

JULY 2011

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BETTER ENVIRONMENTS

Quarterly Newsletter



Upcoming Holidays

- 4th of July
 - Labor Day, September 5
- The Office will closed in observance of these holidays.



QUARTERLY WINNER

Thank you to all of you who completed our April Landscape Maintenance Services Quarterly Report Card. Our winner is RANDY HILLIER. She will receive three flats of seasonal color. Please complete this Quarter's Report Card located on Page 2. Thank you for your patronage. We really appreciate you taking the time.

SUMMER TREES TO TRIM

It is time to start trimming your summer trees. The following is a partial list of most of the trees to trim in the summer time starting now:

New Zealand Christmas
Brazilian Pepper
Carrotwood
Coral
Ficus Benjamina
Ficus Elastica
Ficus Nitida
Melaleuca
Olive
Pittosporum
Podocarpus
All Palm Trees
Schefflera
Jacaranda
Yucca



Eucalyptus and Pines are not recommended to trim now due to possible pest infestation.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Bennett Landscape wishes all of you a happy and safe 4th of July holiday. Our office will be closed for the holiday. The following are some places where fireworks will occur.

- San Pedro—Live music, U.S. military exhibits, tours of a Navy frigate, armed forces and U.S. Coast Guard demonstrations, displays by the LA City Fire Department's firefighting boat, and the Washington Artillery Re-enactment group followed by fireworks. Time: Noon until 10 p.m. Where: Cabrillo Beach, 3720 Stephen M. White Drive. Cost: Free
- The Queen Mary—Carolinas, Texas, Kansas City and St. Louis Old-Fashioned BBQ as well as corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, etc. Two stages of live music, strolling entertainers and a children's area. Time: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m. Cost: \$24.95 Adult/Children 5-11,

\$12.95, Military and Srs. \$21.95, Parking \$15/www.queenmary.com

- BBQ at the Aquarium of the Pacific—Enjoy the Aquarium at night and get a fish-eye view of the Queen Mary fireworks. Tickets include admission to the aquarium plus an Independence Day BBQ buffet with home-style grilled entries and decadent desserts. 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dinner 6—8 p.m. Aquarium opens at 9 a.m.
- 4th of July AmericaFest at the Rose Bowl—One of the largest fireworks displays in Southern California with music and food vendors. Food Court opens at 2 p.m. Stadium opens at 6 p.m. Drum and Bugle performances begin at 7 p.m. and Fireworks are at 9 p.m. Cost: \$13 General Admission, Kids 7 and under free, Active Military with ID Free. Cash only at the stadium. www.ticketmaster.com

NEW AND IMPROVED PRODUCTS

Keeping in mind Bennett Landscape's constant strive to make improvements wherever possible, we can now offer you some new products, one of which is organic fertilizer. Southland Sod Farms, one of our suppliers, is now supplying us with Marathon Natural and Organic Lawn Food. It provides your lawn with naturally and organically derived nutrients for vigorous growth in the spring, summer and fall. It is organic nitrogen lawn food and is most effective during the warmer seasons. For best results, use Marathon All Season Fertilizer during the cooler months. Green is the color of a healthy, vigorous lawn that will be enjoyed by family

and pets, cooling the surrounding area and converting greenhouse gas to oxygen. An extra charge will apply for the organic fertilizer. Please call our office for an estimate. For more information, go to www.sod.com. We can also offer Sluggo Slug and Snail Bait. It kills slugs and snails safely, and it can be used around pets and wildlife. Sluggo contains iron phosphate, which occurs naturally in the soil. It also remains effective after rain. Please let us know if you are interested in using these new products.



July Landscape Maintenance Services Quarterly Report Card

Bennett Landscape values your continued patronage! We ask that you please participate in this quarterly survey. **We continuously strive to not only meet your expectations, but to exceed them! Please take a moment to fill out our questionnaire. We will follow up with you and make sure any issues or requests you have will be taken care of in a timely manner.** Upon return of this sheet, you will also be entered into our random drawing. ***This month, the winner of our drawing will receive 3 flats of seasonal color. To be included in our drawing, all report cards need to be received by July 23rd. We will publicly announce the winner in our October 2011 newsletter.*** Thank you!

Please rate the following: E = Excellent G = Good F = Fair P = Poor

Foreman: Attitude _____ Performance _____

Crew: Attitude _____ Performance _____

Job Performance Overall: _____

Responsiveness: _____

How are requests handled? _____

Communication: Crew _____

Supervisor _____

Office _____

Please answer the following:

What do we need to improve upon?

Check here if you want a site review with a supervisor.

We will set up an appointment for you.

Any special requests for your crew?

Is there any other work you would like us to estimate at this time? (Tree trimming, irrigation, design, planting, masonry, lighting, fencing, etc.) Please elaborate if possible.

Added Question: What other items or topics would you like to see in our monthly newsletter? We really want to know!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

July Gardening Tips

- It's time to sow or transplant alyssum, cosmos, gazania, marigolds, salvias, statice, and verbena.
- Keep the garden soil moist and mulched until they are established.
- Transplant fibrous begonia, calendula, chrysanthemums, crape myrtles, dahlias, daylilies, delphiniums, dianthus, foxgloves, hibiscus, hydrangeas, impatiens, penstemons, petunias, and salvias.
- Keep them shaded during the hottest portion of the day. Sprinkle the foliage several times a day for the first week after they are transplanted. Then, gradually increase their time in the direct sun over a week's time, when they should be able to withstand a full day's sun without drooping.
- Fill in garden gaps with summer-into-fall bloomers, especially alyssum, cosmos, petunia, red sage, and vinca.
- Encourage repeat blooming by pinching or cutting back alyssum, coreopsis, crape myrtles, delphiniums, dianthus, fuchsias, lobelia, marigolds, penstemons, petunias, rose of Sharon, salvias, and verbenas.
- Continue pruning spent blooms on roses weekly or so until fall. Then, feed lightly and water.
- Heavily mulch cultivated areas and pathways with organic matter to cut down on weeds and watering and to help keep plant roots cool. Keep it from touching stems of plants and trunks of trees to allow good air circulation and avoid possible crown rot.

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Activities

- Cactus & Succulent Lecture: Sunday, 7/10, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- LA Fern Show & Lecture: Saturday, 7/16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- PV Symphonic Band, Sunday, 7/17, 6-8 p.m.
- Pops N Picnic, Ensemble Spirati, Friday, 7/22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Adults: \$10, Children: \$5)
- Ferrari Show, Sunday, 7/24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Geranium Lecture: Sunday, 8/7, 1-3 p.m.
- Bubble Rock—Norman Foote, Sunday, 8/7, 4:30—5:30 p.m. Picnic, 5:30-6:30 Concert) Ensemble Spirati, Friday, 8/12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Adults: \$10, Children: \$5)
- Bubble Rock—Charlotte Diamond: Sunday, 8/28, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Picnic, 5:30-6:30 Concert
- Dahlia Show & Sale, Saturday, 9/3, 12-4 p.m.
- PV Symphonic, Monday, 9/5, 5-7p.m.
- Jaguar Car Show, Sunday, 9/11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Orchid Show & Sale, Saturday, 9/17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 9/18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Begonia Show & Sale, Saturday, 9/24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 9/25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Telephone Number: 310-544-1948

SUMMER QUOTES

In Summer, the song sings itself. ~ William Carlos Williams

Do what we can, summer will have its flies. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. ~ Henry James