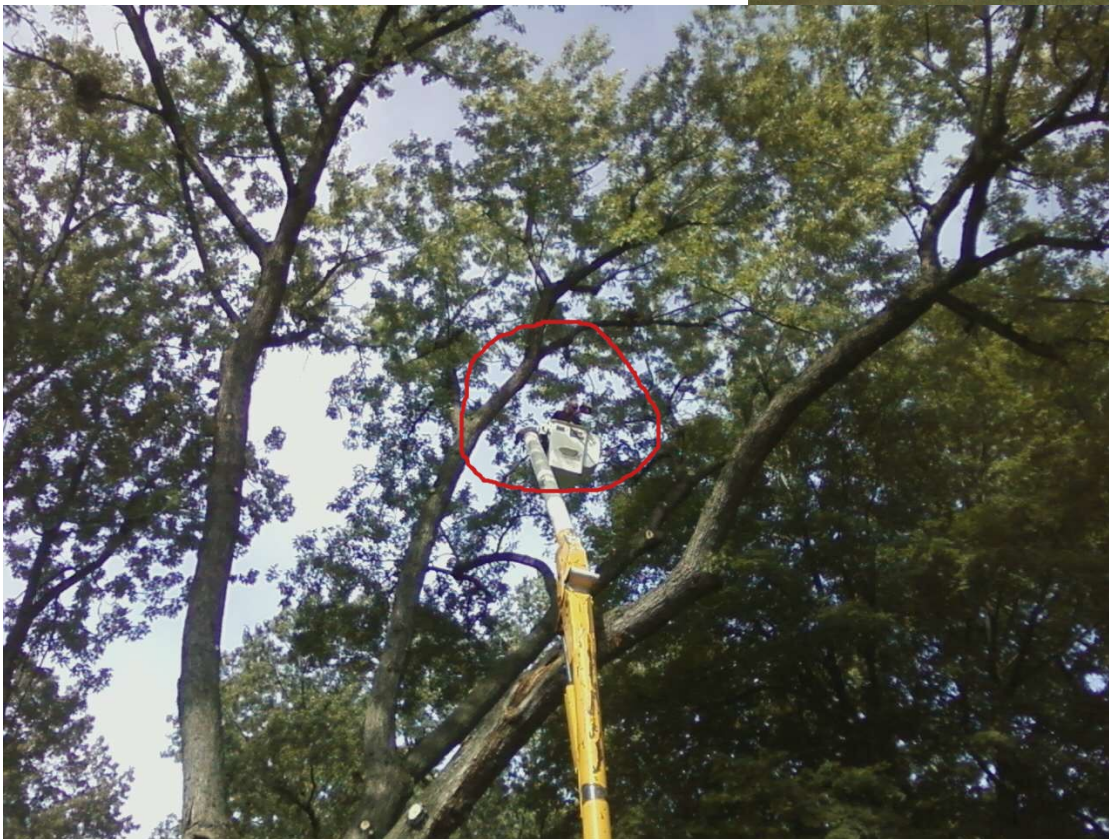
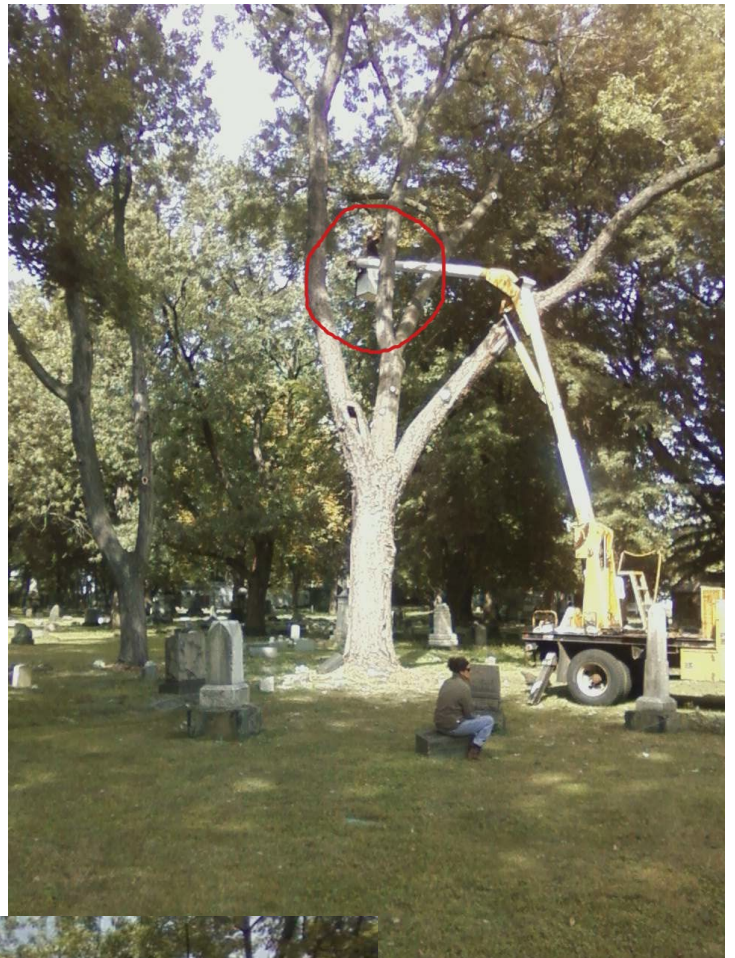
2010—Year for the Trees

