

P.S.

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Dear Friend:

In the time since this newsletter went to the printer, two items of significance occurred in the cemetery.

On 2 August, an 80 year old man drove his pickup truck through the north chain link fence on K Street, careening over and pushing aside tombstones down Section 59b and then diagonally through 61b, 61, 63, and 65 before slamming into a tree along the center road, forcing the truck to stop.

While the driver was cited and not injured, several tombstones were displaced and a few were damaged. These included tombstones belonging to the families of Zecckine, Clement, Crawford, Boyett, Keefer, and Chattman.

Fortunately, the driver's insurance, USAA, is going to pay full restitution. The SJC has filed a claim and will contract a company to reposition and in some cases remanufacture the tombstones.

On 4 September, a tropical storm struck Pensacola and toppled two large trees and minor branches from others. The large trees had been sick; so their end came at no surprise. They remain on the ground, as SJC has not yet awarded the contract for their removal. Only afterwards, will we know if any tombstones were damaged.

You may recall that the Friends recently made a concerted effort to remove diseased trees and stumps over the last 18 months. The hope was that these newly fallen trees would be able to last a little longer. The Friends would like to be more proactive in this endeavor but can only do so with your support. I strongly encourage you to make a generous contribution towards the tree fund.

Your contributions to the tree fund will allow us to eliminate diseased trees before they fall on tombstones and to plant new trees to replace those that have died.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Sincerely,
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