

GLENWOOD CEMETERY

DECEMBER 2023



Having served six generations of Houstonians, Glenwood remains an active, operating cemetery with picturesque lots available for sale in all sections of the cemetery.

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Letter

FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

December 1, 2023

Dear Glenwood Members and Friends:

On behalf of the Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation (GCHPF), we would like to sincerely commend all who have generously supported Glenwood this past year. We are excited to celebrate the end of a monumental year and the start of another one with you, as we announce that The Center for Glenwood is now open! Now that The Center is open, we invite you to come visit and see the beauty of the building in person. When you enter the new entrance off Washington Avenue you will be greeted with a beautiful panoramic view of the cemetery grounds and Center.

The opening of The Center is the commencement of a new era for Glenwood. We have always been committed to making families a top priority, and now through The Center, we can provide a Gathering Space to celebrate the life of a loved one. The Gathering Space offers a way for us to expand our reach through new hosting opportunities that we can offer to Glenwood families. The Archive Room within The Center will offer overseen access to archival treasures for research and educational purposes. It is our hope that public access to these treasures will result in a wider study, understanding and appreciation of the men and women who built our city and state.

The GCHPF was established in 1999 to raise funds to preserve and enhance the beauty and historical integrity of Glenwood Cemetery through projects beyond the scope of day-to-day maintenance and operation. The Foundation continues to remain committed to its mission of stewarding the museum of beauty that is Glenwood Cemetery. The dedication and support given to the GCHPF has been instrumental in the preservation and maintenance of Glenwood. The GCHPF has been dedicated to many projects within the cemetery that include, but are not limited to, the completion of the lake area improvement, the stabilization of new sections G-4 and G-5, irrigation and stabilization of the Ravine, the removal of over 150 dead trees, added irrigation to areas affected by the unprecedented drought, and the creation of the new Ravine Gardens. These projects are imperative to the sustainability and beautification of the cemetery and are designed to carefully protect and nurture the cemetery.

As we look forward to our 153rd year of service, we excitedly await all the changes that come with this new era. The GCHPF will continue to remain devoted to preserving and protecting the valuable resources under our stewardship. Our commitment is both strong and ongoing through the projects described above. **Please consider a contribution to the Foundation**, enabling us to continue both preservation and enhancement efforts. We pledge that your gift will be utilized responsibly in the pursuit of the GCHPF's mission. We look forward to seeing you at The Center and thank you again for the dedication in seeing the vision of The Center become a reality.

Sincerely,



Ransom C. Lummis
Chairman of the Board & President



Richard A. Ambrus
Executive Director & Vice President





About Glenwood

Founded in 1871, Glenwood Cemetery is in its 152nd year of operation. Preserving and protecting this historical treasure trove has become more important than ever to The City of Houston. Our cemetery has the distinct honor of stewarding the final resting places of many notable Houstonians and historical figures. "Houston's Silent Garden" is a peaceful space that should be preserved and available for the community to engage with its rich history. The Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation (GCHPF) restores and preserves the cemetery through special projects outside of daily maintenance.



GCHPF WORK

Section G-4 and G-5

The GCHPF has worked diligently on the lake area improvement and new sections G-4 and G-5. We have successfully improved drainage and redirected waterflow in the lake area. Sections G-4 and G-5 embankments have been strengthened and reinforced with gabion lining and dirt. The gabion lining will help preserve the configuration of the topography and prevent erosion in this area. These sections will be sodded in the future and will retain a natural and aesthetically pleasing look.



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Ravine Gardens

Taking advantage of Glenwood's unique terrain, The Center is situated on the banks of a small Ravine. The Main Lobby and Gathering Space has floor to ceiling windows that offer a breathtaking view of the cemetery, both spaces have glass doors leading to the Terrace. The Ravine has been cleared of dead trees and brush and will be stabilized with sodded grass which will help prevent erosion. The Ravine Gardens will be created to safeguard valuable land and will add beauty to the serene greenspace for those that visit our grounds. Using native plants and flowers beautiful gardens will be created that will be effective in preventing erosion while complimenting and accentuating the natural beauty of the Ravine and the cemetery landscape.



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Washington Entrance



The new Washington front entrance is now open. The new entrance has been moved 60ft east and offers a panoramic view of the grounds and Center when you enter.





THE CENTER FOR GLENWOOD

Welcome, The Center for Glenwood is now open! The Center is a unique space that combines modern architecture with natural elements. The high ceiling windows throughout The Center offers a beautiful view of the grounds and Ravine from almost every room and gives the feeling of being among the treetops. The stone is imported from Italy and then cut from large blocks to a specific thickness and chiseled into individual pieces by hand. The stone flows into the building from the exterior. The flooring throughout the public spaces is a stunning dark micro terrazzo that gets extended out to the Terrace and part of the front entrance. The flooring in the Gathering Space is a beautiful white stained oak that is complimented by all the natural light from the floor to ceiling windows.

