

Whites Chapel Cemetery Association

2011 NEWS LETTER

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING

As another year comes roaring to an end we are looking forward to coming together at the annual meeting of the Association. The Meeting will be held on November 5, 2011 at the Southlake Christian Church, 1208 Carroll Avenue, Southlake, Texas. As always this is an important meeting for the Association. Under the direction of the President Royal Smith the board is working on ideas on how to preserve our cemetery and the association. At the meeting we will be discussing changes that we feel are critical to the continued support and operation of the cemetery. Because of the importance of this meeting we are encouraging every member to attend. We hope to see you there. If you get lost or just need directions call Roger Hays at 817 475-0880 or Royal E. Smith at 817 379-6909.

REMEMBER THE CEME- TERY CLEANUP

The second cleanup for this year is being held on October 15, 2011. Please put this date of your calendar because we need your help. We will start around 8:00 and work until 12:00. Because of the extreme temperatures this year we have extra work to accomplish. There are several trees which have died and are in danger of falling. The Sheriff's Department will provide men to cut down the trees but this will tie them up for most of the work day. Because of this, some of the task these guys have previously done, like working on individual family plots may be curtailed. This year contributions to the maintenance fund are down and we have been forced to cut the mowing to once per month. At the cleanup we want to touch up the



the mowing and trimming if possible. It is likely this will be the last maintenance done in the cemetery until next year. We can use all the help we can get to defer our maintenance cost, which is why we have the two cleanups each year. If you are able to do any amount of light work we can find something for you to do. Again the date is October 15, 2012 and we will start at 8:00. Refreshments and drinks will be provided.

A JOB WELL DONE

From the present and past Board we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Johnny Tate who passed away March 21, 2011. Johnny had served so faithfully as a Trustee on our cemetery board for many years. He was a Deacon in the Second Advent Christian Church, was 85 years old and a long time resident of Southlake. He was very instrumental in working with the City to get the fence around the cemetery. He will be greatly missed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CEMETERY

On Saturday October 8, 2011 Royal E. Smith PhD will be hosting a Whites Chapel Cemetery History Day. The tour will begin at 10:00 and will continue until 11:00. We will be celebrating the ten year anniversary of the dedication of the cemetery's historical marker. The marker was presented to the cemetery on October 21, 2001 by the Texas Historical Commission. The event is open to the public, members of the Whites Chapel Cemetery Association, Friends of the White Chapel Cemetery Association, including the Southlake Historical Society and Tarrant County Historical Commission to name a few. Highlights will include stories of the historic cemetery, the families who are buried there and their contribution to the community. We are hoping to bring awareness to the community of our historical cemetery. If you are interested in hearing more of the history of the cemetery and the community please come out and hear Dr. Smith.

BOY SCOUT PROJECTS

On Saturday September 24, 2011 Tristan Spencer a Boy Scout of America in Troop 292 in Flower Mound, Texas completed his Eagle Scout project in our cemetery. His project was to install five metal benches within the cemetery and two decorative trash can receptacles placed at the entrance. The board has been working with Tristan for over a year to prepare this project. Along with his family, Tristan led seven teams of 35 men and woman to assemble the trash can receptacles and benches and install them in the cemetery. The project was a complete success and will benefit the cemetery for years to come. This is the second Eagle Scout project from the same troop in which White's Chapel has had the privilege of being involved. Last year Keeton Schenck completed his tombstone cleaning project on October 16, 2010. Tristan was one of the team members who worked on Keeton's project. The Boy Scouts of America should be very proud of this young man as we are of them.

ANNUAL FUND RAISER

This year has been an extremely difficult year for not only our cemetery but the economy in general. Many members of the association are being affected directly with the loss of jobs, retirements and savings that just don't go as far as in the past. The cemetery has been affected as well. With contributions down we have had to cut maintenance in the cemetery. We have had one company doing the mowing for several years but with rising cost the company was charging extra. In November we paid for Octobers mowing which totaled \$590.00. Paying this bill alone was half of the members contributions we received for 2011. In addition we have had an extreme drought and several trees have died and we had to pay for the cleanup. We were forced to cut the maintenance down to one mowing per month. The board has negotiated with Tarrant County and they are doing the mowing at no cost to us, but will only mow once per month. Unfortunately this was not frequent enough to keep the cemetery looking as good as it has. We have received several complaints and one citation from the city for mowing. Depending on the contributions we receive for next year, we hope to pay Mr. Lawn Care \$210.00 per month for a second mowing around the 15th of each month. This will begin in April and continue through Oct 2012. So we are asking for your help again by making a donation to the maintenance fund. As most are aware Whites Chapel Cemetery is a non-perpetual care cemetery, family owned and the upkeep done by surviving family members. This means no trust fund for maintenance of your family member's burial space was established at the time of their death. So it becomes the responsibly of the family members. You can make a tax exempt donation at any time during the year or a monthly contribution. Please make your check payable to Whites Chapel Cemetery Association and return it in the enclosed envelope. In advance thank you for your support of our cemetery.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2012

During the annual meeting Nov. 5 2011 the nominating committee will be making their recommendations for officers of the Association to the members present. The nominating committee is discussing current openings on the board. We will be voting on these candidates during this meeting. The committee is considering candidates at this time, however in accordance with the bylaws any association member can make a motion to nominate anyone meeting the qualifications to include themselves. As we continue to support the business of the Association it is critical for all of the board and members of the association to be present for this vote. If there are circumstances which would make it impossible to attend please contact Roger Hays at 817 475-0880. We hope to see as many as possible at the meeting.