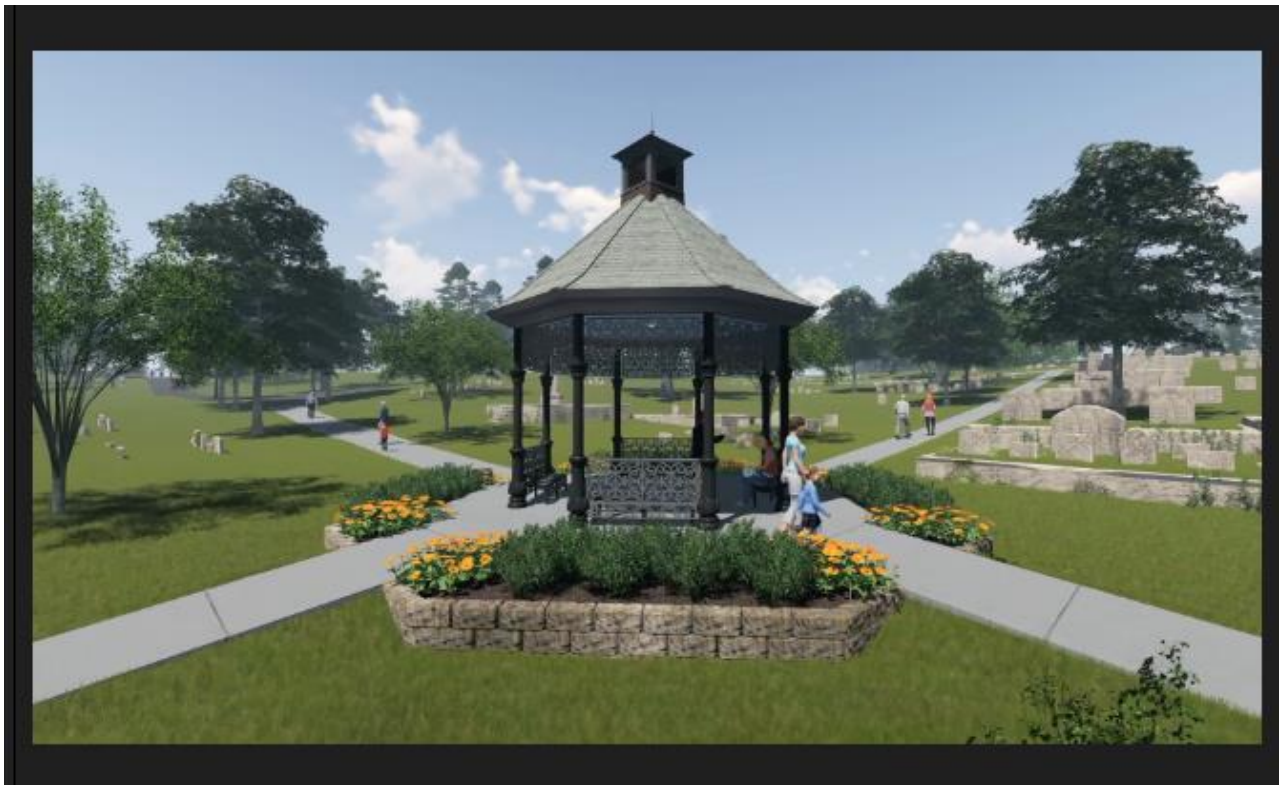


Annual Membership Drive

It’s time once again to send in your tax-exempt contribution to our annual membership drive. These funds are a major contribution to the work we do throughout the year at Oakland Cemetery. Please use the membership renewal/signup coupon on the following page and give generously.

Grand Gazebo!



The Alta and John Franks Gazebo

The original Oakland Cemetery Master Landscape Plan, developed by the Oakland Cemetery Preservation Society (OCPS) in 2010, contained a signature structure that was designed to greatly enhance the overall beauty of the cemetery. The structure chosen was a beautiful gazebo that would fit in perfectly with the time period chosen for the restoration and rehabilitation of Oakland.

