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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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We are into the dog days of summer, perhaps a bit quicker than in some years. The temperature has risen and we have had very little rain thus far. It has been beautiful though, with deep blue skies and puffy white clouds.

Our seasonal crew is back at Evergreen to help us keep the grounds mowed, the graves seeded, and the gardens blooming. We have not reseeded all of the graves yet, but we are diligently working on it. If your grave has not yet been leveled and seeded, be assured that it will be in the upcoming weeks. Eighty-five acres is a lot of property to maintain.

COVID-19 has abated somewhat in Connecticut. According to our Governor, positive testing numbers have leveled off and we are

maintaining a decreased incidence of death at this time. However, although the city seems to have jumped back into its pre-COVID jubilation and camaraderie, we at Evergreen, as well as the death care industry overall, are maintaining vigilance with masks and social distancing. The safety of our families, crew, and staff is of utmost importance. Be assured that we are still on the grounds and ready to answer your calls and emails, but we are only minimally allowing personal contact.

There have been a great many families and friends at Evergreen recently to choose markers and monuments and/or to purchase niches and grave space. Some people are making these critical decisions pre-need and others at-need. Decision-making is better pre-need when you have the time to make educated, conscientious decisions. During at-need decisions our emotions are running wild and we do our best in the situation, but sometimes we question our decision afterwards.

You may have noticed that we have graded the area



around the pond to maintain its beauty, but also to keep erosion at bay, and maintain the integrity of the cemetery.

A new section is being surveyed for future burials. It is being developed for two-grave upright family monument lots since these are very popular with you, our families. You will be hearing more about this project in future newsletters.

And finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the wildlife at Evergreen. The swans bring their grace and peaceful movement to us as they drift across the pond. The bald eagles are in their nest high upon a rise where they can keep an eye on everything happening below. Ducks and geese, turtles, and others all live in harmony together in the pond area. If only humankind could be so harmonious, then we would live in a better world.

Our notable in this issue is James Benjamin Brewster.



Seasonal Flower Program



Flower placement at this time of year includes birthdays, anniversaries, and remembrance days of summer. 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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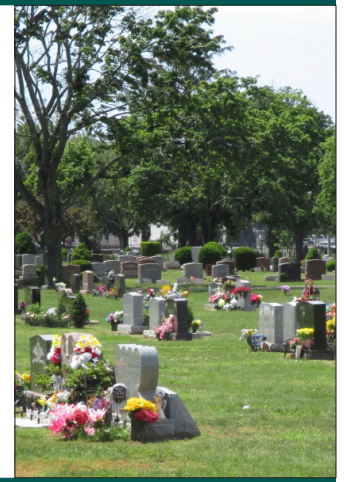
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The vibrant green of summer

Our minds turn to memorialization...

During these days of summer, our minds turn to memorialization. What is the legacy of a man or a woman? Who remembers him or her when they are gone? To see one's name engraved on a marker or monument, a niche, or a bench gives credence to the importance of that person in life. The monuments of our forefathers were obelisks, or monuments of great substance, the larger monuments signifying the importance of the person or family resting in that lot. You can see entire families resting here at Evergreen together in the same area - grandparents - parents - and oftentimes their infant children who died at birth. Some of the most important people in Connecticut history are resting at Evergreen. Most definitely the most important people of New Haven. However, as we ponder memorialization during these days of summer, we each know that our loved one was the most important person in our life. We need to see their name and life memorialized.



James Benjamin Brewster - 1818 - 1902, 200 years of the finest carriages & automobile bodies

The lineage of James Benjamin Brewster in the United States ran deep. In 1620, Elder William Brewster arrived at Plymouth Rock, MA aboard the Mayflower.

His great great great grandson, James Brewster, was born in Preston Connecticut. At the age of 16, in 1804, he apprenticed himself to a carriage maker in Northampton MA. One task of his apprenticeship was to obtain grog for the workers. However, being a tea-totaler, his inebriated co-workers disgusted him.

In 1809, after serving in the military and with his appren-

ticeship fulfilled, he set out for NYC, but the stage was delayed in New Haven so he decided to take a walk around the city. Brewster came upon a carriage maker on Orange Street and became a journeyman in the shop of John Cook. His job-hunting trip to NYC was forever delayed.

In 1821, Brewster purchased the Orange St. shop from his former employer. To attract and retain the best employees, Brewster paid his employees the highest wages in cash every Saturday night. His aversion to liquor created a temperate working

environment. His men were rewarded for not drinking with lectures and scientific presentations from professors of Yale University.

This brief history brings us to James Benjamin Brewster, who in 1833 at the age of 16 was given a position in the painting department of the New Haven factory. After a brief time working in the office, he left to attend Yale University.

In February 1836, a fire destroyed Brewster's new Wooster St. plant and the panic of 1837 prompted James Brewster Sr. to with-



draw from the carriage business. In 1838, he re-entered by forming a partnership with his eldest son, James Benjamin and a NY investor. Two new manufacturing operations were formed Benjamin Brewster & Son and James Brewster & Co.

James Benjamin Brewster is resting here at Evergreen.