The Trees

In early 2010 we began a capital campaign to raise nearly \$80,000 for the care and maintenance of the 187 trees in the cemetery. Due to the size of some of the trees, some are 60 inches in diameter, we were limited on what we could do to properly maintain the trees. Ardmore Tree Service conducted a complete inventory of the trees in the cemetery by type of tree and size, along with the type of care each tree required.

Several of the trees needed to be removed due to decay but fortunately none due to disease. With financial support from *Ardmore Tree Service, The Abington Foundation, The Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust, The John G. Michalko Parklands Funds, The George Gund Foundation, The Sherwick Fund and The Garden Club of Cleveland* we raised the needed funds to move the project forward. The work began in mid July and was completed by December 31st.

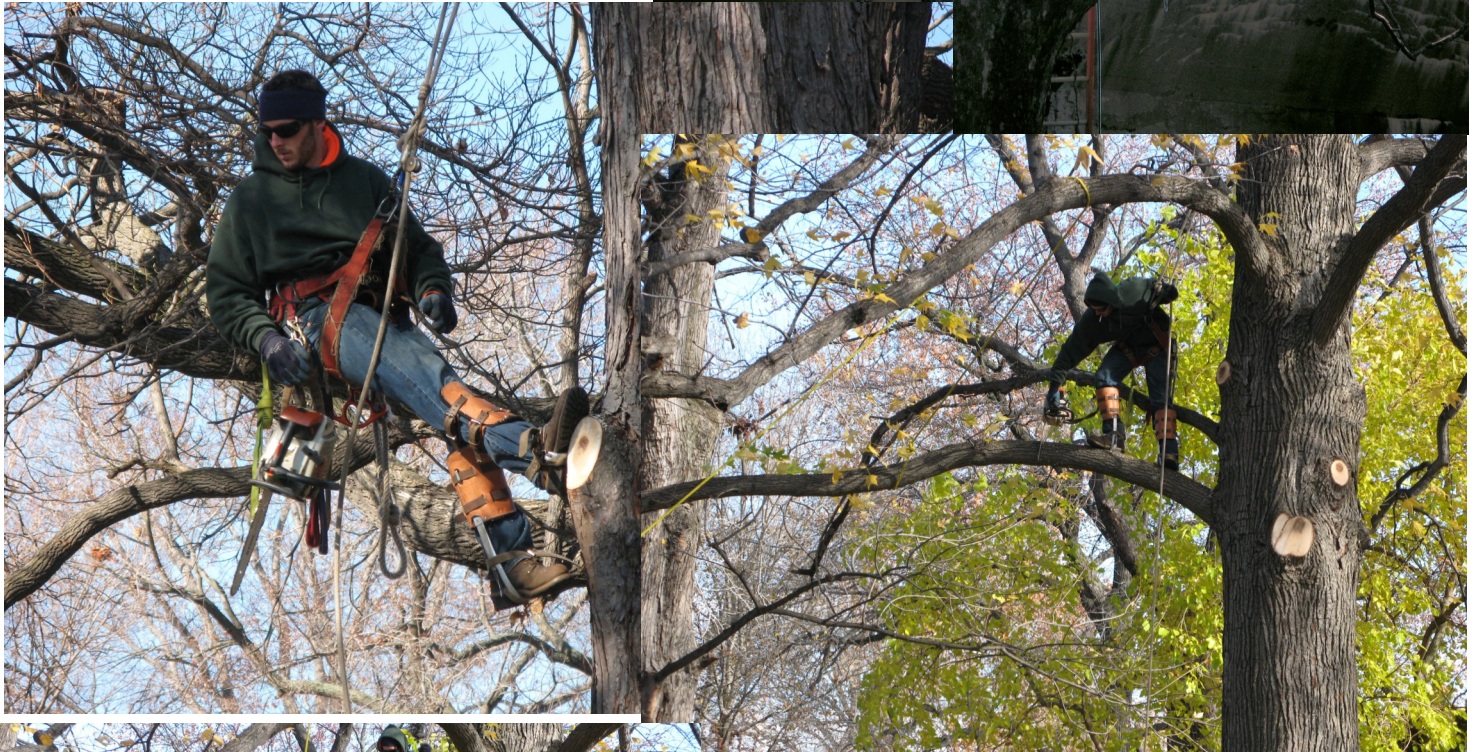
