



CREATIVE CHOICES

The Newsletter of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Texas

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2018 Cemetery Survey

Every other year, Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Texas publishes a cemetery survey listing prices at a **representative sampling** of hundreds of city-owned and privately-owned cemeteries in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The survey includes information about niches and burial plots for cremation urns.

For veterans and their spouses, the survey provides information about the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen and the two national Veterans Cemeteries in San Antonio.

Data for the current survey were collected in July, 2018. Information was gathered in person, by email, and by phone. In some instances – primarily city cemeteries, Assumption Cemetery, and Eloise Woods in Cedar Creek – prices were available online.

Our [2018 Cemetery Survey](http://www.fcactx.org) includes many website links. For one-click access to any of these websites, simply open the online version at www.fcactx.org.

If you or someone you know would like to purchase one or more plots that have been donated to FCA of Central Texas, please see page 5 for details about available plots.



**YOUR LOCAL FCA
ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT
ONLY ONCE A YEAR
NOW IS THE TIME**

Why support us?

Do you know anyone in our community that wouldn't, at some point, benefit from the reliable information we provide about a very difficult topic? We're here for them. And for you. Your FCA is the place where

- teachers, clergy, attorneys, social workers, and health care professionals get unbiased end-of-life information from knowledgeable volunteers with nothing to sell
- anyone in our 5-county area (and beyond) receives the same information at no charge

**With your help, we will continue to be THE go-to source!
Please support our mission and our work as generously as you can.**

FCA of Central Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Our mission is to help people make educated, practical choices that will meet their needs at the end of life.

Death Abroad



When a U.S. citizen dies abroad, the Bureau of Consular Affairs assists the family and friends. The Bureau of Consular Affairs attempts to locate and inform the next-of-kin of the U.S. citizen's death. The Bureau of

Consular Affairs provides information on how to make arrangements for local burial or return of the remains to the United States. The disposition of remains is subject to U.S. and local (foreign) law, U.S. and foreign customs requirements, and the foreign country facilities, which are often vastly different from those in the United States.

The Department of State has no funds to assist in the return of remains or ashes of U.S. citizens who die abroad. The Bureau of Consular Affairs assists the next-of-kin to convey instructions to the appropriate offices within the foreign country, and provides information to the family on how to transmit the necessary private funds to cover the costs overseas. Upon issuance of a local (foreign) death certificate, the nearest embassy or consulate may prepare a **Consular Report of the Death of an American Abroad**. Copies of that report are provided to the next-of-kin or legal representative and may be used in U.S. courts to settle estate matters.

More info' at

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/while-abroad/death-abroad1.html>

Burial at Sea Program

Burial at Sea is a means of final disposition of remains performed on United States Navy vessels. The committal ceremony is performed while the ship is deployed from one of these ports of embarkation:



- Norfolk, VA
- Jacksonville, FL
- San Diego, CA
- Bremerton, WA
- Honolulu, HI

Family members are not allowed to be present. Once the committal service has been completed, the commanding officer of the ship assigned to perform the ceremony will notify the family of the date, time, and longitude and latitude.

Eligibility: Individuals eligible for this program are: (1) active duty members of the uniformed services; (2) retirees and veterans who were honorably discharged; (3) U.S. civilian marine personnel of the Military Sealift Command; and (4) dependent family members of active duty personnel, retirees, and veterans of the uniformed services.

How to get started: After the death of the individual for whom the request for Burial at Sea is being made, the **Person Authorized to Direct Disposition** should contact the Navy and Marine Corps Mortuary Affairs office at 1-866-787-0081 to request a packet and additional information. Phones are answered weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST.

Detailed information at www.navy.mil/navydata/nav_legacy.asp?id=204

Consumer Alert

Texas Department of Banking Says Austin-Peel and Son Illegally Sold Trust-Funded Prepaid Funeral Contracts

Austin-Statesman: State seizes funeral home documents

The Texas Department of Banking has taken custody of the records and funds relating to illegal prepaid funeral benefit contracts sold by Billy F. Peel and Austin Peel and Son Funeral Home Inc.

