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Dear Concerned Citizen for Washington Cemetery Care:

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We wish to bring you up-to-date on what is happening in our organization and at the cemetery.

The membership voted at the Oct. 1 meeting to implement a plan proposed to eventually provide us continuing maintenance of the cemetery. To get the plan underway, each descendant, relative and interested person is asked to make a membership donation of \$10 per year to cover miscellaneous expenses, postage, printing and a portion for cemetery maintenance. An attorney has been engaged to determine our legal rights and after we have his opinion, our goal is to set up a trust fund and launch a campaign for large donations.

We realize a trust fund to earn enough income to care for the cemetery will require a huge sum of money and will not be accomplished overnight but we must get started. Our alternative is to give up and let the weeds take over the cemetery. If you have not already sent in your membership donation, please clip the form below and mail to our treasurer, J. C. Petty, 1816 Milford, Houston, Tx. 77098, at once. Also, urge your relatives to do likewise. Cards acknowledging payment will be mailed to donors hopefully prior to Jan. 1.

We have received the good news from Internal Revenue Service that our organization has been granted tax-deductible status for donors, which means all donations may be deducted on your income tax returns.

If anyone knows of any person who has any of the original 37 certificates issued to stockholders of Washington Cemetery at the time it was founded, or any information at all, please contact Lois King, 682-3375.

One of our members has again donated the cost of renewing the bulk mail permit for 1979 for which we say "thanks very much."

Stalco, a boys' club at St. Thomas High School, has been working Sat. mornings 10 to 12 and afternoons 1 to 3 at the cemetery since Oct. 7 and will continue through Nov. 18 and possibly into Dec. They have cleared Section G, which is the back center section. We strongly urge persons having plots in this section work to keep the weeds under control.

Through the generosity of friends and a member, important work has been done recently. MR. GUY MOSS of MARATHON PAVING has provided a bulldozer and operator to clear the massive growth from the gravesites back to Memorial Drive. O.&O. CONSTRUCTION CO. has furnished a 30 ft. trailer to carry away brush and a backhoe to smooth the roads. MR. E. H. HARRIS, SR., of LANSLOWNE-MOODY CO. has lent us heavy mowing equipment. We are most grateful to these gentlemen for their generosity, help and the inspiration they have given us.

Please do not dump in the area along side the back road. We plan to sow grass seeds and keep this area mowed. If we are unable to mow, next summer the thicket will take over again and we will have lost all we have gained. Please do not leave your weed cuttings in the aisles or by the roadside but take them with you in plastic bags.

Many of you have offered your help. To you, we say "thank's"; we need all kinds of help. We need persons who can spend a few hours at the cemetery Sats. with the volunteer workers, help with printing the membership donation cards, help in supplying spray equipment, defoliants and mowing equipment and help on the Telephone Committee. If you are able and willing, please call Betty Hanson, 686-3104.

H.A.L.T did not follow through on spraying with defoliants as they proposed. After several months delay, they decided the job was too big. We have an estimate from a commercial sprayer of \$500 to spray only the one section in the back next to Glenwood. Needless to say, we cannot afford such a cost and are seeking a way to do the job for less money. If anyone has any ideas - HELP!

As many of you know, the Kiwanis Club of Greater North Houston has been helping us for several years with volunteer help. Next spring they will have their annual fund-raising pancake sale and this is our opportunity to show our appreciation for their hard work. Tickets will cost approximately \$2 per person. If you care to support this organization, please call Lois King, 682-3375, who will contact you later as to a definite date. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to thank them in this way.

Our next meeting will be in Jan. at which time we will elect new officers. You will be notified of the date of the meeting. In the meantime, we urge everyone to come forth and help in any possible way you can. Let's all pull together.

Yours truly,

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

*E. J. Salge* President

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Make check payable to: Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care, Inc.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of membership donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of special donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name cemetery lot is registered in (if you know) \_\_\_\_\_