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Of Lawn Care Professionals**

News

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CALCP officers were elected at the September annual meeting held on Sept. 22 with a tour of Denver Botanic Gardens and dinner at the Saucy Noodle Restaurant in Bonnie Brae. Elected for 2011-12 year were (pictured above): Deb Zediker, President, Brad Weisensee, Vice President, Steve Rowe, Treasurer. Andy Ferguson will remain past president. Board members re-elected for 3 year terms were: Wade Grove, Tom Lynch and Andy Ferguson. Don Frantz, Ewing Irrigation, was elected as a new supplier rep for a 2 year term. Those continuing to serve are: Mike Reis, Rick Roehm, Brad Weisensee, Thia Walker, Emilie Hudson, and Steve Rowe.

Other members serving as various board representatives include: Eric Moroski –rep and president of GreenCO, Dave Keilt, rep to GreenCO Foundation, Dave Cromley- rep to RMRTA, Derek Fox and Tony Hawn- reps to Col. Turfgrass Foundation, Kevin Sabins– rep to Peak to Prairie Planning committee, Andy Ferguson- rep to GreenCO Legislative committee and to Groundwater Advisory committee for CDA.

President's Message

Deb Zediker

Happy Halloween to all,

We recently came across a company in Denver that is “repurposing” materials. Their website is www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com. They have lots of available products such as recycled billboards, 55 gallon drums, fire hoses, sweeper brushes, grain bags and super sacks. If you have a creative mind, there are lots of uses for their products. They also can give you ideas as to what to do with an item. Check them out and see how many items they are reusing instead of going into a landfill.

As our seasons are somewhat winding down, there are several opportunities for educational programs in the next few months. On November 17 and 18th is the ISA Pesticide Applicator's Workshop to be held at The Wildlife Experience in Parker. Contact isarmc.org for information.

The 58th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association Conference and Trade Show is scheduled for December 6-8, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, DIA. You can register online at rmrta.org. This looks to be a great show with the opportunity for CEC's.

CALCP will be offering a workshop on January 18 for emerging insects-see details elsewhere in this newsletter.

And lastly don't forget about the CALCP Spring Training Conference to be held on March 6 and 7th, 2012 at the Ramada Plaza Inn at I-25 and 120th Ave. Brochures will be mailed in January to those who hold licenses in categories 206, 207, 107, 109, 110, 302, & 304.

We look forward to seeing CALCP members through-out the coming months. Have a safe holiday season.

Repurpose Materials

This is an idea whose time has come! This organization gets products from one source or industry and makes them available to other companies in different industries who can reuse them for another purpose.

A large article appeared in the Sept./October issue of Colorado Green Magazine about Damon Carson, founder of this unique company. Their goal is to take products that are cast off from the manufacturing process or that are used in one industry and put them to use for something entirely different in another industry.

Some examples are plastic used in old billboards that can be used for covering a load, a stack of hay or even as pond liners or yard tarps in landscape construction. Another example is using conveyor belting for flooring in a stable, or horse trailer or to protect the flooring in a garage or the grass on the landscape project. 55 gallon drums can be used for water storage or drinking units on a ranch. Many products can be reused for a different purpose if you think about a need you have and what could be reused to fill that need that would otherwise go into the landfill.

Check out their website or give them a call with your innovative idea on something you have that could be reused by someone else. The old adage about one person's trash is someone else's treasure is true!

720-583-4873 or
www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com

Emerging Insects Class

CALCP will sponsor a FREE breakfast meeting for members at The Ranch Country Club at 120th Ave. & I-25 on January 18, 2012, starting at 7:00 a.m. with registration. Two speakers will discuss "Emerging Insects in Colorado" and should be of interest to all members.

Dave Leatherman will discuss Pine beetle, bark beetles, 1000 Canker in black walnut trees, emerald ash bore, Elm flea weasel and leaf minor and other concerns.

Whitney Cranshaw, Professor at Bio Ag Science Dept. & Pest Management Dept., CSU, will speak on Bees & Wasps—ID, habits, differences, what stings and what doesn't, and what they do.

We will accept the first 100 reservations that we receive with a deposit check for \$20.00 per person and if the person/group from that company shows up, the check will be returned. If a reservation is made and the attendees do not show up, the payment will be forfeited. Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. See the attached flier to register and send with your check. Remember if you show up the check will be returned.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

The Ranch Country Club

11887 Tejon St., Westminster

Breakfast and program

Cost \$20.00 per person

(\$25 for non-members)

**Send your check with your reservation
and if you show up, it will be returned.**

CALCP Spring Training Conference

March 6 & 7, 2012

Ramada Plaza Hotel

120th Ave. & I-25, Northglenn

Class offerings include 2 laws & regulations, 5 core credits, 4 classes in 206 (Turf) & 207 (ornamental), one each in 107 (Rangeland), 109 (Right of Way), 110 (Public Health), 304 (Residential & Commercial Pest Control), and 302 (Outdoor Vertebrate). Our keynote speaker on Tuesday morning will be Ed and Eddie Reinhardt who will speak about a "Football Injury Comeback" that changed their lives. Other non-credit, but very helpful classes will be on "SMART Irrigation Technology", "Water Savings with Turf & Technology", and a Denver Water rep will be on hand to inform you about various rebates available on controllers and their conservation programs.

The registration brochure will be mailed on Jan. 2 to all those who are licensed with CDA in the above categories. If you do **not** receive a brochure by Jan. 10, you may call the office and have one mailed to you.

Plan now to attend the best training for lawn care professionals offered in the Rocky Mountain region. Cost will be the same as the past several years.

