COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT uarterly Newsletter Q1 · January - March 2023

WHAT'S NEW

NEW SECTION OPENING The District opens a new section for interments

MEET THE BOARD Our new series introduces our **Board of Trustees**

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT The 2022 Comprehensive Financial Report is published AND MORE...



New Section Will Serve Community's Needs

THE COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT IS OPENING A NEW AREA - SECTION 26 - FOR AT-NEED AND PRE-NEED INTERMENTS BEGINNING MAY 1.

To discuss arrangements or property transactions with staff, the public is asked to use the District's online system at coachellacemetery.org/schedule-an-appointment. We kindly ask the public to utilize the appointment system as we are generally unable to accommodate walk-in customers.

Property transactions for Section 26 are available at the District office located at 82925 Avenue 52 in Coachella. Additional inventory is still available in other sections within the cemetery and may be purchased at any time. Please speak with staff for availability and more information.



Meet The Board

CVPCD's Meet the Board series introduces each of the five Trustees who establish policy, budget, and strategic direction for the Cemetery District.



A lifelong resident of the Coachella Valley, Ernesto Rosales enjoys serving the community that has given him so much. He has extensive experience in the funeral home, advanced planning, and cemetery operations and has served most of his career helping families through their most difficult times.



Ernesto is passionate about giving back to his community through involvement in organizations ranging from youth sports to the arts. Two organizations close to his heart are Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Desert, where he serves as a Trustee and Mentor, and Ronald McDonald House, where he devotes his time as Board Chair. His community service has also included the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, City of Coachella Economic Development Committee, First Tee, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Sunrise Rotary, The Unforgettables Foundation and the Dr. Carreon Foundation.

The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District Board of Trustees meets on the first Friday of each month at 8 a.m. The public is welcome to attend and encouraged to submit ideas and suggestions at the meetings, which are held at 82-847 Avenue 52 in Coachella. For information, visit coachellacemetery.org/governance/board.





What Time Does the Cemetery Close?

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY THE CEMETERY CLOSES AT SUNDOWN INSTEAD OF A SET TIME?

The cemetery does not have lights, so it becomes a safety hazard to walk around the uneven ground and roads in the dark. To allow visitors as much time as possible before the end of the day, the Board established a sundown closing time, which allows us to keep the cemetery open as late as 8 p.m. in summer.

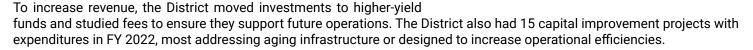
If the cemetery closed at 5 p.m., for instance, the public would lose out on valuable visiting hours in the evening when extended light allows for it. Exact times by month are posted on signs at both entrance gates and on our website, coachellacemetery.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Closing-Times.pdf.

Audit Gives District's Financial Performance High Marks

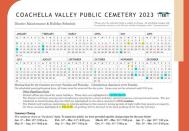
The District's commitment to open government and sound financial management was confirmed by an independent audit of its financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

The audit determined that the District's financial statements followed generally accepted accounting principles. The annual review was conducted as required for special districts under state law.

CPA David Farnsworth evaluated the District's 2022 Comprehensive Financial Report, which includes details about the District's long-range financial planning, major initiatives and overall financial analysis.



The 2022 Comprehensive Financial Report was completed in January of this year and issued for public viewing on the Transparency section of our website at **coachellacemetery.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Year-End-6-30-22.pdf**.



The 2023 District Calendar is available online in English and Spanish.

The calendar contains valuable information for the public, including major events, dates when vehicle access to the cemetery will be restricted, scheduled changes to the Districts mowing schedule, and more. The calendar can be viewed or downloaded coachellacemetery.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-District-Calendar.pdf

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Did You Know?

The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District has developed only 29 of its 60-acre property.

The property is expected to meet the interment needs of the public through 2070.



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