Customers who purchased trust-funded prepaid funeral contracts from Austin-Peel that have not been serviced should contact the department by calling 877-276-5554, selecting 3 for inquiries/complaints and then 5 for funeral contracts/cemeteries; by calling 512-475-1285; or emailing pfcpsc@dob.texas.gov.

Those contacting the department about contracts should have supporting documents ready. The department said Austin-Peel violated Chapter 154 of the Texas Finance Code by selling prepaid funeral benefit contracts and collecting related funds without a permit issued by the department. The department served Austin-Peel with an emergency cease and desist order Thursday [August 2], ordering it to stop selling trust-funded prepaid funeral benefit contracts and collecting associated funds. Department officials said seized records indicate that about 250 illegal contracts were issued.

— American-Statesman staff, August 3, 2018

Statesman article: <https://tinyurl.com/yboqocjn>

The Dept. Banking press release: www.dob.texas.gov/public/uploads/files/news/press-releases/2018/08-03-18pr.pdf

The Order issued by the DOB: www.dob.texas.gov/public/uploads/files/Laws-Regulations/orders/2018-019.pdf



Vatican's Stance on Disposition of Cremated Remains

On October 25, 2016, the Vatican responded to what it called an “unstoppable increase” in cremation and issued [guidelines](#) barring the scattering of ashes “in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way.” Further, the Vatican decreed that the ashes of loved ones have no place in the home and certainly not in jewelry [or other “memorial” products such as paperweights, tattoo ink, and shotgun shells].

The Vatican urged that cremated remains be preserved in cemeteries or other approved sacred places. Families wishing to keep the cremated remains at home must receive permission from the Bishop of their Diocese. Details at <https://tinyurl.com/jk4bhjy>.

Airline Regulations for Traveling with Cremated Remains



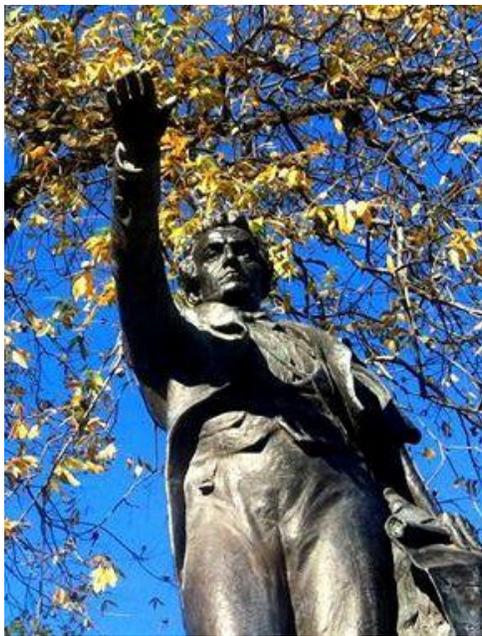
Before you make your reservation, check to see the airline's rules and regulations for traveling with an urn containing cremated remains.

Some airlines may want you to check the urn, while others will accept it as a carry on. Inquire about their regulations well ahead of time.

- [American Airlines](#) 1-800-433-7300
- [Delta](#) 1-800-221-1212
- [Frontier Airlines](#) 1-800-432-1359
- [Jet Blue](#) 1-800-538-2583
- [Southwest](#) 1-800-435-9792
- [United](#) 1-800-864-8331

Security Check-In: Detailed info' at www.tsa.gov/blog/2018/07/10/ways-travel-cremated-remains, or call 1-866-289-9673. Federal Relay: 711. TSA is available to answer questions 365 days a year from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST.

Texas State Cemetery: Terms of Interment



All arrangements must be made by a funeral home.

