



# *City Cemeteries*





## Parks and Recreation Programming Master Plan

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### **Parker Cemetery**

**Type of Park:** Cemetery.

**Address:** 1800 Block of Cardinal Road

**Year Built:** 1867

**Size of Park:** 1.4 Acres



**Comments** – Cemeteries function as open space that provides respite to the hustle and bustle of our lives. It is a place of reflection where all citizens may benefit from the peace and calm provided by the right setting. Historic cemeteries have the added value of places as cultural interest and education.

The Parker Cemetery is a place that combines all of the above. It contains a good stand of trees, many of which are post oaks adding to the historic character of the site. The location of the cemetery is unique with its elevated location that overlooks Fort Worth down to the Trinity Valley. It is not a large site; and there are no pathways or benches. Sheet erosion has caused the roots of some trees to be exposed, which may lead to the eventual demise of these trees.

#### **Existing Facilities in the Park:**

- None

**Parking:**

<b>Off-Street:</b>	0 spaces
<b>On-Street:</b>	Available but not dedicated and/or marked
<b>Handicap:</b>	0 spaces



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### ***Recommended Park Improvements:***

- Acquire the road easement currently earmarked for future lengthening of Glen Road onto Highway 10, for the extension of the cemetery open space in an eastern direction.
- Extend the cemetery open space toward the west where a dense stand of post oak trees are found. This enlargement will provide “breathing space” to this cemetery with its unique historic, natural and peaceful character.
- Street paint a minimum number of five on-street parking spaces.
- Provide compost and mulch to protect the mature trees and to prevent further damage to the tree roots.
- Provide and maintain decomposed granite pathways throughout the cemetery.
- Add a decorative stone column and metal fence around the cemetery property.
- Add benches with two goals in mind: reflection on history and the deceased; and views to the south.
- Initiate the acquisition of land to the east and west of the cemetery as a “protection zone.”



*Elevated view across Highway 10 toward Fort Worth and the valley beyond.*



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*Engaging view along Highway 10 to the southeast.*



*View along Highway 10 to the southwest framed by a dense stand of trees including post oaks.*



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### **Arwine Cemetery (not city owned)**

**Type of Park:** Cemetery.

**Address:** 700 Block of Arwine Court  
**Year Built:** 1879



**Comments** – Arwine Cemetery is not the property of the City of Hurst. It belongs to and is maintained by the Arwine Cemetery Association. However, a beautiful asset within the City of Hurst, it is well worth mentioning.

This cemetery has a unique setting with a mature stand of large post oak trees. The cemetery has a special charm being located in natural surroundings. It is unfortunate that the cemetery needs to be fenced off and that it cannot be made available for all citizens on a regular basis.

Since Arwine Cemetery is not owned or managed by the City, the existing (or lack of) facilities is not addressed here. However, being an important community asset with cultural and historical value, general improvements may be considered for the cemetery by the Arwine Cemetery Association including:

- Ensure ongoing maintenance of this tranquil and historic facility.
- Change the surrounding chain link fence to a metal fence with stone columns.
- Market the cemetery as a destination of historic interest within the City of Hurst.
- Consider a program to allow access to the general public on a regular basis, e.g. open days once a month or week, depending on the demand.
- Should it be considered to allow regular access to the cemetery, allowance must be made for parking.



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*Main entrance to Arwine Cemetery; note the dense and well-established stand of trees, many of which are mature and well-established post oaks.*