

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

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Washington
Cemetery
Care, Inc.**

TO: All CCWCC members and their families
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We are approaching a major milestone in the history of Washington Cemetery and CCWCC. Over the last 20 years, CCWCC members have put in thousands of hours of hard work and spent nearly half a million dollars of donated money in the continuing process of restoring Washington Cemetery to its former beauty and maintaining it that way. Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care, Inc. has now petitioned the Harris County District Court to be formally appointed as the sole entity authorized to restore, operate, and maintain Washington Cemetery. The proceeding is **Docket No. 97-19963**, styled "**In re: Washington Cemetery**," and is pending in the 129th District Court (**Judge Pat Mizell**).

CCWCC's petition is brought under Chapter 715 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. This statute was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1995, and allows a district court to authorize a nonprofit corporation such as CCWCC to restore, operate, and maintain a historic cemetery under certain specified conditions. If you wish a copy of the full petition (6 double-sided sheets), please send a self-addressed stamped (55¢) envelope to the CCWCC Secretary, **Rita Davis**.

A hearing on CCWCC's petition will be held on June 16, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. in the 129th District Court, on the 16th floor of 1019 Congress, in downtown Houston (the Jury Assembly Room is on the first floor of this building). You are encouraged to attend this brief hearing and demonstrate by your presence how important it is to CCWCC members that the judge grant our request to be appointed as the sole legal operator of Washington Cemetery. If you need a ride, or can offer a ride, please contact **Leona Zaboroski**. If you plan to attend but don't plan to carpool, please call Leona anyway, so that we may have an idea how many people to expect.

We are very pleased with the way Glenwood is caring for the cemetery, and we have heard many compliments about it. But as usual, there is no free lunch. We pay \$2000 per month, every month, just to maintain the cemetery grounds. The costs of this court action (expected to be about \$5000), utilities, monument restoration, quarterly newsletter, correspondence, etc. all add up. We've come a long way, but the job is not finished. Please help as much as you can.

One easy way for you to help care for Washington Cemetery is to link your Randalls Remarkable Card to the WCHT Good Neighbor number 2810 and ask your family and friends to do the same. Randalls reports that our members made purchases totaling \$2700 during the first 3 months of the year. Let's try to get that up to \$10,000 by the end of June. The higher the year-end total, the higher the percentage of that total Randalls will pay us.

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Please return the entire form below with your check and mail to **Julie Itz, Treasurer**. All individual donations are deductible on Form 1040 (Schedule A). If your company (e.g., Exxon, Southwestern Bell, Tenneco) will match your donation, please make your donation to the WASHINGTON CEMETERY HISTORIC TRUST; otherwise, please make your annual donation to CCWCC, INC., as usual. **PLEASE NOTE!!** CCWCC and WCHT are separate organizations with separate bank accounts. Please do not combine donations to both organizations in one check!

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| Donor Name _____ | Surname(s) of Deceased _____ |
| Please send acknowledgment <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Plot Number (if known) _____ |
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| ____ 1997 MAINTENANCE Donation (\$40.00) | ____ 1997 ANNUAL Donation (\$40.00) |
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