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Families gather near the cemetery office on Nov. 1st for a free outdoor movie.

Día de los Muertos

The community came together once again for another successful Día de los Muertos celebration in November. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and remember loved ones interred at the cemetery. The event attracted approximately 10,000 attendees over Nov. 1st and 2nd.

The District was proud to offer welcome bags, on-site parking, shuttles, and other free amenities to attendees. The event also featured free music and dance performances on our entertainment stage. This year's celebration introduced a new event—a showing of "Coco" on an outdoor movie screen in the evening.

The District would like to express gratitude to all our community partners who supported the event, including the Riverside County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, and the California Highway Patrol.

Meet the Board: Trustee Marcos Coronel, Jr.

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

Marcos Coronel, Jr. is a life-long resident of the Coachella Valley. Mr. Coronel is dedicated to making his community a better place. In addition to serving on the Cemetery District Board, he volunteers as a Board Member for the Desert Recreation Foundation. Professionally, Mr. Coronel works for the County of Riverside. Mr. Coronel earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration from California Baptist University.



Imagining the Future: 10 Year Master Plan

The District's Board has contracted with LEES+Associates, a respected landscape architect, designer, and planning firm specializing in cemetery planning. They will guide the District in developing a 10-year Master Plan, establishing a vision for future growth and the necessary development plans to support it.

Over the coming months, the Board of Trustees and District staff will collaborate with the contracted firm to analyze key projections. This includes area development, population growth, long-term cost projections, and other data essential for anticipating required cemetery expansion and growth. The process will also involve engaging the community, working collaboratively with key stakeholders and constituents to identify priorities, needs, and a clear vision for future District growth.

Interested in participating in the process? Stay connected through our email distribution list! If you have not already signed up to receive notifications and announcements, you may do so by clicking [HERE](#).

Cemetery Welcomes New Water Stations

One of the most frequent requests the District has received in recent years is the addition of flower water stations. We are pleased to announce that the cemetery has added two stations to the grounds, conveniently located at both entrances—east and west—next to the monument signs.

These new water stations will provide visitors with a means to add temporary water to flower cups or refresh arrangements before placing them at the interment site. Please note that the water stations are designed for flower use only and are clearly marked as non-potable. If you need drinking water while visiting District grounds, complimentary water is available at our front office during normal business hours.



Honoring Veterans

The District would like to express gratitude to everyone in the community who joined us on Veterans Day to honor all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The ceremony, held in partnership with American Legion Post 739 in Indio, featured a chorus, a traditional rifle volley, a pass and review, and other expressions of respect for our Veterans.

In addition to the successful Veterans Day event, the District is proud to have recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion. Post 739 acknowledged the District's efforts to honor our Veterans, including recent additions to our website's memorial pages, our activities on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and our work to identify and catalog Veteran interment records.

Thank you to our Veterans!



Carmel Romero presents a certificate of recognition from American Legion Post 739 to the District Board of Trustees on Nov. 17, 2023.

Cemetery to Introduce Niche Flower Cup Holders

The District's Board of Trustees has approved the installation of flower cup holders on columbarium niches. These holders must be purchased and installed through the District; no outside units or installations are allowed. The District is currently in the process of securing the units and expects them to be available for purchase in January of 2024. If you are interested in acquiring a flower cup holder for your loved one's niche, please contact the office at (760) 398-3221.



COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY 2024

District Maintenance & Holiday Schedule

Please note, the schedule below is subject to change. All scheduled changes will be posted in advance on the District website homepage under "Announcements".

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
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JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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Mowing Days for the Cemetery are every Tuesday and Thursday. Columbarium cleaning is every Tuesday. On scheduled mowing/cleaning days, all items must be removed the day prior. Items may not be returned until 3:00 p.m.

Other Significant Days

- District offices are closed for major holidays. These days are highlighted in **LIGHT BLUE**.
- The District will forgo mowing and columbarium cleaning for certain holidays, special occasions, and operational needs. The pre-scheduled no mow/cleaning days for 2024 are highlighted on the above calendar in **RED** numbers.
- The District will institute restrictions on vehicles parking in the cemetery during periods of high traffic that exceed our capacity. On these occasions highlighted in **YELLOW**, all parking will be directed to the back parking lot for the day (all day).

Cemetery Closing

The cemetery closes at "Sundown" daily. To assist the public, we have provided specific closing times for the year below:
 Jan. 1st – Feb. 13th: 5:30 p.m. Feb. 14th – Mar. 11th: 6:00 p.m. March 12th – Mar. 31st: 7:00 p.m. Apr. 1st – Apr. 30th: 7:30 p.m.
 May 1st – Aug. 31st: 8:00 p.m. Sep. 1st – Sep. 30th: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1st – Oct. 31st: 7:00 p.m. Nov. 5th – Dec. 31st: 5:30 p.m.

District Releases 2024 Calendar

The 2024 District Maintenance & Holiday Schedule is now accessible on the District website. The calendar includes essential dates for the year, such as District office closings, no-mowing dates, high traffic/restricted parking days, and front gate closing time adjustments throughout the year.

The calendars are available in both English and Spanish.

English: [HERE](#)

Spanish: [HERE](#)



The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District Board of Trustees meets on the second Friday of each month, at 8 a.m, unless otherwise changed to accommodate an observed holiday. 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.