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A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery

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The cool winds of autumn are upon us, leaf cleanup has begun, and the grass is green again after the drought of summer plunged it into dormancy.

You can imagine the manpower that it takes to remove leaves from 85 acres of trees that have adorned the Cemetery for over 100 years. It is a massive undertaking. The crew will move the leaves into mountainous piles and then suck them up into trucks to cart them away to become next year's compost and soil enhancers.

At the same time, you may see tree pruning taking place to remove dead limbs and even a tree now and then, if it has been damaged during the year or is decayed and cannot be revived. We take great pride in our trees, so it is a serious decision if one needs to be removed. However, preserving the landscape and the safety of visitors and families at Evergreen is of upmost important.

Plans are in the works for a new facilities garage at Evergreen. With more and more equipment being utilized to maintain the grounds, the facilities garage is becoming a bit too snug, so in the upcoming year, there will be an expansion taking place. We are still in the thought process since this new construction will have to fully function for many generations to come.

Many of you have been purchasing monuments, markers, and flowers on the website. Chrysanthemums are most prominently associated with autumn, but each mum symbolizes something special. Its meaning varies by location and color.

Confucius, a Chinese philosopher (c. 551-479 BCE), is one of the first to note the importance of the chrysanthemum. He described a simple golden flower in his writing.

It is believed that



The beauty of sunshine on leaves of many colors.

Buddhist monks carried the chrysanthemum to Japan where it became part of the Emperor's crest and a symbol of royalty.

In the U.S. mums symbolize friendship, happiness, and well-being. The orange mums pictured on this page are linked with excitement, happiness, and good feelings.

It's enjoyable to visit the Cemetery at this time of the year, and to walk among the many fallen leaves. There is something about autumn that allows one to take some personal time to mull over thoughts before the upcoming holidays and family gatherings take precedence in our lives and time moves at warp speed.

Our notable in this issue is Gerard Hallock one of the most respectable journalists in the United States.





Time to order fall flowers for placement on the gravesite of your loved one. You can choose a day with special meaning, or you can place an order just because you want to shop online with your credit card. For a Loved One every day is special.



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Deep in Thought

Minimalism - Less is More

Minimalism stresses that less is more. It manifests a lifestyle where one owns and uses only what is essential and valuable, while intentionally reducing or eliminating excess possessions, distractions, and commitments. It focuses on what truly matters - to find happiness, fulfillment, and freedom through intentional living. It's a conscious choice to declutter physical spaces - time, energy, and even mental spaces. One can begin to focus on what's important and let the less important go. Minimalism has been used in art to enhance the beauty of the subject and in landscaping to allow beauty to flow.



Gerard Hallock - 1800 - 1866 - Journalist and Publisher

According to the New York *Journal of Commerce*, Gerard Hallock was "one of the oldest and most respectable journalists of the United States. He was born in Massachusetts on March 18, 1800 and at an early age he became involved with newspaper enterprises.

When he was 24 years old, he established the Boston *Telegraph*, a weekly journal that eventually evolved into the *Recorder*. In 1828, along with David Hale, he purchased the New York *Journal of Commerce*. In 1861, Hallock disconnected himself from the *Journal of Commerce*, when he came into

conflict with the government over the question of rebellion. In retaliation, authorities in Washington refused postal transport of the *Journal*, thereby, killing the paper.

Those who knew him stated that he was a man of integrity, who said what he meant and performed all that he promised. However, he was never elevated to the position of chief editor, nor was he one to encourage personal conversations with those with whom he worked.

Even though Hallock owned a fine estate in New Haven where his family resided, except on rare occasions, he spent most of his time in New York. He would leave Wall Street in New York for his home in New Haven on Saturday morning and return to Wall Street on Monday morning, spending most of his time at his desk in the editorial room from which he would retire to his bedroom in the same building where his office was located.

Hallock was a philanthropist who worshiped at the Congregational Church in New Haven, which was built entirely by him at a cost of \$50,000. He also supported the Southern Aid Society, an organization that spread the

word of the Gospel.

When Hallock died in January 1866, he left behind a wife, two sons and two daughters.

Gerard Hallock is resting at Evergreen.

