## December Newsletter





## Our December Newsletter Is Here!

As we transition into the serene heart of winter. December offers a meaningful opportunity to honor loved ones and embrace the spirit of reflection at Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve. This month, we are reminded of the enduring connections we share with nature and one anotherbonds that provide strength and solace during times of remembrance, hope, and peace. At Morgan Oaks, our dedication to creating a tranquil and respectful environment remains unwavering.

December brings thoughtful occasions and seasonal highlights, including our cherished Winter Solstice Remembrance event. This gathering invites families to celebrate the lives of those who have left lasting legacies, as we come together under the quiet embrace of winter's beauty. Visitors are welcome to explore the serene landscapes of Morgan Oaks, join guided winter walks, and take moments of silent

reflection amidst the trees and snowy hills that many now call a final resting place. In this month's issue, you'll discover stories from families who've chosen Morgan Oaks, insights on eco-friendly memorial options, and updates on upcoming events and features at the Preserve. For those considering green burial options or seeking ways to support natural conservation, we're proud to share how honoring loved ones here contributes to the sustainability and preservation of our land for generations to come.

Whether you're part of the Morgan Oaks community, exploring green burial options, or simply wishing to learn more, we hope you find inspiration and comfort in the connections we foster here at the Preserve. Thank you for walking with us on this journey of honoring life, nature, and legacy. May this December bring peace, warmth, and gratitude to you and your loved ones.

Warmest wishes from all of us at Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve.

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## **Community News**

#### Act Now Before Prices Increase! \*

We are committed to providing affordable, eco-conscious burial options. However, due to rising costs, our prices will increase starting January 1st. By securing your space before the new year, you'll lock in our current pricing and take an important step toward ensuring a meaningful, sustainable resting place for yourself or a loved one.

#### Relax and Rejuvenate with Yoga at Morgan Oaks!

Join us for yoga at Morgan Oaks, held every first Thursday of the month. Whether you're a seasoned yogi or just starting out, this event is the perfect way to engage with your neighbors while nurturing your body and mind. Join us Thursday, December 5th.





## **Spotlight**

**The California quail,** also known as the California valley quail or Valley quail, is a small ground-dwelling bird in the New World quail family.

These birds have a curving crest, plume, or topknot made of six feathers that droops forward: black in males and brown in females; the flanks are brown with white streaks. Males have a dark brown cap and a black face with a brown back, a grey-blue chest, and a light brown belly.

Females and immature birds are mainly grey-brown with a light-colored belly.



## **Event News**

## Morning Yoga with Natalie

Join us for a peaceful morning yoga session with Natalie on December 5th, from 10-11 am. Enjoy a relaxing practice surrounded by nature. All levels welcome!

## **Tree Planting Season**

Tree planting season starts Nov 27 and goes until early March. Our staff will be reaching out to schedule your tree planting date.



Tour Morgan Oaks and
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of Rancho Roble Wine.
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## Now is the Time to Consider Green Burial Alternatives

#### What Is Green Burial

- Green burial is a popular alternative to conventional burial that allows your loved one to return to the earth naturally.
- According to a 2020 consumer study conducted by the National Funeral Directors Association, nearly 40%
  of people would be interested in exploring green funeral options because of potential environmental
  benefits.
- Green burial is not new, but there has been a renewed interest in the process because it reduces the use of toxic materials and preservatives that may pollute the earth.
- The practice protects and restores habitats for native plants and animals, reduces less carbon into the atmosphere, prevents toxic chemicals from contaminating the earth and reduces groundwater and soil contamination.
- Green burial does not have the carbon footprint of cremation, which is equivalent of a 500-mile car trip.
- Green burials can be compatible with any type of funeral service At your place of worship, a funeral home, your personal home, or onsite.
- Morgan Oaks accepts cremated remains and has designated interment areas on the property.

#### What is Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve?

- Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve is a 160-acre nature preserve in the foothills of Placer County.
- The property is a serene green burial area to honor a loved one's memory.
- Morgan Oaks is one of the only all green burial grounds certified in California. Different from hybrid cemeteries cemeteries with traditional burial and small sections for green burial.
- Morgan Oaks' green burial services include full-body interment, cremation remains burial, and memorial trees meeting the needs of all those that are environmentally conscious.
- Unlike traditional cemeteries, our company is committed to using products that are environmentally friendly. We do not allow bodies to be buried with embalming fluid (i.e., formaldehyde) and all shrouds, caskets and urns must be biodegradable. We do not put anything in the ground that may be a pollutant to the earth's soil or water.
- Morgan Oaks does not look like a traditional cemetery. Visitors will not see rows of tombstones, but rather burial spaces located in clusters throughout the preserve, along nature trails, or near trees and other plants.
- Our team has more than 30 years of experience in the field of land conservation and has partnered with experts in the green burial movement to deliver guidance and support to customers.
- We use conservation-minded land management techniques aimed at maintaining a natural landscape preserved in perpetuity. Green burial protects these natural areas and creates a meaningful place of remembrance for loved ones.
- 10% of all sales go into a land endowment trust to maintain and protect the property forever.

