

The International Society of Arboriculture (Prairie Chapter) “Day of Service”

Elmwood Cemetery
September 28, 2013 10Am – 4 PM



Elmwood Cemetery, located in east Winnipeg on the banks of the Red River is blessed with an abundance of beautiful mature trees. Approximately 1200 of these trees are American Elms. Unfortunately, the Cemetery is losing these majestic Elms due to Dutch Elm Disease. Elmwood Cemetery is owned and operated by The Friends of Elmwood Cemetery Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, reforestation and beautification of the grounds.

The City Of Winnipeg provides surveillance, sanitation and elm Bark Beetle control for Dutch Elm Disease Management. However, as the Cemetery is a not-for-profit entity it does not have access to public funds for additional tree maintenance to preserve its valuable elm canopy. There is a critical need for pruning of the trees in the cemetery to help slow down the rate of loss. However there is a shortage of funds for this work. In 2012 The International Society of Arboriculture along with The Friends of the Elmwood Cemetery hosted “A Day of Service”, with several of ISA’s member companies, and Winnipeg’s finest Arborists donating their time and equipment to prune trees in the Cemetery. Over 50 mature Elms were pruned, and as a result of the publicity surrounding this event, a significant amount of funds were donated by the public to be earmarked for tree maintenance and preservation.

In 2013 we are returning to the Cemetery for another “Day of Service”. Fittingly, this day also coincides with **National Forest Week (Sept. 22 – 28)**. Please make plans to join us at this community event. There will be educational booths providing information on reforestation and preservation plans for Elmwood Cemetery. Come watch Winnipeg’s finest Arborists in action! (*Bring your camera*) We are still seeking volunteer Arborists and interested companies to donate time, equipment and/or refreshments for this worthwhile project, as well as general volunteers.

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Help us to preserve Elmwood’s Elms!

