

NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

In the past, summer hours at our gardens have coincided with Daylight Saving Time. Now that we appear to be on DST more or less permanently, we will make the adjustment according to the weather and the hours of sunlight each day, which is approximately, but not exactly, the same thing. Anyway, the current closing hour for each of our gardens is 5:30pm. seven days a week. If we can get the necessary personnel, we will advance our closing hours at the Arboretum to 6:30 pm. for entering and 7:00 p.m. for exit.

As a result of the diligent efforts of tour guide David Van Ausdal, we expect to have a good supply of all of our brochures by the time of the Spring Extravaganza, May 18. In printing 10M copies of the Home Vegetable Gardening, Insecticides Around The Home, and Beneficial Insects brochures, Dave will have run in a three-month period 260,000 pieces of paper through the press in addition to newsletters, news releases, forms, calendars, schedules, and the like. Our thanks for his efforts and the professional quality of his work.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

We would like to welcome aboard Mr. Floyd Butler to our custodial crew. Floyd came to us on April 29 from the Building Services Department.

For those of you who have not heard, I would like to inform you about the impact of the Fair Labor Standards Act on all County Departments. Effective May 1, 1974 employees will not be allowed to work overtime without being paid time and half. Compensable time in lieu of payment is no longer allowed. Whatever time you had on the books prior to May 1, may be taken. Since we are not authorized at the present time to pay time and a half, overtime assignments are being withheld.

Since it is getting near vacation time, I would like to remind those of you taking two weeks or more about vacation pay advances. If during the two weeks or more that you will be

gone a payday should be due, you may request that paycheck on the payday just prior to your leaving on vacation. However, you must make such requests at least three weeks before the beginning of your vacation.

ARBORETUM DIVISION

The Baldwin Bonanza was a tremendous success, at least in part because of the thorough planning done by John Provine in conjunction with the volunteers and the cooperation of the entire staff. The Spring Extravaganza, which is scheduled for May 18 and 19, should be an equally outstanding event. Eleven garden societies will have displays and there will be fifteen lectures and demonstrations each day put on by the societies and staff members. Plant sales, horticultural question-and-answer booths, and open house at the library, research center, and greenhouses will be added highlights of this special event.

We would like to welcome Richard Barns to the staff as a Grounds Maintenance Man effective May 1. Many of you will remember Richard since he has been a custodian with us.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Summer Youth and Adult Education classes will begin the last week of June.

There will be two six-week adult classes on Monday nights at LASCA. Mr. Suzuki will be teaching intermediate and advanced bonsai and Dr. Enari will teach his popular class on edible wild plants.

A total of 500 students will be attending workshops in the Youth Education Section. Staff Education Assistants will be assisted by volunteers and college students at each of the gardens.

SOUTH COAST DIVISION

Our tram is again running, towed by a jeep on loan from Mechanical Department. With rein-



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