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#### **How Does Traditional Burial Affect the Environment?**

- According to the Green Burial Council, traditional burials in U.S. put 20 million feet of wood, 4.3 million gallons of embalming fluids, 1.6 million tons of concrete, 17,000 tons of copper & bronze, and 64,500 tons of steel in the ground.
- Conventional embalming fluid is usually comprised of the chemical formaldehyde, which has been proven to pose health risks, and is recognized as a carcinogen in certain states.
- A study by the Nat'l Cancer Institute revealed that funeral directors have a much higher incidence of myeloid leukemia.
- Embalming is more of a cosmetic procedure than a public health practice. There are other alternatives to preservation, the most effective being keeping the body cold.
- Studies have shown that conventional cemeteries often create high levels of toxic metal (and limited
- chemical) contamination of soils and groundwater, which come primarily from the caskets—wood preserves, paints, and varnishes, as well as actual metal fasteners and adornments.
- If bodies are buried in biodegradable materials in areas of good soil and ecology, the existing soil chemistry, microbes, plants, and critters will quickly decompose the body and use it to foster new life.
- Studies have shown that viruses and bacteria present retained in the immediate soil have limited persistence, if any.

## Can We Still Have a Funeral for My Loved One?

Morgan Oaks green burials can be compatible with any type of funeral service - At your place of worship, a funeral home, your personal home, or at our preserve.

#### Is Green Burial Expensive?

Green burial eliminates the costs of elaborate hardwood or metal caskets, concrete vaults, and embalming. Still, there are many variables that a family may wish to consider (materials, rituals, etc.). The cost of the plot at Morgan Oaks is for the conservation and restoration of the property. On average, green burial is typically one-third the cost of a conventional burial.

## CONVENTIONAL CREMATION BURIAL

VS

# **GREEN**BURIAL

AVERAGE SINGLE PLOT PRICE: \$3,295 (\$1,595-\$4,995)

AVERAGE SINGLE PLOT PRICE: \$1,356 (\$940 - \$1,772)

AVERAGE ADD-ONS REQUIRED

(Outer burial container &

container installation): \$1,090 AVERAGE ADD-ONS REQUIRED

(Not required for green
burial):
\$0

PROCESSING FEE:

\$250

PROCESSING FEE: \$250

OPENING & CLOSING:

\$1,195

OPENING & CLOSING: \$500

AVERAGE URN PRICING: \$598

(\$395 - \$800)

AVERAGE URN PRICING: \$400 (\$250 - \$550)

AVERAGE TOTAL COST TO BURY YOUR LOVED ONE: \$6,428 AVERAGE TOTAL COST TO BURY YOUR LOVED ONE: \$2,506\* \*10% ENDOWMENT ADDED



AVERAGE SAVINGS WITH GREEN BURIAL: \$3,922 61% MORE VALUE WITH GREEN BURIAL!



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## CONVENTIONAL BURIAL

VS

# **GREEN**BURIAL

AVERAGE SINGLE PLOT PRICE: \$7,495 (\$5,995 - \$8,995) AVERAGE SINGLE PLOT PRICE: \$3,819 (\$3,318 - \$4,319)

AVERAGE ADD-ONS REQUIRED
(Outer burial container,
container installation):
\$2,100

AVERAGE ADD-ONS REQUIRED
(Not required for green
burial):
\$0

PROCESSING FEE: \$250

PROCESSING FEE: \$250

OPENING & CLOSING: \$2,495

OPENING & CLOSING: \$600

AVERAGE CASKET
PRICING:
\$5,950
(\$1,900 - \$10,000 +)

AVERAGE CASKET PRICING: \$1,650 (\$800 - \$2,500)

AVERAGE TOTAL COST TO BURY YOUR LOVED ONE: \$18,290 AVERAGE TOTAL COST TO BURY YOUR LOVED ONE: \$6,319\* \*10% ENDOWMENT ADDED



AVERAGE SAVINGS WITH GREEN BURIAL: \$11,971 66% MORE VALUE WITH GREEN BURIAL!



