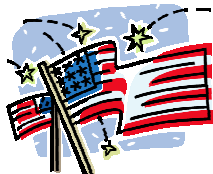


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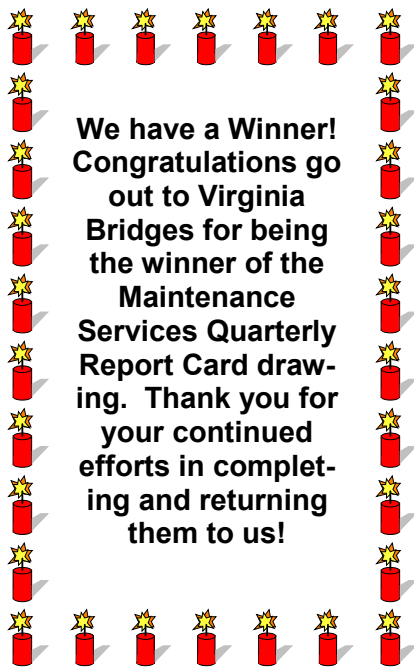


BETTER ENVIRONMENTS

Quarterly Newsletter

Upcoming Holidays

- June 15, Father's Day
- July 4—The Office will be closed on Friday in observance of Independence Day



We have a Winner! Congratulations go out to Virginia Bridges for being the winner of the Maintenance Services Quarterly Report Card drawing. Thank you for your continued efforts in completing and returning them to us!

SUMMER REMINDERS

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:

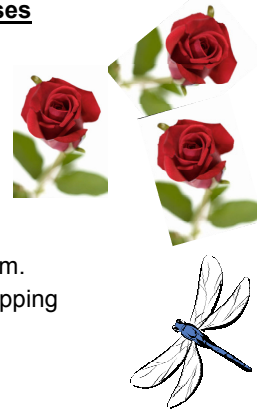
- Douse your compost pile to promote necessary decomposition. Also consider shading the heap to keep it moist longer.
- Keep up with watering chores, soaking containers well. If you can't keep up or they are wilting away, move them to a shadier spot.
- Remember that drought-tolerant native plants and 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 with your maintenance service.
- Prune emerging flower stalks from palms if you don't want fruit. 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 pyrethrums, 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 moisture 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.
- If you have any pest, weed or horticulture questions, please contact our Certified Pesticide Applicator, Chandler Bennett at ext. 114 to investigate and solve your problem. (www.ocregister.com)

South Coast Botanic Garden Summer Events and Classes

- June 1: Ferrari Car Show—10 a.m.
- June 1: Kids Club: Pot a Succulent for Dad—1:30 p.m.
- June 5: One Stroke Painting—10 a.m.
- June 6: Intermediate Herbal Healing—10 a.m.
- June 7: Family Yoga—10:30 a.m.
- June 8: Family Picnic Day: El Rincon—9 a.m.
- June 8: Shop and Learn: Aeoneums and Succulents—12 p.m.
- June 11 and June 25: Jewelry-making Workshop: Wire-Wrapping Gemstones—5:30 p.m.
- June 14: Fairy Time in the Enchanted Garden—9:30 a.m.
- June 19: Garden Walk—Summer Solstice—5 p.m.
- June 21: South Coast Rose Society: Celebration of Roses—10 a.m.
- June 22: Celebrate Wellness—3 p.m.
- June 28: Garden Lecture: History of SCBG—2 p.m.
- June 29: Natural Areas 'Wings and Things' Mammals of SCBG—2 p.m.



Quotes to Live By!

- Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Life is like a mirror, we get the best results when we smile at it. ~ Author Unknown
- When you blame others, you give up your power to change. ~ Author Unknown
- Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive, and then go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive. ~Attributed to Howard Thurman

For more information and registration, please call Guest Services at 310-544-1948.

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 3 flats of seasonal color.* **To be included in our drawing, all report cards need to be received by June 23rd. We will publicly announce the winner in our September 2014 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: _____

Print Customer Name and Address: _____

Email Address: _____
 Best Telephone Number to reach you at: _____

If you are interested in having your monthly maintenance bill or monthly newsletter e-mailed to you, please contact Lilly on ext. 100.

Let's go green together!

It's Time to Trim your Summer Trees

The time is here to start your summer tree trimming. The following is a list of some of those trees you should consider before the weather becomes cooler:

- Brazilian Pepper
- Carrotwood
- Coral
- Ficus Benjamina
- Ficus Elastica
- Ficus Nitida
- Melaleuca
- New Zealand Christmas
- Olive
- Pittosporum
- Podocarpus
- All Palm trees
- Schefflera

Please call our office for a free estimate: 310-534-3543 ext. 100.



The Buzz About Honey

You have 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. It also tastes good if you use it in your coffee in the morning.

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. There is a shortage of honey now due to the low population of bees caused by pesticides.
- 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.

