

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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BOARD MEETING - The Board of Directors met April 5. President Stan Carr presided. Attending were Laughlin Barker, Virginia Bliss, William Gilbert, Sherry Smith Gonzales, Preston McGee, Marian Meyer, James Purdy, Lucy Sanchez and Justine Thomas. The major item of business was planning the Spring Clean-up and fertilizing the grass.

MEETING WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS - On April 12 a meeting was held with Santa Fe County officials. Stan Carr, Preston McGee and Marian Meyer made the final arrangements with the County for the May 7 clean-up. The County will again provide a truck and driver to haul away the bags of trash.

FEEDING THE GRASS-PAYNE'S TO DONATE LABOR - Since the County meeting was held, Pres McGee met with Lynn Payne of Payne's Nursery, to determine the cost of fertilizing the more than 4 acres of grass at Fairview. Our association will pay for the fertilizer and Payne's has generously offered to donate the labor to apply it, the week following the clean-up. The County will water regularly following the feeding.

9:00  
A.M. **Spring Clean-up May 7**

BIG ATTENDANCE NEEDED - Grounds and Clean-up Chairman Pres McGee hopes to have an outstanding turn-out for this second annual Spring Clean-up. Its success will depend on the number of people who attend. We hope you will bring your whole family, grandparents and grandkids included, even if they can't do physical work. Moral support is important too. In order for Pres to properly organize the work, he would like to have an indication of how many people to expect, and asks that you let us know in advance, if possible. Call one of the following and let them know approximately how many will be in your group:

Pres McGee 983-9151 (Office) Rene Barker 982-4030 Stan Carr 983-9730

(Note: Stan Carr is in the hospital with a broken hip, but should be home in a few days and will be able to take calls).

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS - Everyone is asked to bring tools--rakes, hoes, shovels, pruning shears or garden clippers. Put your name on your tools if possible. Plastic trash bags will be provided by the association.

VOLUNTEER GROUPS - We hope to have some volunteer groups on hand. Boy Scout Troop 49 has agreed to help again this year. We don't yet know what the response will be, but we are now contacting other groups of young volunteers including the Boy's Club, Key Club, DeMolay, Girl Scouts and 4-H. If you know of a group which might be willing to help, please contact them and let us know. With enough help, we might get the entire cemetery cleaned this year.

AFTER YOU'VE DONE YOUR FAMILY PLOT - From our experience last year, we know that families like to get their own plots cleaned and raked first. Afterwards, if you have the time and energy, Pres will appreciate help in other areas of the cemetery, such as pruning shrubs or shoots on old trees, filling trash bags, and cleaning peripheral areas. Just removing the trash along the wrought iron fence will give the cemetery a fresh new look. If one of the headstones on your lot needs straightening, let us know that day. If we have enough strong young workers, we will try to work on that also.

HISTORICAL PLAQUES - The board decided to postpone the installation of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation shield and the historical information plaque until next year, which will be the 100th anniversary of Fairview. We are tentatively planning a public dedication as a centennial observance near Memorial Day 1984.

VANDALISM - Unfortunately, one night in December a group of vandals toppled 11 large monuments. The County sent a work crew out immediately to re-set them, but the freezing temperatures prevented the adhesive from setting and the work had to be postponed. The County plans to have the repairs finished before our May 7 clean-up. Because of this incident, the board hopes to get work done on the wrought iron fence which will make it possible to install the wrought iron gate which is waiting to be hung. The gate was engineered two years ago by one of the Santa Fe County Commissioners.