

Superintendents Report July 3rd, 2024

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SPACES										
All items are Calendar year totals, not FY totals										
ITEM	MOUNT PISGAH	BETHLEHEM	E.R.	FOUR MILE	KINTZ	ROZET	SAVAGETON	WRIGHT	TOTALS	REVENUE
YTD 2023	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	72	\$13,500.00
YTD 2024	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	73	\$22,800.00
JUNE 2023	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	\$4,825.00
JUNE 2024	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	\$1,650.00

SPACES SOLD JUNE 2024		
QUANTITY	LOT PRICE	TOTAL
0	\$0.00	\$0.00
1	\$50.00	\$50.00
4	\$100.00	\$400.00
2	\$200.00	\$400.00
2	\$400.00	\$800.00
0	\$800.00	\$0.00
TOTAL:		\$1,650.00

BURIALS									
ITEM	MOUNT PISGAH	BETHLEHEM	E.R.	FOUR MILE	KINTZ	ROZET	SAVAGETON	WRIGHT	TOTALS
YTD 2023	59	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	61
YTD 2024	72	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	75
JUNE 2023	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
JUNE 2024	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17

CREMATION GARDENS			
DATE	GARDEN	ITEM	REVENUE
JUNE 2024	Inspiration Garden	0 Products Sold	\$0.00
	Unity Garden	0 Products Sold	\$0.00
		JUNE 2024 Monthly Total Items Sold:	0
		JUNE 2024 Total Revenue:	\$0.00
JUNE 2023	Inspiration Garden	6 Products Sold	\$4,700.00
	Unity Garden	0 Products Sold	\$0.00
		JUNE 2023 Monthly Total Items Sold:	6
		JUNE 2023 Total Revenue:	\$4,700.00
CREMATION GARDENS TOTALS			
		YTD 2024 Total Items Sold:	14
		YTD 2024 Total Revenue:	\$20,000.00
		YTD 2023 Total Items Sold:	12
		YTD 2023 Total Revenue:	\$16,950.00

Grounds Report

Another busy month for funerals, the first 6 months would indicate that we're on a pace for 150, which would be a record. We'll see how it shapes up. The summer employees are hitting their stride, the new employees have all gotten the "hang of it" and are doing a great job. I did unfortunately have to reduce the number of seasonal employees by 1 due to lack of ability to work a regular schedule. My crew is big enough, and good enough to absorb the loss. We've planted all our new trees and tuned all the irrigation systems. My summer kids running the irrigation crew without Brandon are doing a great job. Josh Lubben worked that crew last year, and I've promoted him to Supervisor this summer with a new recruit at his side. He's doing a fantastic job. The crews are doing a great job in the gardens pulling weeds every day. (It's a monumental task). The guys have been leveling headstones and trimming lots of bushes as well as starting to remove standing dead trees. Our spruce tree inventory still seems to be hit hard with something, and most of our losses are in that species.

Rural Control Buildings

The contractor turned over the buildings to us last week, and all punch list items are complete. My crews are doing the seeding, irrigation modifications, and landscaping this week. The project turned out great and should provide decades of use and durability.

Well No. 2

We were experiencing problems with the meter and flow sensor for well 2 since start up this spring. We had to order a new meter which took about 4 weeks to arrive from the factory. Upon replacement of that, the well experienced a catastrophic electrical failure in the pump control cabinet. This was replaced promptly by an electrician. Thankfully the pump and motor and wiring downhole were protected by the pump saver equipment located above ground. Well 2 is working and metering properly.

Savageton Well

The pump and motor have been replaced in Savageton and that system is working normally. They added a screen to the pump housing to hopefully mitigate debris and mouse carcasses from being sucked in at startup. We also mouse-proofed the exterior of the well to better prevent rodents entering the well through electrical conduit. The new building will help greatly with this as it too is rodent proof.

Turkey Vultures

My years long struggle with the Turkey Vultures and our local Game and Fish office has been bounced up to the regional office in Buffalo. I have been given permission to use much more aggressive tactics, if the board so desires. The new, much more aggressive approach involves a starter pistol that fires blank ammunition that ignites a pyrotechnic projectile that explodes in the air hopefully deterring them from roosting in our trees. Turkey Vultures are federally protected, and until now, we have exhausted all of the non-aggressive measures to deal with them. They kill our trees, grass and make a huge mess daily on monuments located under the trees in which they roost. This pyrotechnic option is available only to Gov't agencies or Fish and Wildlife services.