FYI! Annual Care Payments Are Due

Sierra Vista plays a multifaceted role in our community, offering not only a final resting place for the deceased but also serving as a space for remembrance, reflection, and a connection to local history.

Our mission is to represent the community for past, present, and future generations by: managing and maintaining an attractive, safe, serene cemetery environment; and providing internment services for families, neighbors, and friends. Assuring the cemetery exists and retains its historic character in perpetuity.

We do this by:

- providing dignified care for those buried within its grounds.
- being a comforting place for visitors and mourners to remember, pay tribute, and honor departed individuals.
- offering an affordable resting place for the departed.
- promoting the awareness of the community about the existence and value of the cemetery.

Our Core Values define us by guiding our interactions with visitors, families, the community, and volunteers.

- <u>Innovation</u>—We strive to be creative, sustainable, and adaptable in all our efforts.
- <u>Inspiration</u>—We enrich the Taos community and encourage a sense of curiosity regarding the history of Sierra Vista Cemetery and the history of the Town.
- *Inclusion*—We serve all families with the utmost care and respect.

We trust this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits!

As we approach the spring summer seasons, we recognize the need for a thorough cemetery cleanup. The persistent wind has caused various items, including plastic bags, to scatter across the graves, displacing flowers and creating a less-than-ideal environment. In the past, we organized clean-up days, this year, Tommy has devised a plan to address sections methodically.

Spring cleaning! We invite you to come and clean around your loved one's site and surrounding areas. Many hands make fast work!

Over the winter we worked on the monumental task of conducting a comprehensive review of all deeds and records. This information along with scanned maps will be cross-referenced and incorporated into a new cemetery management database.

Given the importance of accurate burial information and need for open spaces, we reached out to Geomodel.com, a company specializing in ground radar grave location for historic cemeteries. They are scheduled for May. When completed we will have interactive maps and more open spaces to accommodate the communities' needs for burials.

Perpetual or Annual Care?

Instead of your annual payment of \$25 per person buried, you can make a one-time payment of \$500 per person.

Perpetual payments are held for cemetery improvements.

Do you have several loved ones buried? We are offering families the opportunity to make a discounted one-time catch-up payment for perpetual care.

Call Anne @ 575 758 7575 to find out more!

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