

The Legacy

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

April, 2012

2011— A Year for Learning and Building!

Wayne and I and our spouses started back at the cemetery in March 2011 began pre-fabricating the walls for the gazebo that would be raised in the center of the cemetery. Amy and I assisted Wayne and Dave as much as possible during the project of building the gazebo that was funded by Neighborhood Connections, a small grant program through the Cleveland Foundation, but it was Dave and Wayne that did all the work to create the beautiful gazebo in the center of the cemetery.

Allen Ford stopped by weekly and assisted and Bracy Lewis supplied moral support. But the gazebo in the center of the cemetery was really the hard labor of Wayne Rhine and Dave Adams.

While the gazebo was being built Amy and I spent our time on grounds maintenance along with the support of several other volunteers that assist on a regular basis and the support of Court Community Service.

We have more projects underway for 2012 including collaborations with The Sculpture Center and with Neighborhood Connections History Group with Cleveland State University more information will follow later this years regarding some exciting events. We are really in need of your support to continue to fund the on-going maintenance of the cemetery. We have been very fortunate in the past with being able to obtain funding for our large projects, however, it is the day-to-day expenses that we would really appreciate your support, we are now offering memberships to the East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation. Additional information regarding the membership opportunities are contained with this annual report.

Regards ~ Nancy Adams

2011—Success Stories

- **Gazebo**
- **2011 Events**
- **Veteran Markers**
- **Eagle Scout Project**



The Gazebo

The pictures on this page represents hours of work and learning. All the wood had to be cut to not only the proper length but width to create this eight sided octagon gazebo. The cupola will be added to the top this Spring



Eagle Scout Project

In the Spring of 2011 we were contacted by Leon Kimmelfield about an Eagle Scout project. We had already received a grant from The Garden Club of Cleveland to add a flower garden around the gazebo. Leon, his fellow Scouts and family came in and provided the labor to create the garden around the gazebo. In addition Leon included two more park benches that are now placed in the cemetery for our visitors to sit and enjoy the grounds.

You can see the completed raised flower garden in the picture on the front page of this newsletter.

Thanks Leon!



Memorial Day

We held our 7th annual Memorial Day event and placed flags on each of the Veteran graves to remember their service to our country.

As part of that event a new flag was raised by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in attendance on the flag pole at the main entrance to the cemetery.



Veteran Markers

Back in 2005 and 2006 we started making certain that all our Veterans had a marker and at that time we set approximately 40 markers. After Memorial Day 2011, Nancy Adams decided it was time to try and get the balance of the unmarked Veteran graves marked. An additional 45 markers were ordered and set in 2011.

We still have more to go, but we are closer than we have ever been. Each of these markers weigh between 150 and 250 pounds each; which means we moved and set about 9,000 pounds of markers in 2011. That does not include the 6 tons of gravel that was purchased and moved to build the bases for these markers.



*Despite the Hard Work—
We Had Some Fun Along the Way!!!*



2011 Boy Scout Yard Charge

As a result of Leon's Eagle Scout project, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts came to assist with leaf raking. They performed a miracle with the amount of leaves they were able to rake and pile at the street.

Absolutely Amazing!
They will be coming back this year.



2011 Halloween Tour

We held our 2nd annual Halloween Tour on Saturday, October 22nd. We had a record turnout of approximately 200 people as we told the stories of some of our permanent residents and the history of Cleveland.

A good time was had by all including Wayne Rhine and Nancy Adams who were the tour guides for the tours.



2011 Calendar of Events

Memorial Day, Saturday, May 26 at 10:00 AM

ECTCF will host our 8th 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 20th

ECTCF will host the 3rd annual Halloween tour on Saturday, October 20th 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.

ECTCF—Memberships

The on-going maintenance of the cemetery grounds including the office/chapel and gardens generates on-going expenses 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 and 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 an East Cleveland Township Cemetery polo 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.

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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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