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CALCP changes name and adopts new logo

In July, the Colorado Association of Lawn Care Professionals changed the name to **Colorado Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals.** This caused a chain of events to occur including registering with the IRS, the Secretary of State, changing our bank accounts & investments, developing a new logo (see top of the page) and soon to be launched a updated website. Members will receive new truck/window decals at STC and in the mail as well as attached to this email a jpg file that you can use in communications to your clients.

Our Spring Training Conference planning is well underway and the brochure announcing the topics and class credits that will be available will be mailed on January 2. The dates are Tuesday & Wednesday, March 3 & 4, 2015 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel at I-25 and 120th Ave., Northglenn. For the first time in several years, the attendance fee will increase $5.00 per person.

Our annual winter breakfast is also in the planning stages and will focus on EAB management and Japanese Beetles. Watch for dates and speakers soon.

President's Message — **Tom Lynch**

Fall has finally arrived! I've noticed the squirrels are very busy gathering nuts for the winter. Most of us are doing the same. Finishing our summer services and getting ready for the fall and winter ahead. Fall is a great time to be in the green industry! The weather couldn't be any better. Mother Nature has been in a good mood this year. There have been plenty of warm days and cool nights. We are blessed to live and work in a beautiful state. Get out and enjoy!

As the leaves start to fall we begin to realize for most of us it is time to switch gears a bit. Some may be planning to water trees, or install holiday lights while many of us now have to clean up and test our snow plowing equipment. Make sure to make time to get ready and be safe.

I want to take time to thank my fellow board members for allowing me the opportunity to serve as president for this great association. My term is over, but, I will remain on the board as treasurer. Some exciting changes to our organization occurred in the past 12 months. We've changed our name and will be promoting a new and fresh logo at our winter breakfast conference and our Spring Training Conference in March. Emilie Hudson has graciously agreed to accept the role of incoming president and will serve the needs of our members with pride. Thanks to all!

Tom Lynch & Rick Roehm, CALCP reps, attended Legislative Day on the Hill July 27-29, 2014. Others attending were: Mari Medrano, Jody Medrano, Dean Murphy, Cindy McCord, Steven Steele, Kurt DeLucero. CALCP, as part of a coalition of Colorado Green Industry representatives, sent two board members to Washington D.C. again this year as a part of PLANET's Renewal & Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery and the Legislative Day on the Hill.

Renewal and Remembrance is our industry's way of giving back to those who have paid the ultimate price for our country. Over 400 volunteers show up each year to help beautify the grounds at Arlington. Many crews aerate and apply lime to the turf, while others fix and install irrigation, plant & prune trees, and install lightning protection to ..cont. page 3

The CALCP board of directors held their annual meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Denver Botanic Gardens and were treated to a guided tour of the Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit by Panayoti Kelaides, Senior Curator. The Chichuly exhibition features 14 sites with installations designed specifically for DBG with all handmade glass pieces –the Blue Icicle Tower (right) has 650 individual pieces. The board meeting included adopting a new set of by-laws with the name change to Colorado Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals, adoption of the financials for the 2013-14 year, and election of officers: Emilie Hudson, President, Rick Roehm, V. President, and Tom Lynch as Treasurer. Samples of a new logo were presented and reviewed and the new design adopted. See front cover.

President Elect's message by Emilie Hudson

I appreciate and look forward to the opportunity to lead the Colorado Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals in the upcoming year. As an organization, we are facing many challenges including labor shortages and legislation regarding our industry. We also have many opportunities including attracting people to our industry, educating the public, meeting the expectations of our clients and beautifying our communities. I would encourage everyone, on a daily basis, to maintain a perspective which allows them to not only prosper in their business ventures, but also to enjoy life beyond the business realm.

We often hear, "It will all be there tomorrow." We have all been through events in our lives that prove it may not be there tomorrow. "It" may be the one item that is so critical to your client, if it is not done; they are no longer a client. "It" may be one thing that you do not take the opportunity to say to someone, but keep in mind they might not be here tomorrow. Perspective helps us to know what is truly important in a day, with too few hours, to accomplish all we need to accomplish.

Many of us focus so much on the internal aspects of running our businesses that we lose sight of what is important to our clients, our employees and those in our personal lives who are affected by our careers. I would encourage us all to maintain perspective and consider how we allocate the time we have been given. Work to do the important things that you may feel you are too busy to do. It is a daily challenge, but taking the time to do "it" may be the only opportunity you have.

As we wrap up the 2014 season, I would like to thank everyone for their continued participation in our organization. My hope is that everyone has a safe and prosperous fall and snow season. Let us all be responsible stewards of our industry, true leaders for our employees and face head on, each challenge and opportunity we are presented with.

EAB update

EAB has been detected in 3 more grid areas within Boulder-all adjacent to the original grid sections of Boulder where the insect was first discovered a year ago.

Not much new has been found since mid August, when more trees were reported infested in the Boulder area not far from the original site. Much more info should be available in the next month or so, when Kathleen Alexander, City Forester of Boulder, finishes their climbing survey.