Location: 909 Navasota Street in Austin
Hours of Operation: Office: M – F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Grounds: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Phone: (512) 463-0605

Websites: www.cemetery.texas.gov
www.tspb.texas.gov/prop/tsc/tsc/cemetery.html

The Basics:

- The decedent's family pays for everything but the plot. Specifically, they pay for the opening/closing, the grave liner, and the marker. There are no exceptions, no matter what the status or rank of the deceased.
- Grave liners are required for casket burial. Grave liners are not required for urns but "the urn must be of quality craftsmanship. The spreading of ashes shall be approved by the superintendent."
- The cemetery permits cenotaphs (monuments erected in honor of individuals eligible for burial in the Cemetery whose remains are buried elsewhere).
- Grave liners, markers, and cenotaphs become the property of the State of Texas.

Arlington National Cemetery



Location: 1 Memorial Avenue, Ft. Myer, Virginia

Map and Directions: www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Visit/Getting-Here/Directions

Hours of Operation: 365 days a year

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (April – September)

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (October – March)

Phone: 877-907-8585

Website: www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/#/

Known as the nation's most hallowed ground, Arlington National Cemetery is the final resting place of over 400,000 people including military service members, slaves, presidents, unknown soldiers and more. The cemetery holds about 7,000 funerals annually, which averages out to 30 funeral services every day.

Eligibility

Arlington National Cemetery's eligibility requirements for burial and inurnment are different from other national cemeteries that are maintained by the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#). Eligibility for in-ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery is the most stringent of all U.S. national cemeteries. However, most veterans, who have at least one day of active service for other than training and were issued an Honorable Discharge, are eligible for above-ground inurnment [of cremated remains]. More info' at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Scheduling-a-Funeral/Establishing-Eligibility

Cremated Remains

Arlington National Cemetery requires certification of 100% of cremated remains and a cremated remains certificate. We support the industry best practices of including the cremation identification number, which is included with the remains and annotated on the cremation certificate. **Arlington does not accept cremated remains by mail.**



2018 SURVEY OF AUSTIN AREA PRICES OF SELECTED CEMETERIES

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In using this survey data, keep in mind:

- Central Texas has hundreds of cemeteries. This sampling is intended to illustrate a wide variety of choices. Your own research will expand your options.
- The footnotes contain additional information to help you make informed choices.
- Survey data were collected in July 2018. As with all goods and services, prices are subject to change.

For one-click access to any website in the survey, go to the online survey at www.fcactx.org.