Mark Derrickson owner of Ardmore Tree Service has been assisting the cemetery for many years. The Ardmore team began the project by trimming the trees that they could reach with the cherry picker.



The Trees

Once the perimeter trees were pruned the Ardmore team had to start climbing trees to properly prune ~ remember there are 187 trees in the cemetery. That's a lot of tree climbing!

It was absolutely amazing to watch the team climb the trees with the spikes on their boots, ropes to tie off with and their chain saws connected to their belts. They made the process seem so effortless.



Yes, in the picture above Matt is pruning the branch he is standing on !

The Trees

Once the trees were pruned there was a lot of clean up that had to take place.



The Trees

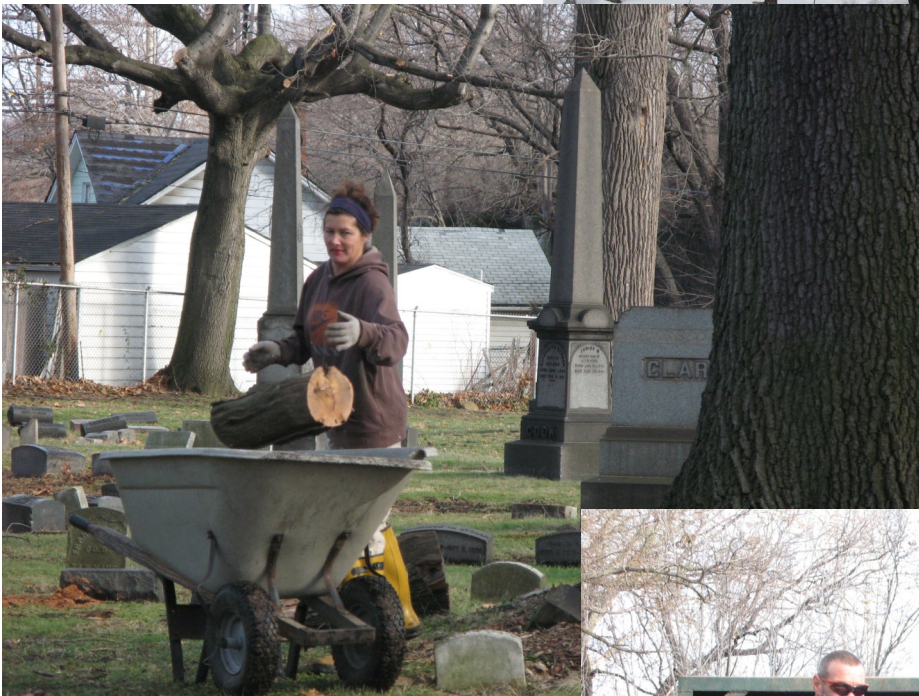
If there was any question whether or not the trees needed some work, those questions were answered when we started seeing the condition of the inside of the trees as they were brought down and/or pruned.