We are very pleased to announce that the Alta and John Franks Foundation will donate the gazebo as “A gift to the People of Shreveport”. The gazebo was carefully and professionally designed by Gene Hodgson of Pollard-Hodgson Architects and will be located at the intersection of Washington and Willow Streets, in the cemetery. The contractor is Jackson Construction Company.

Cemetery Update

The past year was another very productive one for the (OCPS). Thanks to a grant from the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners Association (NWLAMGA) and a Neighborhood Improvement (NIP) grant from the Community Development Dept. of the City of Shreveport, as well as the Friends and Families of Oakland, OCPS was able to implement Phase 1 of the cemetery's overall landscape plan. This portion of the plan included plantings in the front gate area of the cemetery, as well as down Washington Street and to the eastern boundary.

In addition to planting trees, a bench was added to the Yellow Fever Mound along with beautiful plantings behind the bench.

Finally, an irrigation system was added to each plant to keep them in good condition throughout the year.

This effort allowed us to tie the cemetery into the recently renovated Grand Ave./Elvis Presley Blvd. and enhance the beauty of both. We are very appreciative to all our donors for their support.

We would also like to thank Shreveport Green and Loyola College Prep for their assistance in securing and planting the plants and trees.

OCPS, in conjunction with the City of Shreveport (SPAR), continued to right many monuments in the cemetery that were in danger of collapse or were on the ground. This not only improved the look of the cemetery but also saved the valuable monuments from irreparable damage.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF OAKLAND

YES, I want to help by joining or renewing my membership to the "Friends of Oakland" organization to further the Oakland Cemetery Preservation Society's efforts to restore and preserve the cemetery.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

- Individual \$50** **Family \$75** **Friend \$150**
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Front Gate Design



Bench Design



Storeroom Design

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Keith Evans - President

It has been another great year of progress for Oakland Cemetery. Our partnerships with the City of Shreveport, Shreveport Green, and the Master Gardeners demonstrate the importance of and the interest in Oakland Cemetery. As always, these types of alliances benefit the whole community, and we are grateful for our partners!

In 2016, following our Master Landscape Plan, we completed Phase 1. Phase 1 added 26 trees, one park bench, one flower bed, the removal of 4 damaged trees, and installation of irrigation systems to handle all newly planted items.

This year, we intend to construct the new Alta and John Franks Gazebo with accompanying flower beds, plant 13 new trees, add two park benches, plant 42 new shrubs, and add the necessary irrigation systems.

Board member and historian, Steve Smith has continued his efforts to save those monuments in most need of repair. His vigilance in the cemetery is a wonderful asset for us. To-date, OCPS, at his direction, has rescued over 100 monuments--works of art--from ruin.

Lastly, OCPS is searching for one or more donors to help underwrite the design and construction of the new storeroom (shown at left) that will be placed at a key location in Oakland. If you would like to assist in this effort, please contact Hines Vaughan at 458-6117.

We look forward to working with you again in the coming months and years to continue to polish Oakland Cemetery to be the jewel in the crown of this area. **Please join/renew your membership this month! WE AND THE CEMETERY NEED YOU!!!**

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Twin Blends Video:

We invite you to go to our web site, www.oaklandcemetryla.org, to view the new video of the cemetery by this up and coming local company - Twin Blends Photography, LLC. It is a spectacular drone fly-over of the cemetery. While you are there, take time to view all the web site has to offer!

Alta and John Franks Gazebo Video:

See an animated video of the Alta and John Franks new Gazebo! Go to our web site shown above, www.oaklandcemetryla.org

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We've been getting 5-star reviews! We want to know what you think about the good things going on in Oakland!

Give for Good – The OCPS is now a participant in the Give for Good campaign. Usually held in May, it is a great way to make a donation to Oakland and have your donation matched by the Community Foundation.

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