## EASTLAWN CEMETERY COMPANY P.O. BOX302, SWARTHMORE, PA 19081

Dear Lot Owner Families:

It has been a few years since the last newsletter, and there is news and updates that I would like to share.

Our burials have more than doubled in the past few years. Along with added work comes extra costs and maintenance. We maintain the cemetery to the best of our financial capability. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, our lot prices and opening charges will be increased. You can view our fees on our website after that date.

Recently we added a small dumpster so that tired plants and decorations can be disposed of readily. Our groundskeeper, David Burk, cuts the grass once a week and edges every other week from April to October. We have noticed an increase in the plantings and decorations placed on graves. Unfortunately, he is unable to do a clean job when items are just left on the grave and the weeds just continue to grow. We are strongly recommending that you create a bed in front of the stone and place your items in that area. This will allow David to weedwack right up to the flower bed border. Starting in 2017 if items are placed without a border and it is creating an unsightly overgrowth, Eastlawn will remove and dispose of the items. This will keep the cemetery looking clean and tidy.

All decorations will be removed before January 21<sup>st</sup>. If there is something you want to keep, please remove right after the new year.

Our website, <u>www.eastlawncemetery.org</u>, is being re-designed, and will be live by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

I saved the best news for last! In the next few weeks, our perimeter fencing will be replaced with a new 4' black aluminum fence. We are also having extensive tree work done to compliment the fence. This will greatly enhance our appearance! The fence is a huge expense – we have never spent so much on a single project in our history.

We are asking for your help in this financial endeavor. Your contributions are needed to complete this project. They are tax deductible, and your contribution will be recognized when the fence is officially dedicated.

In closing, Eastlawn Cemetery continues to be a quiet and serene resting place for your family members, and we hope you enjoy visiting. Any questions, concerns or where to send your contribution: (610)256-2704, P.O. Box 302, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

Sincerely,

Linda Henry Business Manager