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The Cemetery has been operating at full speed since the inception of COVID 19. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we all fumble our way through a pandemic that hit us like a train.

As of today, the face mask mandate has been dropped, some are thankful, and some are still leery. We strive to make everyone’s visit as comfortable as possible, if there’s anything else we can do to make your visit more comfortable, please call the cemetery prior to your visit, and let us know.

The Board of Trustees and Manager have been meeting via zoom since March of 2020 to avoid the spread of COVID. As of April 21, 2022 the Trustees will resume their board meetings on the Cemetery grounds.

The Meetings are every Thursday at 8:00 am. Should you want to attend a board meeting please contact the office one week prior. Should you want to address the Board of Trustees, please contact the office, and drop off anything you’d like placed on the agenda.

As of May 20, 2021, The Trustees, Manager and Legal Counsel for the District made a very difficult decision but one that had to be done. Because of the age of the Cemetery, the growth of Temecula and now the COVID pandemic we are left with very few burial locations (inventory) we pride ourselves on the accuracy and maintenance of burial records and the projected future forecast we do yearly to see how much time we have left at this site.

Since the inception of COVID we have engaged in almost 4 times the number of burials that we have done in the past. With that large of an increase, it has reduced our inventory dramatically. Because we have no real idea as to an end in sight, the Trustees have put a resolution (2021-3) into place that:

* No longer allows the purchase of Burial rights for pre-need planning,
* Only accepts immediate burials that have been received by funeral homes
* At the time of purchase the Cemetery must receive; a Property Tax bill, or a current lease showing the decedent was a property taxpayer at the time of death,
* **Eligible nonresidents will be considered only if:**

Provided that an at need burial, have a spouse, parent, or child who was previously interred at the Temecula Cemetery within two years preceding the death of the immediate burial,

The decedent must be living in Temecula at the time of death, and or own a business or property in Temecula,

Have previously purchased burial rights at the Cemetery District.

Temecula Cemetery was bound to fill up eventually, but COVID has pushed us to the end faster than anticipated. Please follow our journey with the development of a 52 are cemetery in wine country.