Name / Ownership Location	Phone # / Website: Yes or No	Plot Cost for an Adult Casket (see note 1)	Plot Cost for a Cremation Urn (see note 1)	Cost to Open & Close a Plot (Mon. – Fri.) (see note 2)	Grave Liner Required	Urn Niches	Niche Cost (see note 3)
TRAVIS COUNTY							
Assumption / Catholic Cemetery Assoc. of Austin 3650 S. IH-35 Austin	512-442-4252 Website: Yes	\$2,400 or \$3,600	\$600	Casket: \$650 Urn: \$300	Casket: Yes; Urn: No	Yes, in mausoleum	\$1,050 to \$2,200
Austin Memorial Park / City of Austin 2800 Hancock Drive Austin	512-978-2320 Website: Yes	\$3,191.25; \$1,150 if City selects plot	\$1,035	Casket: \$1,250 Urn: \$500	Casket: Yes Urn: No	No	N/A
Cook-Walden Capital Parks / Service Corp. International (SCI) 14501 N. IH-35 Pflugerville	512-251-4118 Website: Yes	\$5,495 to \$12,000	\$5,495 to \$12,000	Casket: \$1,875 Urn: \$975	Yes	Yes	\$3,000 to \$12,000
Cook-Walden Forest Oaks / Service Corp. International (SCI) 6300 W. William Cannon Austin	512-892-1172 Website: Yes	\$2,995 to \$6,695	\$2,995 to \$6,695	Casket: \$1,750 Urn: \$895	Casket: Yes Urn: Yes (except in Nature Garden)	Yes	\$995 to \$5,795
Cook-Walden Memorial Hill / Service Corp. International (SCI) ½ mi. south of Capital Parks Cemetery Pflugerville	512-251-4118 Website: Yes	\$3,500 to \$5,995	\$3,500 to \$5,995	Casket: \$1,875 Urn: \$975	Yes	No	N/A
Evergreen / City of Austin 3304 East 12 th St at Airport Blvd. Austin	512-978-2320 Website: Yes	\$2,127.50	\$977.50	Casket: \$1,250 Urn: \$500	Casket: Yes Urn: No	No	N/A
Onion Creek Memorial Park / Journey Group 11610 Chapel Lane Office: All Faiths Funeral Services, 4360 S. Congress, Ste. 115, Austin Austin	512-326-8878 (All Faiths) Website: Yes	\$2,587.50 to \$2,978.50	\$2,587.50 to \$2,978.50	Casket: \$1,250 Urn: \$895	Casket: Yes Urn: No	Urn niches in mausoleum	\$3,216 including plaque
Remembrance Gardens / Riverbend Church / open to all / Only for cremated remains 4214 Capital of Texas Highway North Austin	512-329-6007 Website: Yes	N/A	\$6,120 to \$10,200 (see note 4)	N/A	Urn: Optional cost: \$525	Yes	Wall: \$9,160 - \$16,320 Bench: \$10,200
Resurrection Garden / Triumphant Love Lutheran Church / open to all / Only for cremated remains 9508 Great Hills Trail Austin	512-346-5683 Website: Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	\$2,000 including plaque

- Notes:**
- (1) Plot cost includes fee for Perpetual Care or grounds maintenance and care if this fee is included in or added to the cost of a plot. **Deed registration fees are NOT included.**
 - (2) Cost to open & close urn plots may be less. Opening/closing costs are typically higher M-F in late afternoon and significantly higher on weekends and holidays.
 - (3) Niche cost may or may not include charges for a plaque and for opening & closing the niche. **Be sure to inquire.**
 - (4) Remembrance Gardens has assigned a Fair Market Value of \$1,000 to most urn plots. The rest of the purchase price is a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Riverbend Church. Cost of urn plots includes opening & closing, plus the grave marker.

Veterans and Spouses of Veterans: Please see information about **Veteran Cemeteries and Burial Benefits** on the other side of this page.