The picture to the right are of tree branches! These are not pieces of a tree trunk but a tree branch!

The Trees

Once the trees were down there was more heavy clean up that had to occur. But there was one last tree that needed to come down. The big willow tree by the front gate that had died several years ago was still waiting.



All of this wood was taken to a company that recycles.

The Willow Tree

The last tree to be brought down was the large willow tree at the front gate. President Bracy Lewis was very attached to this tree, however, last year after the other willow in the cemetery spontaneously fell over we all knew this willow would need to come down..



Look at the size of the blade on the chain saw to the left!



The Trees Today and Tomorrow

On December 30, 2010 Bracy Lewis and Nancy Adams presented Mark Derrickson of Ardmore Tree Service our thanks for his support of East Cleveland Township Cemetery not only for the 2010 tree project but for all his on-going support of the Foundation in the past. We also presented Mark with the check in payment for the services provided.

Because of the work completed in 2010 we are in excellent shape for some time and would again like to thank

Ardmore Tree Service, The Abington Foundation, The Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust, The John G. Michalko Parklands Funds, The George Gund Foundation, The Sherwick Fund and The Garden Club of Cleveland for their support in making this project a huge success.



But this is not the end of the success story. After receiving the funding necessary for the project two additional foundations awarded additional support for the trees, namely, the *Elizabeth Ring Mather and William Gwinn Mather Fund and the Louise H. and David S. Ingalls Foundation*. These two foundations allowed us to accept the donation for future tree work and we have established an endowment fund at the Cleveland Foundation with these donations. The name of the endowment for the trees is the *Dutch Harley East Cleveland Township Cemetery Tree Fund*.

Restoration of Front Gate Pillar

One of the pillars at the front gate was shifting and the gate itself was not properly closing, so Trustee Dave Onderdonk took the lead on disassembling the pillar to allow the gate to be reset so that it would operate correctly.

This was not an easy project as you can see in the pictures below.



Getting the pillar reassembled was as much of a challenge as taking it apart to repair.

Dave Onderdonk

Garden Update

In 2009 the Foundation was awarded a grant from Neighborhood Connections, a small grant program through the Cleveland Foundation. That grant was used to purchase park benches for the garden at the main entrance and for a second shed to store additional grounds maintenance equipment. In the Spring of 2010 we installed the benches and completed our normal spring clean up of the garden as shown in the pictures below.



Yes that is Bracy Lewis doing physical labor and not getting dirty.

Cultural Resource Preservation Award

In May 2010 the Foundation was honored with the Cultural Resource Preservation Award from the Cleveland Restoration Society and the American Institute of Architects—Cleveland at the Hanna Theatre for the preservation and restoration work performed to date.

We were all extremely excited and honored to have these two organizations acknowledge our work over the past eight years.



**Accepting the award for East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation was:
Front Row: Wayne Rhine, Nancy Adams and Murray Davidson
Back Row: Bracy Lewis and Allen Ford**

Mausoleum Renovation

Trustee Wayne Rhine set a goal of renovating the Gray and Hale mausoleums, Wayne was assisted by volunteer Bob Stieglmeyer.

