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Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District Newsletter

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## **Remember the Mowing Days**

Our community has shown great respect for the memory of their loved ones by visiting frequently and leaving memorials at grave sites. We welcome these expressions of love, but we kindly remind the community they come with a responsibility. Items left at the gravesites must be picked up the day prior to mowing or they will be discarded. The grounds must be cleared to perform mowing and edging so we can keep our cemetery beautiful for all.

We are often asked, why can't we retrieve our items after they have been cleared? The short answer is because it is hazardous. Items collected from the grounds often include glass, metal, and many objects with sharp edges, digging through the collection containers is not safe. Once they are removed from the grounds, they cannot be retrieved. That is why it is vital all items be picked up the day prior to mowing. To be safe, you may even want to pick it up two days in advance, so you have an extra day if something comes up. To review the districts mowing schedule, visit our home page at [CVPCD.org](http://CVPCD.org) (located at the bottom of the page).

## **WHAT'S NEW**

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### **IRRIGATION GOES DARK**

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### **STAYING COOL**

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### **NEW WEBSITE**

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## Irrigation Goes Dark

The District has completed the process of converting all irrigation on cemetery grounds to automated controls. Work on the \$108,000 irrigation project began in October of 2021 and was completed in January of this year. The project will allow the District to accomplish all of its irrigation at night utilizing automated controls and remote flow monitoring.

The project is especially significant for visitors to cemetery grounds who will no longer be disturbed by day-time irrigation. The project will also make the District more efficient custodians of their water utilization, significantly reducing day-time evaporation and over-watering. The District was aided in this project by the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy who awarded the project a Prop 1 grant in the amount of \$50,100.



## Staying Cool



Our columbarium has new fans to help keep the public cool during the summer. The new outdoor rated fans are made of durable composite materials to hold up to our summer heat, we hope to have them in place for years to come.

In addition to being home to our cremation niches, the columbarium also has an outdoor chapel used for public services. The addition of these fans will help our community stay cool while they honor the memory of their loved ones.

For more information about our niches or use of the outdoor chapel, please contact the office or visit our website at [CVPCD.org](http://CVPCD.org).

## New Website

The District has launched a new website. The site can be found at [CVPCD.org](http://CVPCD.org). The site features enhanced transparency efforts by the District to better connect our community with agency governance. It also has new features to keep the public informed of upcoming events, interment schedules, and cemetery operations. We welcome feedback! If you see something missing or an area that can be enhanced, let us know. Email us at [info@cvpcd.org](mailto:info@cvpcd.org) and tell us how you would improve the site.