Gathering Space



The Gathering Space is 1,447 SF and offers a sweeping view of the cemetery grounds and Ravine. The Gathering Space can hold a reception of 100 guests, or a seated reception of 80 guests.



Amenities for the Gathering Space are audio/visual equipment, catering kitchen facilities, table and chairs for 80 guests.

The Center

We are excited about all the new hosting opportunities we can now offer to Glenwood members. We are committed to making families a top priority and through The Center we now have a space to celebrate a loved one.



Archive Room

The Archive Room is a unique space in the value it will add to both Glenwood and the City of Houston. It will be a dedicated space to access Glenwood's archives for research and educational purposes, engage the community through programming and other offerings, and advance and promote Glenwood's historical significance. Through our archive collections, we look forward to providing the community and the entire City of Houston with the remarkable opportunity to access its past.





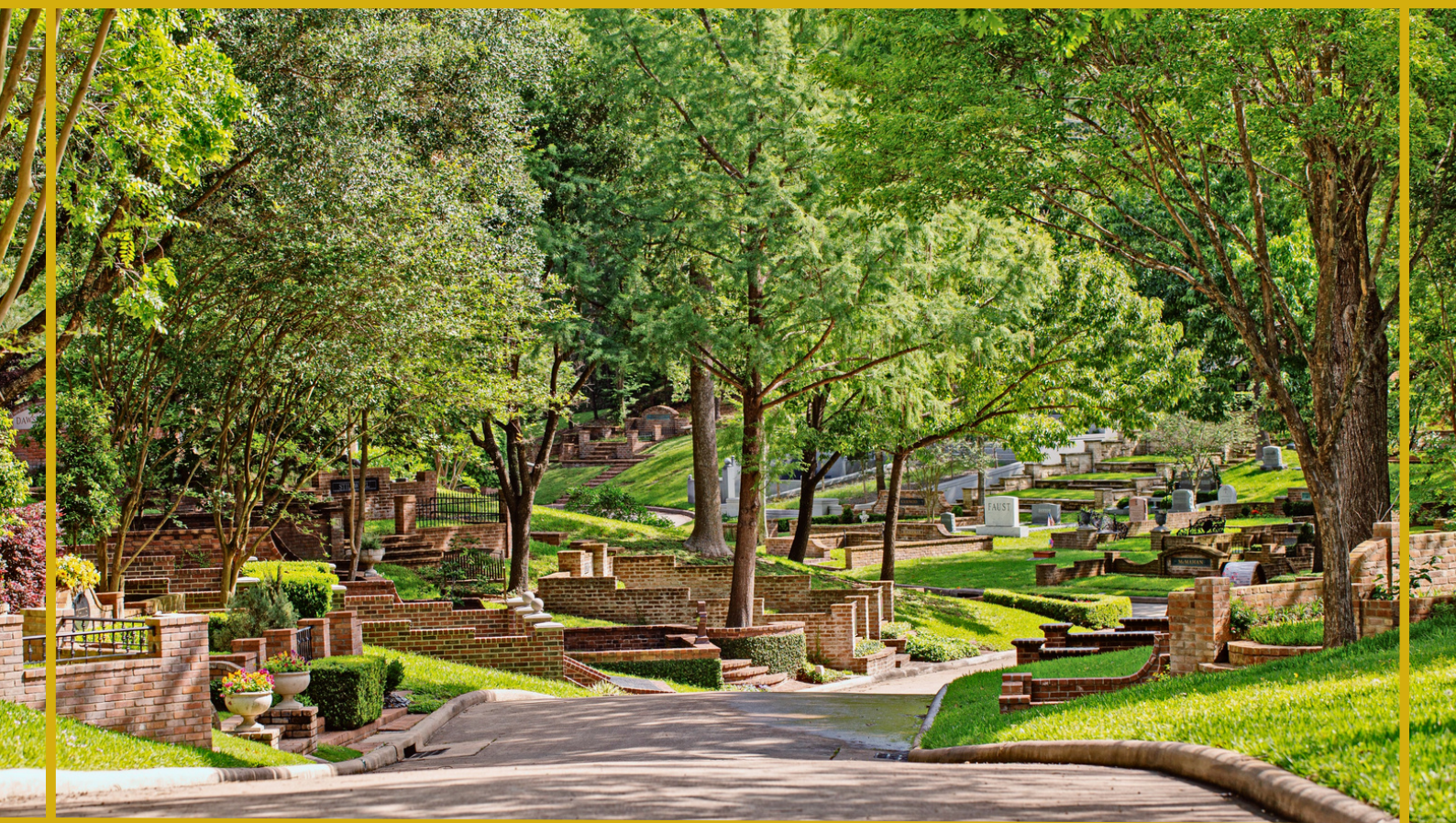
TRIBUTE BRICKS

Remember or honor a loved one with a tribute brick from the original entrance columns (circa 1897). Order online, cost is \$1,500 and includes personalized engraving. The bricks are beautifully displayed in the entry garden of The Center.





THANK YOU



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