The common problems identified in ash trees outside of Boulder infected area are:

Lilac Ash Borer
Ash Bark Beetle
Abiotic (drought, soil oxygen starvation, and freeze damage)

Property owners should be encouraged to contact an ISA certified arborist, City Forester, County Extension office or the Colorado Department of Agriculture for help with ash problem ID. Symptoms of EAB infested ash include:

* Sparse branches or smaller leaves in the upper part of the tree
* D-shaped exit holes about 1/8inch wide
* New sprouts on the lower trunk or lower branches
*Vertical splits in the bark

Winding S-shaped tunnels under the bark
* Increased woodpecker activity.

Colorado Dept. of Ag, CDA, will be hosting several workshops this fall on Ash problem ID. This will include branch peeling for EAB ID as well as what all the other ash boring insects look like.

As soon as the dates are released notices will be sent via email about these EAB workshops. CDA is working with Carol O'Meara at Boulder County Extension and Kathleen Alexander, City of Boulder Forestry to coordinate these learning workshops.

You can get updates on EAB through the following subscription (free) site. http://www.webowidget.com/subscribe/DeptofAgriculture/ or go to www.eabcolorado.com

In a press release coming out soon, CDA will be releasing biological controls for EAB in conjunction with APHIS, CU Boulder, and City of Boulder Forestry.

Remember to remind clients NOT TO MOVE FIREWOOD.

Riverside Moonlight Tours

The Riverside Moonlight History & Mystery Tours start in October and CALCP members are invited. Learn about the mystery surrounding the Jones Mausoleum; the secret the sorrow of the Bell Family and the tragic legend of the Lester Drake monument in the moonlight at Denver's oldest operating cemetery at 5201 Brighton Blvd, Denver.

Dates are Oct 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th with start times at 4:30 Twilight, 5:30 Sunset, 6:30 Moonlight, and 7:30 Moonlight. Advance ticket sales only. Tickets: $15.00 each online, $20.00 each by phone. Contact Patricia Carmody at 303 322-3895.

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the many historic heritage trees throughout this national landmark. There is also a children's program where, with the help of several mentor volunteers, the kids donate their time to plant annual flower gardens.

PLANET's Day on the Hill is a full day of appointments to visit with staffers and sometimes the actual members of congress from Colorado. The delegation meets with both Senate offices and all seven House of Representatives staffers. This year we had the opportunity to have a face to face meeting with Representative Mike Coffman. Our purpose is to lobby on behalf of the green industry and present our issues at a federal level. Our mission this year was to present the unified industry views on Immigration and the H2B program which allows for guest workers to come to America to work in our industry in seasonal positions. The STARs Act, which will help simplify the rules for small business to effectively comply with the rules of the Affordable Care Act and to help present our industries view on WOTUS (waters of the United States). EPA has tried to change the legal definition of WOTUS to include ditches, detention ponds or any other body of water which "could carry water", thus affecting rules for fertilizer and pesticide applications in these areas.

The entire trip is a whirlwind of activity which begins with preparation meetings on Sunday afternoon and commences with a plane flight back to Colorado Tuesday night. It was once again Rick's and my honor to have been selected to participate in this delegation as your representatives.

Sports Turf Managers Conference

The STMA 26th conference will be held at the same time and location as ProGreen Expo on Jan, 13-15, 2015 in the Colorado Convention Center. Highlights include: exceptional educational sessions, networking, and trade show innovations from the industry's premier sports field association. Conference highlights include keynote address by former Denver Broncos All-Pro Linebacker Karl Mecklenberg, high-level STMA Academy education sessions, trade show featuring new products and services, formalized networking sessions, and over 17 hours of education focused on turfgrass management, professional development, sustainability, industry developments, facility management, and more! Register online starting October 1 at www.stma.org and take advantage of our early bird rate!

If you have not sent in your CALCP dues for 2014-15 year, please do so immediately. Thanks for supporting your professional organization.

Please have a safe and productive fall.

Calendar of Events:

Nov. 13-CALCP board meeting at US Bank, 3400 38th Ave., Denver. Call 303 850-7587.

Dec. 10-12, RMRTA Turf Show at the Crowne Plaza, I-70 & Chambers. Call 303 770-2220.

Jan. 13-15—Sports Turf Managers Association Conference at Colorado Convention Center. Call 785-542-9243 or www.STMA.org

Jan. 13-15– ProGreen Expo at the Colorado Convention Center. Call 303 798-3664 or www.progreenexpo.com

Jan. 27 OR 28—CALCP winter breakfast with topics and speakers to be announced soon. Call 303 850-7587.

March 3 & 4— Spring Training Conference at Ramada Plaza hotel at I-25 & 120th Ave. Brochures sent Jan. 2. Call 303 850-7587.

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Whatever the assignment, do it with gusto and diligence.

If you have a dog, carry a plastic bag and clean up it's messes.

Spend a little more to patronize the local family store instead of the big chain.

When making friends, look for character.

Don't be afraid to back up and start over.

Don't embark on something you haven't thought through.

In all situations, be polite.