The project will be completed in 2011.



Bob Stieglmeyer



Wayne Rhine

The work Wayne and Bob have been performing includes repairs to the crypts, tuck pointing of the exterior walls and re-fabricating the sandstone that has worn away over time.

They also added lexan to the windows to keep the weather out of the interior of the mausoleum.



ECTCF Purchases Leaf Vacuum

In 2009 the Foundation purchased a used leaf vacuum from Lake View Cemetery, which Lake View is allowing us to store on its grounds. Trustee Dave Onderdonk has a pick up truck that is large enough to pull the vacuum.



Amy Rhine



Nancy Adams & Dave Onderdonk

We did some initial cleaning and priming of the vacuum.



*Who is that masked man in white, you ask?
That's volunteer Bob Stieglmeyer who brought his spray painting equipment and talents! Thanks Bob!!*



Grounds Maintenance

Even with all the other projects going on at the cemetery in 2010 we still had our routine grounds maintenance as well. The tree project will significantly reduce the amount of time spent cleaning up in the spring due to fallen branches.



Above: We rented a large chipper/shredder to handle the amount of branches that fell during the winter.



Above: Wayne and Amy Rhine having a little fun with branch pick-up.



Above: Wayne Rhine and Dave Adams carrying a branch to the chipper.

Right: Bob Stieglmeyer cutting up one of the branches.



Grounds Maintenance

Right: Dave and Nancy Adams on dueling mowers.

Below: Wayne Rhine armed and ready for some trimming



And then it was time for everyone to do their part with leaf clean-up, thanks to Kathy Onderdonk, Kenny, Eric Gutzman, and Michael Weiner.!



2010 Events—Memorial Day

We began the year with our sixth annual placing of the flags for Memorial Day that is followed by a celebration of the service to our country for our Veterans with a barbeque.



This year during our event a kitten made its way into the cemetery and began following everyone around. Trustee Nancy Adams rescued the kitten with approval of husband David—the kitten's name is now Molly and she is living happily with Nancy and David Adams.



2010 Events—Civil War 150 Tour

Trustee Wayne Rhine spent a significant amount of time researching our Civil War veterans for the Civil War 150 tour that took place on July 31st. He researched not only the Veterans but the battles they were involved with during the Civil War.

The tour was a great success with tour groups going out every 1/2 hour over a five hour time frame. Thanks Wayne for sharing with us all this great history.



Jim Barrett and the Buffalo Soldiers were present to share the significance that these soldiers played in the Civil War. ECTCF has eight (currently identified) Buffalo Soldiers resting in the cemetery.

And if you think Nancy Adams was the only one to rescue a kitten this past year at the cemetery you would be wrong. During the Civil War 150 tour another kitten made its way into the cemetery and began following people around. Wayne and Amy Rhine rescued little Duncan during the Civil War 150 tour.



2010 Events—Botany Trek with Natural History Museum

On August 11th natural history and cultural history met at East Cleveland Township Cemetery during a collaborative tour hosted by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the East Cleveland Township Cemetery.

Much was learned by all during this tour.



2010 Events—Halloween Tour

Bracy Lewis, Wayne Rhine and Nancy Adams decided during the summer of 2010 that we should offer a Halloween tour. Never in our wildest dreams would we have guessed that the tour would be so well received and attended. Children of all ages dressed in costume or just came as themselves.

It was great to have the younger children so engaged in learning the history of some of our residents and asking so many great questions! A great time was had by all!!!



Exciting New Opportunities to Create a Legacy through East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

How often do you tell your friends and family about East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation and the important work we do in the community? If you are reading this article, then you are most likely contributing your time, talent, and resources to help East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation accomplish its mission. The question becomes, however, how can you help ensure East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation will be able to sustain itself when you are no longer involved with it? One easy answer is for you to consider contributing to East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation's newest fund. Several years ago, we partnered with the Cleveland Foundation to establish the East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation Endowment Fund.

