**ATTENTION**

The Cemetery has become the home to Turkey Vultures. In May, a few appeared on our grounds thinking it was due to all the development around us. However, when they were still here in June and quadrupled in size, we started doing research. We assumed they were here for the mating season, but mating season was long completed by June.

With several calls to the Wildlife Association and National Parks, we were informed that Turkey Vultures are an ***Endangered Species***. With that said, we cannot harm them in any way, nor trap and relocate them.

They are becoming a serious nuisance to the cemetery. They are destroying flowers, defecating on the grounds and buildings, and shedding their feathers.

What we have learned is we need to make it uncomfortable for them to WANT to be here. They are living at the top of the large pine trees during the days. We have hired a tree company to start thinning the trees, hoping this will disrupt them. If not, we will be forced to remove our trees.

We have been advised that reflectors are something the birds dislike, along with spikes on the buildings’ roofs. Scheduling is underway to install these devices on the roofs.

Lastly, there is a product called an Effigy which is nothing more than a faux vulture. It is supposed to be hung upside down around the areas the Turkey Vultures are perching. Apparently, they see this as a threat and will leave the area.

During the next week, you will be seeing a lot of activity throughout the cemetery. Paraphernalia to drive away the vultures will be placed around the cemetery in hopes of making these birds uncomfortable and fly elsewhere.

We apologize in advance for how this may look and ask that you be patient with us as we try to maneuver our way through this unforeseen problem.

*Respectfully,*

*The Management*

*August 21, 2024*