



COACHELLA VALLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT

Quarterly Newsletter

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Cemetery Closing Time is on the Move

As we shift into the summer season, the cemetery closing time is getting later. **Starting on April 1, the closing time will be moved to 7:30 p.m. and then on May 1, it will be further extended to 8 p.m. The 8 p.m. closing time will remain through summer.**

Due to the absence of lighting at the cemetery, our closing time is determined by the sunset. Rather than have a dedicated early closing time, District leadership allows for adjustments throughout the year to make the most of longer days in the summer. This gives the public more time on the grounds when there is sufficient natural light. Additionally, cooler weather in the early morning and evening offers more comfortable conditions to visit during the summer heat. **Click here** for complete closing times or visit **www.CVPCD.org**.

Public Notice - Planned Modified Parking

The District has three planned “Modified Parking” days upcoming in the next quarter. Modified Parking arrangements take effect when the cemetery anticipates parking demands that exceed the capacity our roads can safely accommodate. The upcoming dates are:

Friday, May 10
Mother's Day (Mexico)

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day (U.S.)

Sunday, June 16
Father's Day

Please be aware that parking at the cemetery on these days may be restricted, up to and including closing street(s) to ensure public safety. These actions are precipitated by the layout and narrow width of the roads within the cemetery, which can lead to bottlenecks, obstruction of two-way traffic flow, and generally unsafe conditions for pedestrians. To alleviate these conditions the District may open up additional overflow parking, restrict directional traffic flow, or close streets entirely if needed.

We ask that all visitors to the cemetery on these days adhere to the traffic directions supplied and follow the directions of security and law enforcement as provided. We also encourage members of the public to anticipate traffic modifications on these days and take the required steps to accommodate the change, which may include arriving early, anticipating a short walk to your memorial site, bringing sufficient water and food for your visit, or even changing memorial item drop off days to avoid traffic entirely.

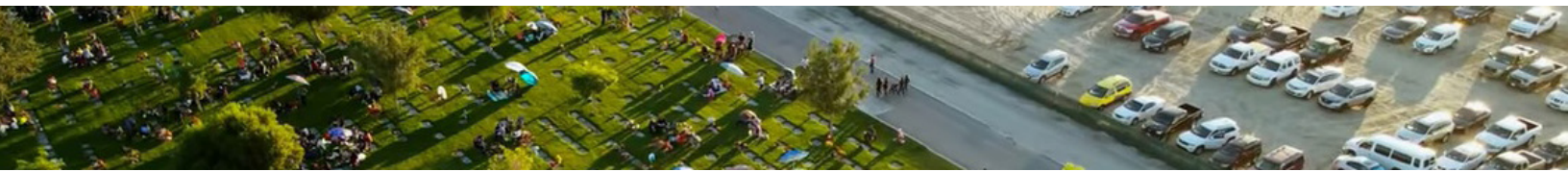
A kindly reminder, the cemetery does not allow tables, canopies, pets (ADA Service Animals only), or alcohol on the grounds.

Vice-Chair Vossler Honored as 2024 Champion of Youth

The District's Board of Trustees Vice Chair Judy Vossler was recently honored as the 2024 Champion of Youth by the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley. In addition to her service to our District, Vice Chair Vossler has been active on many nonprofit boards and as a volunteer during her career, which includes 32 years of service on the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.

"Since I was first introduced to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley," Judy recalled, "I've wanted to do all I could to help the kids reach their potential." Judy was lauded for her decades of service that have "enabled thousands of Club kids to experience the opportunities they need to create better lives for themselves."

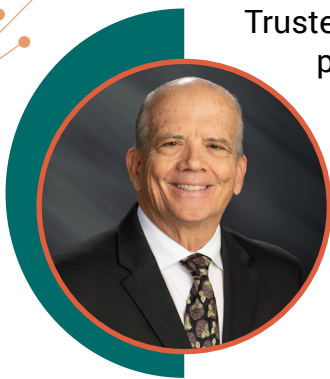
The District is proud to have Vice Chair Vossler on our leadership team; her dedication to our District and the community inspires us all. Judy, the District salutes you for this outstanding honor!



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.

TRUSTEE BRUCE C. UNDERWOOD



Trustee Bruce C. Underwood, Dr. P.H., C.N.S. is the President of Healthy Futures and a preventive doctor and nutritionist who has dedicated his life to health and healing. Dr. Underwood provides integrated lifestyle counseling in the areas of addictive behaviors, exercise, nutrition and stress for the prevention and treatment of chronic and degenerative diseases. He has been a resident of the Coachella Valley for more than 30 years.

Dr. Underwood earned his doctorate in preventive care and his second master's degree in public health nutrition from Loma Linda University. He earned his first master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of Kansas – Lawrence campus. Dr. Underwood's interest is in nutrition and exercise as it relates to adults. During his career, he became the Executive Director of the Heart Institute of the Desert Foundation and served as Director of Fitness and Tennis at the Health & Racquet Club at PGA WEST. Dr. Underwood has served as a preventive care professional with various fitness, medical and wellness facilities across the Coachella Valley. He was awarded his Special District Leadership Academy Certificate in July 2019.



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 [CVPCD.org/governance/board](https://www.cvpcd.org/governance/board).

Memorial Items Reminder

The District has implemented a notification system to alert families when their memorial items are out of compliance with District policy. These color-coded cards will be attached to memorial items alerting them to specific issues with their memorial arrangement. If you receive a notification, please take the required action to remedy the issue. If you have any questions regarding the notice, please visit the front office and they will be happy to work with you on a resolution. As a reminder, the following policies apply to all memorial items left on District grounds. We have included a brief explanation for the policy with each item.



No glass is allowed. Glass may be broken and pose a hazard to children, groundskeepers and visitors wearing open-toe shoes.



All items must fit within the memorial marker (headstone) area; no items may be placed around the headstone or stuck into the ground. While mowing is done on Tuesday and Thursday, hedging (weed eating) takes place all week. Items that do not fit within the memorial marker area interfere with the landscaping crew's ability to hedge around the edges of the headstones.

36"



No memorial item may exceed 36 inches in height (maximum allowed). Bulky items that exceed 36 inches pose a falling hazard to visitors, especially small children, and can interfere with the clearance of maintenance vehicles.



No alcohol may be left at the memorial site. Alcohol is prohibited on District grounds and poses a hazard to small children who may gain access to it if left out in the open.



No glue, tape or other adhesive materials are allowed. Glue, tape and other adhesive items cause issues for landscapers and maintenance personnel attempting to remove items for cleaning, maintenance and other services.

Upcoming No Mowing and Columbarium Cleaning Dates:

Week of April 1

Easter

No mowing on April 2 and 4

Week of May 13

Mother's Day(s)

No mowing on May 14 and 16

Week of May 27

Memorial Day

No mowing May 28 and 30



New Information Board

The District has a new information board for the public to reference important news and announcements. The new board was installed in January and is located at the front of the administration office at the main cemetery entrance. The board will contain essential information, including the cemetery annual calendar, Board meeting times and dates, news and scheduled closings.



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