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Special Interest Articles, page 2...

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ROSES!

Red = Love and respect,
courage, passion

Deep pink = Gratitude,
appreciation, thanks

Light pink = Admiration,
sympathy, gentleness,
sweetness

White = Reverence,
humility, purity, innocence

Yellow = Joy, gladness,
friendship, delight,
warmth, happiness

Orange = Enthusiasm,
desire

Lavender = Love at first
sight, enchantment

Red & yellow blend =
Gaiety, joviality

Pale blended tones =
Sociability, friendship



Highlights in the L&L's

- Folsom Boulevard-planting is completed!
- Working on Engineer's Reports budgets and discussing budgets with Committee members
- Implementing AB1881-state Water Conservation ordinance (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance)-impacts most new development
- Completed Morrison Homes Trail irrigation project (completed in-house to save L&L funds)
- Irrigation Team getting ready for spring and summer.....checking all systems
- L&L was hit with grand theft in which 2 sets of "NATOMA STATION" letters were stolen in early March. Value of aluminum letters is about \$10,000.
- Replanting along Blue Ravine and a few other locations
- Adding new plants and bark at Sutter St. (The Preserves Mini Park)
- Replanting and adding bark along McAdoo



Budgets and Engineers Report

Draft budgets are still being prepared. We have ample time to develop budgets and work with the consulting Engineer to compile the report for completion of the Preliminary Engineers Report in June, 2010.

Staff has already begun working with L&L Advisory Committee members that have questions or input on their district budgets.

The Engineer's Report Schedule is as follows:

- March 9, 2010 City Council to allow Engineer to proceed with preparing Engineer's Report (consent item)
- June 8, 2010 City Council to review and consider Preliminary Engineer's Report (consent item)
- July 13, 2010 City Council Public Hearing to review and consider Final Engineer's Report

Test your plant knowledge...

1. A raw apple is _____% water? a. 32 b. 60 c. 84 d. 95
2. A pineapple is a _____.
3. _____ are the most widely cultivated and extensively used nuts in the world.
4. An average ear of corn has _____ kernels. a. 200 b. 400 c. 600 d. 800
5. Americans eat more _____ than any other fruit, more than 11 billion a year.
6. Oak trees do not have acorns until they are _____ years or older. a. 25 b. 50 c. 75 d. 100
7. _____ is the most widely cultivated plant in the world, grown on every continent except Antarctica.
8. Peanuts are _____, while oranges, lemons, watermelons, and tomatoes are _____.
9. There are more than 700 species of plants that grow in the United States that have been identified as dangerous if eaten. Among them are some that are commonly favored by gardeners: _____, _____, _____.
10. The world's tallest grass, which has sometimes grown 130 feet or more, is _____.

1. c. 2. berry, 3. almond, 4. d. 5. bananas, 6. b. 7. wheat, 8. beans, berries, 9. buttercups, daffodils, lily of the valley, sweet peas, oleander, azalea, bleeding heart, delphinium, and rhododendron, 10. bamboo.

HOW TO HIRE AN ARBORIST

Information from the Sacramento Tree Foundation - <http://www.sactree.com/>

Improper pruning can cause irreparable damage to your tree and may end up costing you a considerable amount of time and money. Hire a Certified Arborist as if your tree's life depends on it! An Arborist is a specialist in the care of individual trees. Arborists are knowledgeable about routine needs of trees, and are trained and equipped to provide proper diagnostic and remedial measures as well. After certification with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), each Arborist is assigned a number, which is retained throughout the professional life of an Arborist. It is the right of those hiring an Arborist to ask for this number, and to check the status of that Arborist with the ISA. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/certification/certification.aspx>.

Hire someone who is licensed, bonded and insured. Examine these credentials and feel free to check with the appropriate agencies to verify the current validity of the credentials. Remember that almost anybody can obtain a business license (which is different from a Contractor's license to do work over \$500), and that this alone is no guarantee of quality. Do ask for references and take the time to check them out. Get more than one bid and examine the written specifications of the bids.

If you are not familiar with the terminology used, ask for clarification. Ask questions! Take your time and select a company that is reputable. Determine the best combination of price, work to be done, skill and professionalism to protect your investment. Membership in professional organizations demonstrates a willingness on the part of the Arborist to stay abreast of Arboricultural information. It is not however, a guarantee of satisfied work. Check references. Remember that improper tree care can take many years to correct itself. If pruning is too severe, it may never be corrected. Beware of anyone that recommends topping a tree. A reliable Arborist will try to talk you out of topping a tree if it is requested. Never allow a climber to use spikes or spurs to climb your tree unless the tree is scheduled for removal. In the City of Folsom, if a Native Oak is to have pruning cuts larger than 2", the work must be done by an ISA Certified Arborist and requires a Folsom Tree permit. **For City of Folsom tree questions, contact Ken Menzer, Arborist – 355-7281.**