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## A Walk Through Evergreen Cemetery



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Spring is upon us; well at least we've seen a sunny day and the temperature climbed before the rain set in, but this is spring in New England.

Daffodils are blooming and tulips will follow closely behind, but perhaps it's the bird song that is the real indication of spring. Even sometimes when it is still a bit chilly and the air is crisp, we hear the bird song as we take a walk in the garden, or the Cemetery, and it makes us smile. Bird song begins with days of extended daylight.

The crew began our spring cleaning with the removal of winter decorations throughout March to make room for Easter crosses and spring-time plants, which you will now see in abundance.

We were fortunate this

winter as snow is believed to be the best winter protection for plants. It creates a layer of insulation against extreme cold air while protecting the crowns and roots of plants. Although a bit slower than usual this year, the plants should be erupting from the soil and the grass should be greening up as you receive and read this newsletter.

Mother's Day will soon be upon us on May 10th. It is one of the most visited times in the Cemetery as many remember mothers and grandmothers who are resting here.

Additionally, May is the time of the magnificent splendor of dogwood and pear trees in full bloom with pink and white flowers enhancing the spring air and dropping petals to line our path. It is such a beautiful sight to see. We hope that you will join us at this most plentiful season, but if not, then we will be here to decorate the gravesites of your loved ones in your absence.

Finally, we would be amiss if we didn't mention the beauty of nature on the pond. We are hopeful that the swans, ducks, and geese



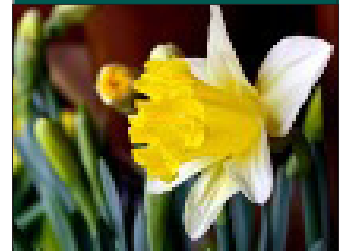
The Chapel as viewed through the blossoms of spring.

will return to give birth and glide through the water.

Our good friend, Walter Magnuson, Executive Director of the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose, California will be visiting Evergreen again in May. As always we will welcome him to visit Sarah Winchester's gravesite and perhaps her sister Belle Pardee Merriam. We have developed such a warm friendship across the country based on the migration of Sarah Winchester from her childhood home in New Haven and education at Yale to her legendary home in California after the death of her beloved daughter, Baby Annie, who died only about a month after her birth, and her husband, William Wirt Winchester who died in 1881 at the age of 43.

Our notable in this issue is Tracy Brent Watt, West Haven Councilman and example for future generations.

### Seasonal Flower Program



Order spring flowers and plants to be placed at gravesites or by the Columbarium within the most beautiful cremation garden. It's time to let your loved one know that he or she is not forgotten. We're here to help. Just go online or give us a call.



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A bench for remembrance  
or to ease the soul.

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."  
*William Shakespeare*

The Spring Flower Program at Evergreen is available either through our online website [evergreencem.org](http://evergreencem.org) or by calling the office. You can select from a one time placement or multiple placements throughout the year at times that are especially memorable to you and your family. The multiple placement option takes the worry about missing a special occasion off you mind as you know that flowers will be placed on the dates that you have chosen.



## Tracy Brent Watt - 1962 - 2016 - West Haven Councilman

On July 1, 2017, Mayor Ed O'Brien, City of West Haven, dedicated Brent Watt Park, which is located at 24 Tile Street in West Haven in honor of Brent Watt, who served as a West Haven Councilman.

This dedication marked a historic milestone for the city, as it became the first park in West Haven named after an African American. This recognition reflects not only Watt's personal achievements, but also his enduring impact on the community and the progress his legacy represents.

Watt was elected City Councilman for West Haven's 5th District in 2011. It was the

beginning of a chapter in his life of public service defined by dedication, integrity, and collaboration. He served two full terms and into his third, he earned the respect of colleagues and constituents alike by working across party lines to advance the best interests of the city.

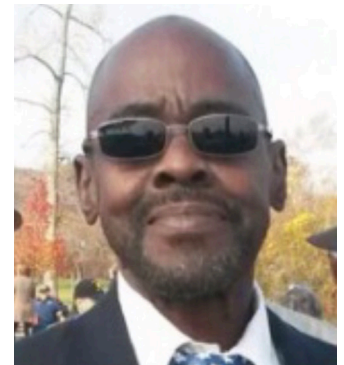
Watt's love of his hometown was unmistakable. He stated, "I do love West Haven, and apparently West Haven loves me."

Born to Richard and Eva Watt, Brent was raised in a family grounded in faith, resilience, and community values. He grew up alongside

his four siblings - an older brother, two older sisters, and a younger sister creating bonds that helped shape his strong sense of responsibility and compassion.

As a lifelong resident of West Haven, Watt attended West Haven and New Haven schools, graduating from West Haven High School.

In 2016, Watt was honored as the West Haven Black Heritage Citizen of the Year. He was recognized for his dedication and meaningful service and community impact. His faith played a central role in his life at Vertical Church where he served



as a sound technician.

Although his life was cut short at the beginning of his third term, Watt's legacy continues to inspire. Brent Watt Park stands as a permanent reminder of his service and the example he set for future generations.

Tracy Brent Watt is resting at Evergreen.