

Newsletter No. 20

NEWSLETTER
MENDENHALL CEMETERIES ASSN, INC.
P. O. BOX 838
MENDENHALL, MS 39114

Summer, 2017

ANNUAL MEETING July 25, 2017** 6:00 PM** MENDENHALL COMMUNITY CENTER**

2 Corinthians 8:12-15

Be Ready to Give as the Need Arises

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We need your HELP and SUPPORT

When visiting our cemeteries, it is sometimes easy not to consider the effort it takes to continue and financially to maintain the beauty of these sacred grounds ongoing year after year, while safeguarding the rights of plot owners.

We are blessed to have a group of dedicated contributors, volunteers, board members, and employees that make it their job to be serving and diligent in their service.

It would interesting and enlightening for you to attend the annual meeting this year. If you can attend, you could witness what dedication there is involved with the association's Board Members responsibilities and every year with your help in volunteering, making donations and memorials to the cemetery.

The finances of the MCA is divided into two categories: general operating budget and the perpetual care budget. The general operating budget provides for the day-to-day care of the Cemeteries, whereas, the perpetual care budget is reserved to build principle to meet future needs. At the rate of rising costs in most area of spending over the past years, it is not likely to adequately be able to fund a Perpetual Care Fund. Perpetual care only occurs when a cemetery organization has enough funding to pay for all of its future maintenance and upkeep costs into perpetuity. The older section of the cemetery has now fewer names of any donors because of having no contact information with their family because of generations lost.

We are challenged annually to meet our annual expenses, while still continuing to apply funds into a perpetual care fund.

MCA always needs your help and financial support ongoing.

Won't you consider giving today!

Thanks,

David H. Massey

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS

President - David Massey

Vice-President - Marshall Magee

Secretary - Betty Sue Mangum

Treasurer - Miriam Hopkins

Members: Curtis McMillan, Tommy Lee,

Perry Lee, Jan Magee, Todd Booth

Cemetery Supervisor: Tom Layton

Please join us on Tuesday, July 25 at 6:00 PM for the annual meeting at the Mendenhall Community Center. We will provide a list of the burials for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. We will be giving an update on the fiscal yearly maintenance and care of the Mendenhall Cemeteries and welcome any suggestions or ideas that you could contribute at the meeting. You will be provided financial information for the past fiscal year 2016-17 and if you have any concerns about the care of the cemetery, the Board will be there to hear them. Please support our cemeteries by your attendance

CEMETERY YEARLY REMINDERS

Corner stones must be checked often by the owner of your burial plot/plots. West Cemetery does not require corner stones.

Burial accuracy depends on these markers. Family members should have proof of ownership to schedule a funeral of their loved ones to insure the accuracy of location.

Your donations are appreciated each year. They are tax deductible and can be mailed to Mendenhall Cemeteries Association at the PO Box 838, Mendenhall, MS 39114

Memorial acknowledgments will be promptly be sent to the family of the deceased

WEBSITE: www.cityofmendenhall.com/cemetery.htm

EMAIL ADDRESS: mendenhallcemetery@gmail.com

Below is SECTION ONE of the Rules and Regulations of the Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc. It not our intention to upset or offend any families of the deceased on the grounds of the Mendenhall Cemeteries. If you wish/desire to meet with the board, please attend this meeting on July 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM to discuss any concern you may have with the enforcement of the rules and regulations concerning the appearance of the cemetery.

SECTION ONE
Rules and Regulations of the
Mendenhall Cemeteries Association, Inc.

APPEARANCE OF THE CEMETERY

The lasting beauty of the cemetery is dependent upon controlled planting and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and lawns. It is not the intent of this policy to limit the rights of the burial grounds owners, but rather to insure consistent standards of appearance in all areas of the cemetery.

Trees, Shrubs, Plants and Planting

1. Any tree, shrubs, or other plants may be removed or replaced at the discretion of the Cemetery Board, in order to prevent disease of plants, overcrowding conditions or damage to burial sites. The Board is under no obligation to replace any tree, shrub, or any other plant which has been removed for any reason. Families are not allowed to plant live plants or trees in any of the Mendenhall Cemeteries.

2. Care of the cemetery lawns is the responsibility of the Cemetery Board. All of the cemetery lawns should be mowed at the same time by the cemetery caretaker. Selective mowing of e.g., on one burial plot, detracts from the appearance of uniformity.

Grave Decorations

Placement of floral tributes on the graves of those interred in the Mendenhall Cemetery or Mendenhall Cemetery West is encouraged, provided certain regulations are followed to insure the pleasing appearance of the cemetery. These are:

1. Floral tributes consisting of real or artificial flowers are the recommended type of grave decorations.

2. All grave decorations are to be removed from

an individual grave when such becomes unsightly. It will be the responsibility of the family or friends of the deceased to remove old and faded flowers and to ensure the compliance of this regulation. If not done in a timely manner, it will become the right of the Cemetery Board to have the unsightly grave decorations removed by the cemetery caretaker.

3. No pottery, crockery, tin, glass, statues or ceramic decorations or containers will be allowed in the Mendenhall Cemetery or Mendenhall Cemetery West. No metal or plastic pipes, wires, rocks, bricks, gravel or concrete may be used to secure any grave decoration to the ground. Such material can also cause serious injury and will be removed.

4. Items or material not permitted:

- A. Slabs of any type or material.
- B. Corner markers of any type
- C. Stone Chips or "Homemade" memorials of any type
- D. No benches, chairs, or tables should be placed by the gravesites.

HELP BUILD THE EXISITING MAILING LIST-if you have brothers, sisters, children, nieces nephews or other family or friends of your family that don't receive the annual notice or the Holiday Newsletter in November, please request them to send their addresses to be added to the list for future mail-outs-**GIVE THE MCA'S MAILING ADDRESS TO CONTACT US WITH THEIR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS.** We do appreciate those of you that donate yearly and have for all the years of operation because without your caring about your family's burial grounds, we would be unable to continue what we are doing by keeping the grounds attractive to families and visitors. The existing board members do enjoy volunteering because our deceased family's members are buried here. They took care of us and we are honoring them.

Exodus 20:12

**Honor your Father and Mother, So
That You May Live long in the Land that the
Lord your God is giving you.**