Name / Ownership Location	Phone # / Website: Yes or No	Plot Cost for an Adult Casket (see note 1)	Plot Cost for an urn (see note 1)	Cost to Open & Close a Plot (Mon. – Fri.) (see note 2)	Grave Liner Required	Urn Niches	Niche Cost (see note 3)
BASTROP COUNTY							
Eloise Woods Community Natural Burial Park (“green” burials only) / privately owned 115 Northside Lane (off Pearce Lane) Cedar Creek	512-796-5240 Website: Yes	\$2,250 biodegradable materials only; shroud acceptable	\$150 - \$250 biodegradable materials only	Casket: \$585 Urn: \$50 Families have option to dig plot themselves.	Not permitted	No	N/A
Fairview Cemetery / City of Bastrop 1409 HWY 95 N (Chestnut St.) Bastrop	512-332-8820 Website: Yes	\$1,000 - \$1,500, depending on residency	\$1,000 - \$1,500, depending on residency	Arranged by funeral home	No (except when caskets are stacked)	No	N/A
CALDWELL COUNTY							
Lockhart Municipal Burial Park / City of Lockhart 600 N. Colorado St. Lockhart	512-398-6452 Website: Yes	\$600 - \$1,800, depending on residency	\$600 - \$1,800, depending on residency	Arranged by funeral home	Casket: Yes Urn: No	No	N/A
Luling City Cemetery / City of Luling 1500 E. Pierce St. Luling	830-875-2481 Website: No	\$300	\$300	Casket: arranged by funeral home (O'Bannon FH: \$575) Urn: \$100	Casket: previously Yes, currently No Urn: No	No	N/A
Memory Lawn Memorial Park / Pennington Funeral Home 19106 San Marcos Hwy (80) at FM 1984 Martindale	512-357-6643 Website: No	\$1,795 to \$2,295	\$1,795	Casket: \$950 Urn: \$300	Yes	Yes	\$2,800
HAYS COUNTY							
San Marcos City Cemetery / City of San Marcos 1001 RR 12 San Marcos	512-748-9671 Website: Yes	\$1,550 - \$2,650, depending on residency (see note 4)	\$1,550 - \$2,650, depending on residency (see note 4)	Arranged by funeral home	Casket: Yes Urn: No	Yes	\$550
WILLIAMSON COUNTY							
Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery & Prayer Gardens / privately owned / Catholic / open to all. 330 Berry Lane Georgetown	512-863-8411 Website: Yes	\$2,800 - \$4,400; “green” burial: \$3,000 - \$5,000	\$1,900 (inc. flat marker) to \$6,900 (pillar monument)	Casket: arranged by funeral home; Urn: \$200	No	No	N/A
Taylor City Cemetery / City of Taylor 1101 East 4 th St. Taylor	512-352-3531 Website: Yes	\$700	\$350	Casket: \$600 Urn: \$400	No	No	N/A

A sampling of other cemeteries in **WILLIAMSON COUNTY**:

Cedar Park: **Cedar Park Cemetery**, 117 S. Bell Blvd. at W. Park St.; 512-259-1610 (Beck Funeral Home). Cemetery has a columbarium.
 Georgetown: [IOOF Cemetery](#), 701 Smith Creek Rd.; 512-930-3595 (Georgetown Parks & Recreation Dept.)
 Leander: **Bagdad Cemetery**, FM 2243 at CR 279 (N. Bagdad Rd.); 512-259-4855 (Bagdad Cemetery Association)
 Liberty Hill: [Liberty Hill Cemetery](#), 16101 State Hwy 29 W; 512-778-6792 (Liberty Hill Cemetery Association)
 Round Rock: [Palm Valley Lutheran Cemetery](#) (open to all), 2500 Palm Valley Blvd.; 512-255-3322 (Palm Valley Lutheran Church)

For one-click access to any website, go to the online survey at www.fcactx.org.

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 (2) Cost to open and close urn plots may be less. Opening/closing costs are typically higher M-F in late afternoon and significantly higher on weekends and holidays.
 (3) Niche cost may or may not include charges for a plaque and for opening & closing the niche. **Be sure to inquire.**
 (4) San Marcos City Cemetery: **Every year, all plot prices increase \$50 on October 1.**

Veterans and Spouses of Veterans:

Complete information about burial benefits for veterans, scheduling, and more at www.cem.va.gov, or call 1-800-827-1000.

List of **National Veterans Cemeteries in Texas** at www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/state.asp?State=TX&dnum=ALL

National Cemeteries nearest to Austin: (1) Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in **San Antonio**, and (2) San Antonio National Cemetery (spaces for cremated remains only). For information about these two cemeteries, call (210) 820-3891.

List of **State Veterans Cemeteries in Texas** at www.glo.texas.gov/vlb/cemeteries/locations/index.html, or call 1-800-252-8387.
 For information about the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in **Killeen**, call 254-616-1770.

FACT: Burial on private property in an incorporated city, town, or village is subject to that entity's zoning regulations or other related ordinances. Burial outside a municipality is generally unregulated. Burial on private property creates an encumbrance on the land if it is ever sold. Info' from [Texas Cemetery Association](http://TexasCemeteryAssociation.com) at www.txca.us/resources/documents/establishing%20a%20family%20cemetery.pdf.