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## Join Us on TikTok and Beyond! "

**At Morgan Oaks Green Burial,** our mission is to provide compassionate, eco-conscious burial services that honor your loved ones while protecting the environment. As part of our commitment to fostering connection and raising awareness about sustainable practices, we're thrilled to announce our new **TikTok page**!

Our digital community is growing, and TikTok is now the place to find us for short, engaging videos that inspire, educate, and connect. Here's what you can look forward to:

#### What You'll Find on TikTok

- Uplifting Stories: Heartfelt tributes and stories that showcase the beauty and meaning of green burial.
- **Eco-Tips & Insights:** Quick, actionable tips on living sustainably and how green burial practices contribute to a healthier planet.
- **Behind the Scenes:** A closer look at our serene grounds, eco-friendly practices, and the compassionate care we provide.

#### Why Join Us on TikTok?

- Stay Inspired: Get a fresh perspective on sustainable living and how small choices make a big difference.
- Learn and Share: Discover the benefits of green burial, eco-conscious living, and ways to connect with nature meaningfully.
- **Be Part of the Conversation:** Share your thoughts, ask questions, and engage with a growing community that values sustainability and compassion.

We're excited to bring our message of love, respect, and environmental stewardship to <u>TikTiok</u>, and invite you to be part of the journey! Follow us now and explore more on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> for updates, events, and deeper dives into all things green burial and sustainable living.

Together, let's create a more compassionate and eco-friendly world—one video at a time. 🗲











## **Share Your Memories of Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve**

At Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve, we believe that every visit creates a unique and meaningful story. Whether it's a peaceful stroll through the woods, the beauty of nature at sunrise, or a heartfelt moment shared with loved ones, these experiences weave together the essence of this sacred space.

We want to celebrate those moments with you! By sharing your photos and videos from your visit, you're helping us inspire others and highlight the incredible serenity and connections that Morgan Oaks provides. Your stories bring this space to life and help our community grow closer to nature and each other.

## → Why Share?

- Inspire Others: Your captured moments can show others the beauty and tranquility of Morgan Oaks.
- Preserve the Memories: Sharing your visit helps honor the connections and emotions experienced here.
- Build Community: Together, we can create a shared tapestry of stories that celebrates this special place.

## → How to Share Your Moments:

- 1. Visit Our Submission Form: Click <u>here</u> to upload your photos and videos.
- 2. Submit your favorite moments, and we'll share them with our community.

## → Where Your Memories May Be Featured:

- Our Website: Showcasing your experiences helps others connect with the spirit of Morgan Oaks.
- Social Media: Your moments could inspire others to find peace and beauty in the Preserve.
- Community Spotlights: Be a part of our story by helping us celebrate the experiences of our visitors.

By **sharing your photos and videos**, you're contributing to a growing legacy of love, nature, and connection. We're deeply grateful for the moments you choose to share with us, and we can't wait to see Morgan Oaks through your eyes.

Thank you for being part of the Morgan Oaks community and helping us preserve the beauty and magic of this extraordinary place.

## **Explore Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve**

Welcome to Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve! Our serene landscape offers the perfect escape into nature, whether you're looking for a peaceful stroll or a lively trek with your dog by your side. Our trail system is thoughtfully designed, with pathways that weave through breathtaking natural scenery, open fields, and shaded woodlands.

#### Open to the Public

We're excited to welcome you! Our trails are free and open to the public every day, allowing you the flexibility to visit when it's most convenient for you. Whether you're here for a morning walk, an afternoon adventure, or a sunset stroll, our trails provide a safe and refreshing environment for all ages and abilities.

#### **Dog-Friendly**

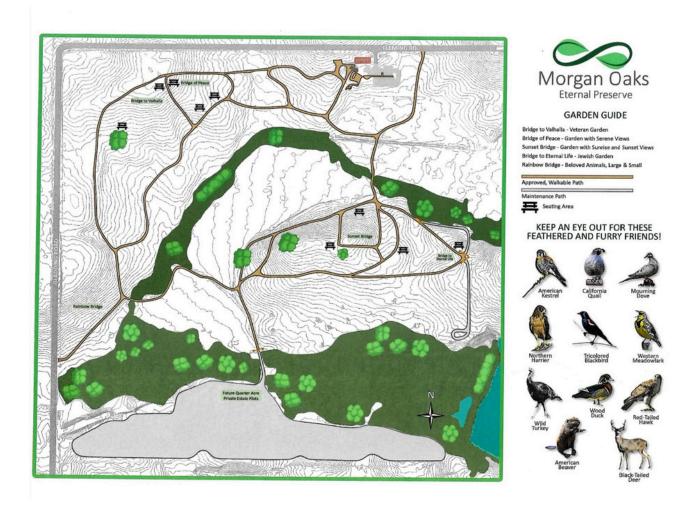
Bring along your four-legged friend! Morgan Oaks is dog-friendly, and we invite you to explore with your canine companion. Just remember to keep pets on a leash and be mindful of others as you enjoy the natural surroundings together.

