

NEWSLETTER
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HURRICANE "ALICIA"
 IT'S DAMAGE HAS DAMAGED OUR BUDGET
 HELP!!!

To state it mildly, Hurricane "Alicia" was most unkind to Washington Cemetery. The cemetery was a disaster area with trees of all sizes uprooted, many broken limbs, toppled tombstones and a tremendous amount of debris.

Some of you who were able to drive through the cemetery after the hurricane, know the tremendous extent of its damage. If you did not see it, picture an exposed burial vault, tombstones in the air entangled in uprooted turf and roots, stones broken from their bases and huge trees toppled across and on top of many graves and you may have an idea of the cleanup job necessary.

Some of those who saw the damage volunteered their services and worked long and hard to remove everything that was within their ability to move. Over 100 truckloads of smaller trees, limbs and debris have been cut up, picked up and hauled away. That represents a lot of backbending and sweat! A very big "thanks" to those who helped.

A tree service was hired to cut and remove 10 other huge trees that were either uprooted or damaged beyond repair. We still have to get stumps and roots out, all the holes filled with dirt and do what we can about the tombstones.

The cost of repair and clean-up of the storm damage will exceed our budget for the cemetery by an amount approaching \$4000 to \$5000. It would have been much more without all the volunteer work. This unforeseen expense has made it necessary to appeal to you, who will and are able to help, to add to your donation for the coming year a special donation for the Hurricane "Alicia" Fund. If the total donations exceed the expense of clean-up, the overage will be added to our Special Fund for Perpetual Care.

GIFT FROM SONS OF THE CONFEDERACY

For the second time, we are recipients of funds from Albert Sidney Johnston Camp No. 67, Sons of the Confederacy.

Each year any funds over and above expenses incurred in their sponsorship of the Confederate Ball are donated to historical and geneological organizations and institutions. We thank them very much for the \$300 gift.

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS

The following companies have Matching Gift Programs for which we might possibly qualify. If you are an employee or retiree of one of these companies, please indicate at the bottom of this letter and we will contact you.

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FLOWER BEDS ADD BEAUTY

Ann Pledger, one of our younger members (Huck Family) has volunteered to care for the flower bed at the front of the burialgrounds.

Also, Libby and Eddie Kovar have cultivated and planted the flower bed beside the old house. This is known as "The Kovar Garden."

Notice how nice these beds look as you enter the cemetery. We are, indeed, grateful to Ann and the Kovars for taking on these projects.

LETTERS TO FOUNDATIONS

We are in the process of mailing letters appealing for funds to 125 foundations in the Houston area that might possibly help us.

We understand it is difficult to secure grants but we are hopeful some will respond to our plea for help.

PLANT A GROUND COVER IN CRADLES?

Weeds growing inside cradles are not a pretty sight and require a lot of weedeating by the maintenance crew.

Wouldn't the cemetery be more attractive if a ground cover such as lirioppe, monkey grass or ajuga were growing within every cradle? These plants are preferable to ivy since ivy tends to spread outside the cradle.

If possible, we suggest you plant one of these plants within any cradles on your lot.

If you have any of these plants that need thinning, please let us know (682-3375).