The fund is held and managed by the Cleveland Foundation, which invests the gifts for greater return on investment and prudent growth. Each year, a percentage of the fund is available for the needs of East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation. Gifts to the fund provide East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation with an important source of revenue now and into the future, as well as a measure of security that allows us to focus on our mission.

There are many different ways you can show your support now and for generations to come. Here are a few examples:

Bequest A simple way to support East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation is to include a bequest to East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation in your will. If you typically give \$50 annually, leaving \$1,000 to the fund could continue to provide \$50 to East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation. If your annual contribution is \$200, then a \$4,000 bequest could do the same. Talk to your attorney about how you can make this change.

Insurance Policy Unused life insurance policies make excellent charitable gifts. Talk to your insurance agent to find out how you can add East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation as a beneficiary to your existing policy. There is no cost to you.

IRAs and 401(k)s Retirement assets passing to someone other than a spouse are typically subject to taxes when inherited and later withdrawn. Due to the tax consequences, these assets make excellent choices for benefiting nonprofit organizations. Talk to your advisor about adding East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation as a beneficiary to your retirement assets.

These are just a few ideas of how you can create a legacy and allow East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation to receive your support in perpetuity. There are many additional gift vehicles for you to consider, such as charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts. Both can provide benefits to East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation, as well as to you or your loved ones.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation through its fund, please contact Nancy Adams at 216.536.7432. The Cleveland Foundation's staff is also available to discuss gift ideas with you. Contact the Gift Planning and Donor Relations team at 216.861.3810 or toll-free 877-554-5054. We look forward to helping you continue to show your support for East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation!

2011 Calendar of Events

Memorial Day, Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 AM

ECTCF will host our 7th annual tradition of placing flags on the graves of the 435 veterans in the cemetery. The activity begins at 10:00 AM and takes only a couple hours to complete. We invite those assisting to join us for hamburgers and hot dogs after we complete the placement of the flags. This time is used to remember and honor our veterans. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 216-536-7432 otherwise we look forward to seeing you again!

Halloween Tour , Saturday, October 22nd

ECTCF will host the 2nd annual Halloween tour on Saturday, October 22nd with tours starting at 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM. The walking tour will begin at the cemetery chapel, please bring a flash light and dressing in costume is optional.

Auction—Naming Rights for the Gazebo



The picture above depicts what the gazebo will look like when completed..

The Foundation was awarded a grant from Neighborhood Connections, a small grant program through the Cleveland Foundation to purchase the materials for a gazebo that will be erected in the center of the cemetery this spring.

We are auctioning off the naming rights to the gazebo to the person with the highest bid. The initial bid for naming rights was \$250, so the next bid will need to be higher than \$250.

We will place a plaque over the main entrance to the gazebo with the name chosen by the highest bidder. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed bidding form and return no later than May 27th. We will announce the winner of the naming rights during our Memorial Day celebration on Saturday, May 28th.

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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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NAMING RIGHTS FOR THE GAZEBO

Bid on the rights to name the Gazebo



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE
ACKNOWLEDGED FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF ECTCF?**

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation is erecting a gazebo in the center of the cemetery. The funding for the materials to erect the gazebo came from Neighborhood Connections, a small grant program through the Cleveland Foundation.

We are selling the naming rights for the gazebo to the highest bidder. The initial bid entered was \$250. The winner of the naming rights for the gazebo will be announced on Saturday, May 28th during our annual Memorial Day Celebration.

If you would like to support East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation by bidding on the naming rights to the gazebo please complete the form below and either mail to the address below or email to adamsnancy@ectcf.org

Bid Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Bid Amount: _____

Mail Completed form to ECTCF, P.O. Box 1874, Cleveland, OH 44106-0074



East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

2011 Donation Form

Donor Information (please print or type)

Name	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Telephone (home)	
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Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of \$_____ to be paid:
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Acknowledgement Information

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Date

Please make checks payable to:

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