## **Trail Highlights**

**Scenic Paths:** Enjoy trails that wind through various landscapes, from sunlit meadows to quiet forests. **Well-Marked Routes:** Our clearly marked paths make it easy to choose a route that fits your pace and preferences.

**Picnic Spots & Rest Areas:** Take a break and soak in the beauty of Morgan Oaks. Designated rest areas along the trail offer spots to relax and refresh.

So grab your walking shoes, leash up your pup, and come explore Morgan Oaks Eternal Preserve! We look forward to seeing you on the trails.





## Your Feedback Is Important To Us!

**At Morgan Oaks Green Burial,** our goal is to provide compassionate and eco-friendly burial services that honor the lives of your loved ones. Your feedback is crucial in helping us improve and continue to deliver the highest quality service.

We would be grateful if you could take a moment to share your experience with us. Whether you'd like to comment on our services, our dedicated staff, or the tranquil beauty of our preserve, your feedback is invaluable to us.

#### **How to Share Your Review:**

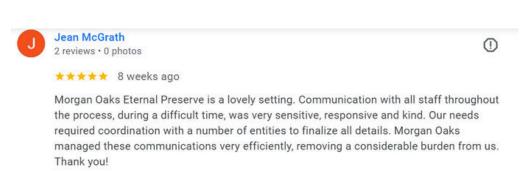
Leaving a review is easy and can be done on the following platforms:

- Google: bit.ly/MOGoogleReview
- Facebook: bit.ly/MOFacebookReview

## **Why Your Review Matters:**

- 1. Helps Others: Your feedback offers guidance to families seeking a respectful, natural farewell for their loved ones
- 2. **Enhances Our Services:** Your constructive input helps us identify areas for improvement, ensuring we meet the needs of our community.
- 3. **Supports Our Mission:** Positive reviews help us raise awareness about green burials, promoting sustainable practices and encouraging environmentally-friendly end-of-life options.

Thank you for being a part of the Morgan Oaks community and for helping us make a difference through your feedback. Your voice matters!



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## Refer a Friend and Earn a \$100 Visa Gift Card!

At **Morgan Oaks Green Burial**, we believe the most powerful way to share our commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly end-of-life options is through the heartfelt recommendations of our families. To show our gratitude, we're excited to introduce our new referral program!

#### **How It Works:**

- 1. **Refer a Friend or Family Member:** Know someone interested in our compassionate, environmentally-friendly services? Refer them to Morgan Oaks Green Burial.
- 2. **They Mention Your Name:** When your referral arranges a green burial service with us, they just need to mention your name during their consultation.
- 3. Receive Your Reward: After the service is completed, you'll receive a \$100 Visa gift card as a thank-you from us!

#### Why Choose Morgan Oaks Green Burial?

- Sustainable Practices: We prioritize eco-friendly burials that conserve natural resources and reduce environmental impact, offering a serene and sustainable resting place.
- Personalized Support: Our team provides caring, individualized guidance to ensure that every family's wishes are honored with dignity and respect.
- Community-Driven: By choosing Morgan Oaks, you're supporting a movement toward more sustainable and responsible burial practices.

## **Get Started Today!**

If you have friends or family considering green burial options, let them know about Morgan Oaks. They'll receive exceptional care, and you'll be rewarded for spreading the word about our mission.

For more details or to make a referral, visit our website at <u>www.morganoaksgreenburial.com</u> or contact us directly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote sustainable and meaningful end-of-life options. Together, we can make a difference!



## Thank You for Another Wonderful Month!

As we wrap up our December newsletter, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for being such an important part of our community. December is a time of celebration and reflection, and we're reminded of the warmth, joy, and togetherness that make Morgan Oaks truly special.

From festive moments on our beautiful property to cherished events shared with neighbors and friends, your energy and enthusiasm have made this month unforgettable. As we close out the year and embrace the magic of the holiday season, we look forward to more meaningful moments and the continued sense of belonging that defines life at Morgan Oaks.

Wishing you a joyous and cozy holiday season, filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories!

With appreciation, The Morgan Oaks Community Team

Thank you for reading!

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