FACT: In Texas, you have the option to transport your deceased family member's body. Doing this requires careful planning and completion of required authorization forms.

Save Thousands and Support FCACTX by purchasing a Donated Plot

One Plot at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery

2800 Hancock Drive, Austin, TX

In 2016, the Seattle-based granddaughter of Stephen D. Heffington, Sr. (Travis County Tax Collector-Assessor, 1925-1962) donated three plots to FCACTX for fundraising purposes. Two plots have been sold. **Plot 6**, located in **Section 1**, Lot 464, is still available.



To see where the plot is located:

1. From main entrance road, take the left fork. Drive 2/10th of a mile.
2. Turn left. In about 1/10th of a mile, look for the COOPWOOD marker on the right and the WOOLWINE marker on the left (just to the right of a park bench facing the road).
3. **Park.** Walk towards the trees. Pass the PUCKETT marker.

The available plot is near the grave markers for the **HEFFINGTON** family.

Austin Memorial is currently selling adult plots for \$3,191.25, which includes a 15% perpetual care fee. FCACTX is offering the donated plot for \$2,000. The \$50 deed recording fee is the responsibility of the purchaser.

To discuss purchasing the plot, contact FCACTX Executive Director Nancy Walker at 512-480-0251.

Five Plots at Cook-Walden Capital Parks

14501 North IH-35, Austin, TX

Several years ago, Maurine Kocurek donated to our organization five plots at **Cook-Walden Capital Parks**. Four of the donated plots are Graves 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Section H, Block 90-C. The fifth plot is Grave 1 in Section H, Block 90-D.

To see where the plots are located:

1. From IH-35 North, take exit 247 for Wells Branch Parkway/Pflugerville. Turn into the cemetery's main entrance.
2. At the first intersection in the cemetery, turn left.
3. Driving down the road, look to the left for the **TOUNGATE memorial bench**. (As you face the bench, a long walkway will be behind you, just on the other side of the road.)
4. **Park.** Walk a short distance towards the large tree. The plots are located to the right of the tree and to the left of markers for the GRANT family.

Cook-Walden is currently selling plots in Section H for \$5,495. FCACTX is offering the donated plots for \$2,500 each, plus Cook-Walden's \$395 deed transfer fee.



To discuss purchasing one or more plots, contact FCACTX President Emeritus Lamar Hankins at 512-396-0317.

Headstones, Markers and Medallions for Honorably Discharged Veterans interred in non-veteran cemeteries

Public Law 110-157, signed on Dec. 26, 2007, allows the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to furnish a Government headstone or marker for the graves of eligible Veterans who died on or after Nov. 1, 1990, regardless of whether the grave is already marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

This same law also gives VA authority to "furnish, upon request, a [medallion](#) or other device of a design determined by the Secretary to signify the deceased's status as a Veteran, to be attached to a headstone or marker furnished at private expense."



There is no charge for the headstone or marker itself; however arrangements for placing in a private cemetery are the applicant's responsibility, and all setting fees are at private expense.

Important: Eligible Veterans are entitled to either a Government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both.

You can see types of available markers and medallions at www.cem.va.gov/hmm/types.asp.

There is no change in eligibility for Veterans in unmarked graves: Regardless of the date of death, VA will furnish, at no charge to the applicant, a Government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any eligible Veteran in any cemetery around the world.

More info' at www.cem.va.gov/hmm/index.asp.

Texans Have the Legal Right to Authorize Cremation Prior to Death

Lamar Hankins, FCACTX President Emeritus

Texas allows a person to sign his or her own cremation authorization **prior to death**.

The normally required post-death Cremation Authorization Form is NOT required if the decedent left written instructions as provided by the law regarding pre-death authorizations. (See the Texas Health and Safety Code 716.054 at www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/H.S.716.htm.)

Completion of the authorization form, the **Body Disposition Authorization**, does not require the involvement of a funeral director.