RMRTA Turf Show

The 58th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Turfgrass Association will hold their conference and trade show from Dec. 6 to 8, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, DIA, Denver.

The Distinguished Service Award recipient and Turfgrass Professional of the Year will be recognized at the opening ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Their class options run all day Tuesday & Wednesday and until 2:00 on Thursday. The Trade Show will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

To register for the classes or the trade show only, go to their website at www.rmrt.org.

Vote NO on 300

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8 and most folks will receive mail ballots. You have heard much about initiative 300 on the ballot in Denver. That would require companies to provide a paid sick leave policy for all employees. Denver Mayor Hancock & Gov. Hickenlooper and GreenCO oppose this legislation that would:

- * mandate one size fits all approach

- *create a mountain of red tape & additional costs for small business

- *require a costly new City bureaucracy to oversee the program

- *applies to businesses within City of Denver and those companies that work in the City of Denver making a huge disadvantage to those companies.

It sounds like a great idea but has huge unintended consequences. This type of legislation could spread to all areas of the state and cost many jobs. See www.greenco.org/advocacy

Job postings

CALCP will still accept job postings (not resumes) to be placed on our website employment page for \$25.00 for members for 30 days, \$40 for non-members and to list the company name, address, phone, email, posting date and 50 word description.

If you are interested to post a job description, contact the office at 303 850-7587 or send to donna@mngmntplus.com.

Dues for 2011-12

Second dues notices for CALCP were sent out to non-renewing members. If your dues are not paid by **Nov. 5**, you will be dropped from the membership roll. Please return the dues notice with your payment ASAP. We will do a member upload to the website soon and you will want to be listed there. We will also add the website for your company to the listing. If you did not provide that info, or the quadrant of the metro area where you are willing to provide services to the general public, please contact the office so we can add yours to the CALCP website.

A Green Pages directory will be sent out in March to all members—if you want a **hard-copy** instead of a CD, call the office immediately to order it.

CALCP Hat

This hat is available from the CALCP office for you to purchase. Please send your designated donation and the shipping and handling fee \$4.95 (your donation plus \$4.95). All contributions for this hat will go toward our efforts at Riverside Cemetery to revitalize the landscape there. Thanks for your support.

Credit Card program

CALCP is able to offer members a credit card processing program. A new law went into effect on Oct. 1 that should result in a benefit to all companies that use or accept debit cards.

The Durbin amendment is a Federally mandated reduction in pin-pad debit, swiped debit, and key entered debit card fees that Visa and MasterCard can charge the Processors which took effect on October 1st. Discover is going to voluntarily abide by the Durbin rates as well. This fee savings is based on the bank issuing the debit card, not the bank that you might use for your business.

Durbin mandates maximum interchange fees of \$0.22 + 0.05% on swiped, signature and PIN debit cards issued by regulated banks. The law however does NOT address what the Processors do with that cost reduction, hence many are keeping that savings to add to their profit margins. Heartland has decided to refund 100% of these fees to the client. If you're unsure if your business is receiving all, some, or none of the savings, contact Bill McAbee, regional manager of Heartland Payment Systems, at 303-210-6719 or at William.mcabee@e-hps.com for a no-cost analysis.



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Calendar of Events

Nov. 10-GreenCO Legislative Committee meeting at ALCC's new office, 1660 S. Albion St., Call 303 757-5611.

Nov. 15- CALCP Board meeting, 11:00 a.m. at Blake St. Tavern. Call 303 850-7587.

Nov. 22 to 30- CALCP office closed.

Dec. 6, 7 & 8- RMRTA Turf Show & Conference/auction at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chambers Road & I-70. Call 303 770-2220 or go to www.rmrt.org.

Dec. 8-2:00 pm. GreenCO board at CNGA office. Call 303 758-6672.

Dec. 23 to 28-CALCP office closed.

Jan. 25-GreenCO Foundation board meeting 2:00 p.m. at Keller Lowry Ins. Office. Call 303 850-7587.

Jan. 18-Emerging insects class and FREE breakfast for CALCP members at The Ranch Country Club. Call 303 850-7587.

Feb. 7-10—ProGreen Expo at The Colorado Convention Center. Call 303 756-1079.

Data Toolbox Available

The most useful guide to information needed daily in the Green Industries is now all available in one tabbed manual with 12 sections. The NEW book is being edited/produced by Donald H. Godi, FASLA, RCA#444 and Zachary Johnson, RLA, CLP, CLT with GreenCO Foundation as the sole distributor. The prototype was available at ProGreen Expo for viewing. Orders are being taken for \$48.50 including shipping & handling and tax. You can place your order online at www.greencofoundation.org.

The 12 sections include Calculations & Conversions, Soils, Irrigation & Hydrology, Site Inventory & Analysis, Electrical Systems, Construction, Arboriculture, Planting & Nursery, Masonry & Concrete, Site Planning & Design, Lumber & Timber, and Appendices.

This 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 tabbed book should prove to be a valuable resource for years to come for students, designers, consultants & contractors. Order your copy today online or by calling 303 850-7587 for discounts on bulk orders.

See the attached flier for a **HOLIDAY SPECIAL offer!**



Chuckles:

The same snow that covers the ski slopes makes the roads to them impassable.

Honesty once pawned is never redeemed.

Better to be square than to move in the wrong circles.

Turn that frown upside down.

Driver's licenses do not revoke walking privileges.

The easiest way to improve your luck is to stop betting.

The most effective water power in the world is tears.

Always take hold of things with a smooth handle.

Contentment is contagious.