

August 10, 1979

Dear Concerned Citizen for Washington Cemetery Care:

AT LONG LAST IT HAS COME TO PASS! After 4 1/2 years of disappointments, frustration and hard work, we can now tell you Washington Cemetery has been cleaned and mowed in its entirety four times so far this summer. Also, we have sufficient funds on hand to maintain it the balance of this year. We realize it does not always look as nice as we would like but we cannot afford to have it cut more often than every three weeks. With all the rain this summer, the grass grows very fast, as we all know.

All who have given their physical and financial support can be proud of a great achievement finally realized. We urge everyone who can possibly visit the cemetery to do so. We feel sure you will be pleased. Now help us keep it clean with your continued support while we work desperately to establish a trust fund large enough to care for it when we are no longer around.

Fifteen bids were secured to cut and haul away fourteen large, dead trees. This job has been completed except for one tree trunk in the entrance lane and a fence repair. This expense we will not incur again in the foreseeable future.

The roadways have not yet been repaired as we mentioned in the last newsletter but we assure you, the job will be done. The company donating services of the machine and operator has had difficulties with its work schedule due to the heavy rain this spring and summer and we must be patient - especially since the work is being done free-of-charge.

Some of our older members will recall about three years ago we were asked to donate to a fund to buy a piece of mowing equipment to be used by the Kiwanis volunteer workers at the cemetery. The sicklemower was purchased and used and we have it in our possession. However, a balance of \$467.96 remained in the fund and the Kiwanis Club of Northwest Houston has now given us their check for that amount to be added to our maintenance fund. We are most appreciative to Kiwanis for the return of our contributions.

Work continues on writing of the cemetery history. If you know of a Confederate veteran, a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto or something of historical value or particular interest concerning any of your ancestors or anyone buried in the cemetery, please call 682-3375 and tell us about it.

On behalf of Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care, Inc., we wish to thank all who have contributed and made cleaning and maintenance of Washington Cemetery for 1979 possible. To you who have not sent in your tax-free donations, we urge you to do so. OUR GOAL IS 100% PARTICIPATION.

The Executive Committee has discussed the possibility of placing before the membership the question of applying for a historical monument to the State Historical Commission. This question will be placed before the membership at the September meeting.

Our next meeting will be held Sept. 23 at 2:30 PM at First Evangelical Church Fellowship Hall, Room 100, Holman and Caroline (across street from San Jacinto High School.) Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting.

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

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