You can find this disposition directive on the FCACTX website at www.fcactx.org. Click

on the **Resources** tab. Then, on the dropdown menu, click on **Advance Directives forms**.

On the same Advance Directives web page, you will find another disposition directive, the **Appointment for Disposition of Remains**. This directive authorizes the named agent to approve a cremation or any other disposition option.

Both forms require signature in the presence of a notary.

If you prefer, you may obtain the forms by calling the FCACTX office at 512-480-0555, or emailing us at office@fcactx.org.

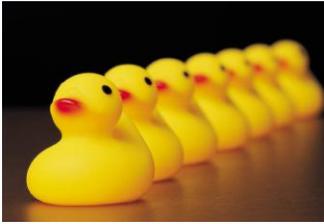
Update on Class Action Lawsuit against SCI Direct dba Neptune Society

You may remember from a 2016 **Creative Choices** newsletter (issue 3), a class action lawsuit was filed against SCI Direct, claiming they – doing business as The Neptune Society – violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act by making calls through the use of an artificial or prerecorded voice without the recipients' permission to make these calls.

Good news for consumers: The lawsuit has been settled and claimants have been paid. One FCACTX member reported recently receiving a settlement check in the amount of \$129.85.

Getting Your Ducks in a Row: What to Know Before You Go

Lifetime Learning Institute (LLI) has again invited our FCA to present an 8-session class exploring end-of-life options.



When: Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., September 13 – November 1
Where: Genesis Presbyterian Church, 1507 Wilshire Blvd.
Cost: \$20 to register; \$10 for handouts at 1st class meeting
Class limit: 20 participants
Registration: By mail or on the LLI website
NEW: Credit cards now accepted for online registration
More info': www.lliaustin.org; 512-206-4232

Meals on Wheels: Delivering FAR MORE than a Meal

You, like many of our neighbors, may be surprised – and pleased – to learn that Meals on Wheels has programs that provide to eligible clients:

- Breakfast and shelf-stable groceries for clients most at-risk for malnourishment
- Specialized care for veterans
- In-home personal care attendants to assist with daily living activities
- Professional home repairs for clients whose homes have serious structural issues
- Minor, safety-related home repairs and improvements by volunteers
- Volunteers to transport clients' pets to and from scheduled veterinary appointments, deliver pet food to clients' homes, or walk clients' dogs
- Respite care (on Tuesdays and Wednesdays) for people with Alzheimer's and dementia

To learn more, visit www.mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org or call 512-476-6325.



YES! I am making a tax-deductible donation to support FCA of Central Texas

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Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

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- Check enclosed (payable to **FCA of Central Texas**)
- Credit Card: 16-digit-number: _____
(Visa, MC or Discover) Expiration Date: _____ 3-digit Security Code: _____
- I'll use my credit card or PayPal account to donate online at www.fcactx.org

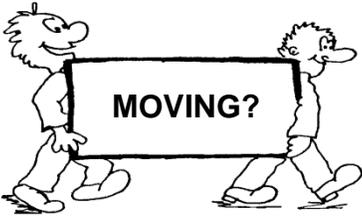
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in our records or our files.

FCA of Central Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

- I am unable to donate at this time but I want to continue receiving **Creative Choices** newsletters and other FCACTX communications. Please keep my membership active.

**Thank you for mailing this coupon to
FCA of Central Texas, 3710 Cedar St., Box 13, Austin, TX 78705-1449**

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Email us at office@fcactx.org, call us at 512-480-0555, or complete and mail this form to our office.

Please update my contact info:

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CREATIVE CHOICES

***The Newsletter of the Funeral Consumers Alliance
of Central Texas (formerly AMBIS)***

A sampling of what's inside this issue . . .

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- Lots of interesting and useful information for veterans and their spouses
- Update on class action lawsuit against SCI / Neptune Society
- Donated plots for sale (savings for sure)

