

October 23, 1979

NEWSLETTER  
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

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#1 item of interest to all concerned is our finances: As of Oct. 14, 1979, 945 members have contributed a total of \$22,796.00. 145 of the 945 have made two or more donations and a large portion have contributed amounts well in excess of \$10. We can all rejoice in the tremendous response to the plea for funds and take pride in the fact that Washington Cemetery is "looking good" for the first time in many years.

The following is an accounting of receipts and disbursements since Oct., 1978:

Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1978 (before maintenance donations)		
Checking Acct. - \$1,246.06	Savings Acct. - \$433.35	\$ 1,679.41
MAINTENANCE DONATIONS SINCE OCT., 1978		22,796.00
Return of our contributions for purpose of buying mowing equipment to Kiwanis Club of Northwest Houston		467.96
Interest on Savings Account		284.45
		<u>\$25,227.82</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Cleaning cemetery the first time	\$ 7,100.00	
Maintenance the balance of a rainy summer	5,901.22	
Removal of 14 dead trees	1,395.00	
Postage and newsletters	635.79	
Deposit to Historical Foundation for marker in event we are declared a historical site	475.00	
Machinery repairs & supplies (prior to Apr., '79 when maintenance contractor took over work)	178.62	
Sign showing name of our organization	120.00	
Safe deposit box rental	10.00	
Meeting expense (gratuity to custodian)	10.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>15,825.63</u>
Balance on hand October 14, 1979		
Checking Acct. - \$3,684.39	Savings Acct. - \$5,717.80	\$ 9,402.19

At present we have unpaid bills in the amount of \$675 for cutting back sections of the cemetery last week plus cost of this newsletter and postage. We anticipate one more cutting of the entire cemetery before next spring. A financial report will be given in future newsletters. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call Lois King, 682-3375.

The roads have finally been repaired! The road-fill given us greatly improved our roadways but did not quite take care of all the holes. There are still some holes in the first road leading to the back but these were the smaller holes and there simply was not enough material to take care of all of them. One more load would have completed the job in fine shape. However, we are fortunate and grateful to have received nine loads which would have cost us \$1,500.00 plus cost of spreading FREE-OF-CHARGE.

Fourteen dead trees have been removed and the job has been finalized.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. L. F. Dickson, one of our members, who has been working every Monday at the cemetery, disposing of fallen limbs, trash, etc. Thank you very much, Mr. Dickson, for your time, labor and interest.

Application for the historical marker and history of the cemetery have been submitted to the Harris County Historical Survey Committee for their consideration. Mr. Frank Tritico, Chairman, tells us it will be approximately nine months before we know their decision as to whether or not Washington Cemetery will be declared a historical site.

In the June, 1978, issue of HOUSTON HOME & GARDEN Magazine, Ms. Tessie Fruge wrote an article on the disgraceful condition of Washington Cemetery. She is now interested in doing a follow-up article on the improved condition of our cemetery. Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas rush now in progress, the article will probably appear after the first of the year or perhaps next spring after our first cutting.

The membership voted two amendments to the by-laws at the Sept. meeting:

1. Article IV, Section 1, Term of Office was amended to delete the sentence "No officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office."
2. Article VIII was amended to read: "A proposed budget for maintenance and administrative expenses shall be presented by the Executive Committee at the fall meeting of the membership. A family minimum contribution shall be determined at that time deemed sufficient to pay for those expenses."

The Treasurer presented the following minimum operating budget for 1980:

Maintenance - 10 cuttings of gravesite area	\$13,500.00
Cutting entrance and front area	1,000.00
4 newsletters to approximately 1,500 people	640.00
Legal expense reserve	800.00
Postage - General	60.00
Annual mailing permit for bulk rate	40.00
Undesignated Miscellaneous	760.00
	<u>\$16,800.00</u>

To insure sufficient funds to finance our 1980 budget, a motion carried that the annual contribution be \$24 payable in one sum due Jan. 1st or partial payments if more convenient. It was stressed by some at the meeting and was a part of the motion that because the estimated budget was very reasonable in these inflated times, a contribution amounting to only \$2 a month or \$24 a year is a small price to pay for a respectable cemetery. In the event you feel you are financially unable to donate the suggested amount for 1980, whatever donation you can make will be helpful and appreciated. We are most interested in the participation of everyone. On the other hand, there will be many who will contribute more than the \$24. Our goal is to build a surplus toward establishing a perpetual care fund to provide continued maintenance.

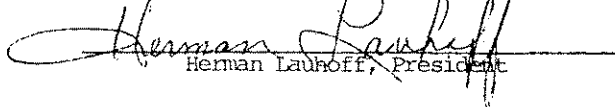
Appeals were made to the Dallas and Washington, D. C. Postal Services, asking we be granted the special bulk third-class mailing permit but we were denied this privilege. It would have allowed us to mail at 2.7¢ per piece instead of 8.4¢, which we now pay.

I would like to say again as I said at the Sept. meeting, I have enjoyed being your president this past year and feel we have accomplished a great deal for our old cemetery. However, the fact that I am a candidate for City Council in District H might cause some of you to see a possible conflict of interest. If you do, I will consider it my duty to the organization to resign immediately and not offer to serve as your president after this term.

Officers and directors for 1980 will be elected at the January meeting. Mrs. Mildred Daly was appointed Nominating Committee Chairman at the Sept. meeting.

This newsletter tells the story to date. We have come a long way and cannot afford to let down now. Let the enthusiasm, interest and contributions continue!

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Herman Lauhoff, President

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For your 1980 contribution make check payable to:  
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC. Or C.C.W.C.C., Inc. if you prefer.

Mail to: J. C. PETTY, 1816 Milford, Houston, Tx. 77098

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of membership contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name in which your family plot is registered if you know. \_\_\_\_\_