

HAPPY FATHERS DAY—JUNE 21, 2009



BETTER ENVIRONMENTS

FUN THINGS TO DO IN JUNE

June 6 9 a.m.

Bird Walk, George F. Canyon. Meet naturalist, Loretta Rose, at the Nature Center. They supply **binoculars**.

1-3 p.m. Hike at George F. Canyon. Join an expert guide for a lovely hike. \$3 per person will bring you into a wonderful world of discovery. Please call 310-547-0862 for more information.

Night Hike (time to be arranged). This hike will bring you to the top of the canyon for a fantastic view of the city lights below. Limited to 20 people. Call 310-547-0862 for reservations.

June 6 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Volunteer Workday at Portuguese Bend Reserve.

Celebrate National Trails Day.

June 13 9-11 a.m.

White Point Nature Preserve. Admire ocean view and habitat restoration work underway at this 100-acre preserve managed by the PVPLC.

June 14 1-5 p.m.

Spring for White Point Home Tour. Self-Guided Tour. Seven Distinctive Homes, Fantastic Art Auction, Wine & Appetizers, Live Music. Art Auction & Reception: 4:30 -7 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per person in advance/55 per person day of tour. Day of tour, buy tickets at The Vue, 225 West 5th St. in San Pedro. For tickets and more information, call 310-541-7613. or go to www.pvplc.org.

Replace asphalt or plain concrete with interlocking pavers.

Go to www.ackersone.com to find an assortment of styles and colors that would add color and value to your home. These permeable pavers are specifically designed to handle storm-water runoff with the added benefit of being eco-friendly for the environmentally conscious.

Change outdated light fixtures or add lights if you don't have some already. Light up your trees, entryways and walkways. It is better to have more lights at a lower wattage than one, very bright one. LED, new, special low voltage lights, use less power than traditional low voltage light bulbs, and fixtures are

available in many styles and finishes.



Special Request:

Please complete the quarterly questionnaire on Page 2 of this newsletter. In addition, there is another question regarding other items you would like to see in our newsletter.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!

JUNE GARDENING TIPS

June is an easy-going month in the Southern California garden. Your spring labors should be paying off, but you should still do the following:

- Douse your compost pile to promote necessary decomposition. Also consider shading the heap to keep it moister longer.
- Keep up with watering chores, soaking containers well. If you can't keep up or they are wilting away, move them to a shadier spot.
- Remember that drought-tolerant native plants and other dry-climate plants will need only infrequent, deep water from now until rains start again.
- Inspect your irrigation system for damaged sprinkler heads, which waste water. Take advantage of the free irrigation survey offered in the May newsletter.
- Prune emerging flower stalks from palms if you don't want fruit. Also remove only dead leaves.
- Now is the time to control diseases. Watch for fungal disease on roses and spray with a fungicide, a botanical, earth-friendly one if possible.
- Keep an eye out for aphids and other small sucking insects, as well as whitefly. Treat with insecticidal soap. Spider mites can be treated with pyrethrins, an extract from mums.
- Apply mulch (if you have not already done so).
- Mower blades should be set on high. A longer lawn in the summer preserves moister and crowds out weeds.
- Plant tropical plants now, such as bougainvillea, palms, warm-season annuals, summer vegetables & fruits, pumpkins and avocados, as the soil is warm. (www.ocregister.com)

**June 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 \$25 off their next monthly bill.*** **To be included in our drawing, all report cards need to be received by June 23rd. We will publicly announce the winner in our July newsletter.** Thank you!

Please rate the following: E = Excellent 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?

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, fence, etc.) Please elaborate if possible.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Print Customer Name: _____
8 a.m.—5 p.m. Contact Telephone: _____
Cell Phone/Alternate #: _____
Property Address: _____

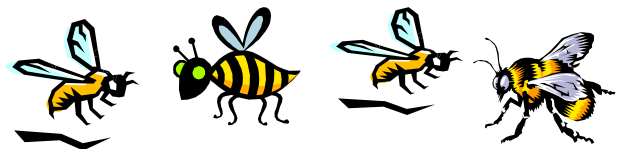
If you would like to have your monthly maintenance bills and newsletters emailed to you, please contact 310-534-3543, ext. 101. Electronic payments are also available. If you are interested, please contact us, either by phone or our email address, bennettlandscape@cox.net. Let's go green together!

Who Writes these Newsletters Anyway?

Formally meet Debbie, who joined Bennett Landscape almost a year and a half ago. She graduated from Broome Community College in New York and moved to California in 1981. She has had amazing jobs working in every field imaginable including aerospace, entertainment, dermatology, and construction. She quit her cushy job in the entertainment field to raise her son, who is now 14 years old. She does not regret it either!

She wanted to find a job where she could still pick up her son from school and work full time. Bennett Landscape has provided her with this luxury, and she is forever grateful.

Debbie is an executive assistant, but does so much more. She types proposals, researches and collects data to bid projects (bid coordinator), she follows up with outgoing proposals and jobs that have been completed. She is on the phone a lot. Debbie is a hard worker. She basically works non-stop throughout the day, barely taking a lunch. She is a very conscientious. She handles tasks well and gets them done on time. She works well with all of the other Bennett employees and she enjoys working with the customers. She brings something special and unique to the Bennett Landscape organization, and we are happy to have her here!



The Buzz About Honey

You've likely heard about the health benefits of drinking green tea. The next time you pour yourself a cup, drizzle in a little honey for a wholesome boost. I have even started using it in my coffee in the morning. It is a lot healthier than coffee mate!

Honey improves digestion, helps build your immune system, is a natural remedy for many ailments including arthritis, sore throats and is used to promote the healing of cuts and burns. Honey has even been used to aid in weight loss and as an anti-aging skin treatment. Contact your physician, however, before feeding honey to infants or young children. Infants under one year of age cannot have honey.

Here are some interesting facts about honey from the National Honey Board:

- Honeybees must tap two million flowers to make one pound of honey, and a hive of bees flies more than 50,000 miles to produce one pound of honey.
- A bee will visit an average of 50 to 100 flowers during one collection trip.
- An average worker bee produces one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.