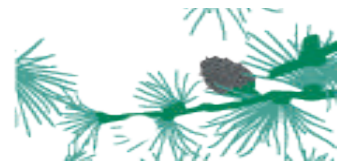


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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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As you can well imagine during these days of COVID-19, there have been some adjustments at Evergreen to accommodate the mandates of our Governor of Connecticut, as well as, the necessity to keep our staff, families, and visitors safe and healthy.

We have had to limit the amount of people who can attend a graveside service to immediate family members. This is difficult for families, especially large families, and friends who would like to be in attendance to say final farewells. For the most part, our Funeral Directors have mandated no more than ten people in attendance.

We have stopped erecting a tent since people are no longer allowed to gather closely together.

We, like most other businesses, have had to initiate the six foot social distancing requirement. We are also not allowing families to come into the office, since we cannot put our staff or visitors in harm's way.

These are serious times and our staff, as well as most others, are taking all precautions necessary in order to not spread this virus. Please call the office or email us if you have questions. We are still here working, in shifts, so that not all cemetery employees are on site on all days, but we are here to take your calls and receive your emails.

Since we are all tired of listening to and talking about COVID-19, I will say no more about this topic. Instead I will move on to the beauty of the daffodils outside our office and the promise of spring and better days to come. The birds are singing and the fountains in the pond are back up in all of their beauty.

As I write this message, Easter Sunday has just passed. In the upcoming months of May and June, you are welcome to put Mother or Father's Day



flowers on the graves of your loved ones or you can call the office if you would prefer to stay in the safety of your own home and allow us to place flowers for you through our seasonal flower program.

We are entering the months when Evergreen is in full bloom with the beautiful pink and white blossoms of dogwood and pear trees. Tulips will be the next flowers in our spring collection. These are fabulous days in the cemetery. Graves have been raked smooth and seeded. The grass will be greening up soon.

This spring, we need more than ever the camaraderie of friends and family. We need to provide strength and beauty. We look forward to seeing you again and being able to join together in the months ahead.

Our notable organization is the Women's Seamen's Friend Society of CT.

Seasonal Flower Program



Flower placement at this time of year includes Mother's & Father's Day, and just the beauty of spring with daffodils and tulips. If you would like to remember your loved one, then call the office 203-624-5505 or email djfiore@evergreencem.org



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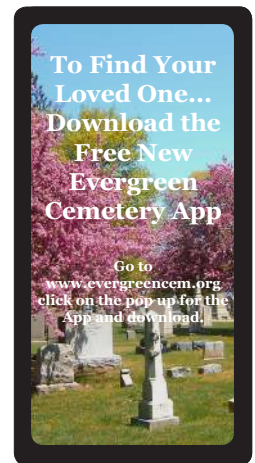
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Crematory with Spring blooms

A Message About the Evergreen App

In the beginning of the year, two men tapped on the door of Evergreen to tell us that they had tried to download the Evergreen app at the app store and that it was no longer available. It was the first that we had heard of it and we began to investigate immediately. Apparently, our provider web. cemeteries had changed their website and instead of you being able to download our free app from the app store, our new free app must now be downloaded from our website. It is no problem. A pop up menu appears on the website, you download the new free app, and it will again take you directly to the gravesite of your loved one. The app that you may already have on your phone from the app store, will still allow you to take a tour of the cemetery or go to our website, but it will not walk you to the grave of your loved one. It will let you access our burial records but only through the website. Download the new app and enjoy.



Notable Organization - Women's Seamen's Friend Society of Connecticut

"It has been said that the seaman was the first "culture carrier" in the world." These words were written by Captain Jack M. Seymour, U.S. Navy (Retired) in his book *Ships, Sailors and Samaritans* (p. 38)

And so this newsletter allows us to think of seamen, sailing, and cultures, but more importantly it allows us to reflect on the life of a seaman and the family who he left at home for months at a time.

Movements to aid the temporal and spiritual interests of seamen in various ports did not come about until July

of 1776, when the Governor of Connecticut appointed Nathaniel Shaw as an agent to take care of seamen who might be sent to shore.

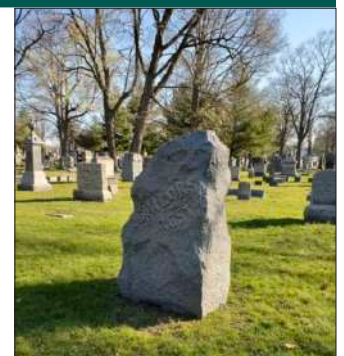
In 1817, there were approximately 8,500 seamen in New Haven, many who were transients. Some benevolent gentlemen of New Haven organized one of the first seamen's agencies, The Marine Bible Society to distribute bibles to the seamen.

In 1828, the agency became the Seamen's Friend and Marine Bible Society of New Haven and Sunday services were provided.

In 1832, one of the earliest hospitals for sick and disabled seamen was opened in New Haven utilizing federal government funds which were collected from the seamen and paid to New Haven Hospital.

The Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society of the City of New Haven (LSFS) was organized in 1859. It was instrumental in the erection of The Sailor's Home in New Haven.

In 1894, the name changed to Connecticut's Woman's Seamen's Friend and services spread to seamen who en-



tered any port in Connecticut.

In 1896, the Society bought a lot in Evergreen Cemetery with space for thirty-six "worthy sailors" whose voyage was over. The granite monument's inscription "Sailors Rest" was added.

There are many "worthy sailors" who are resting here at Evergreen.