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TIERRA REJADA GOLF CLUB in Moorpark is again the site of the SFV Golf Tournament, this year set for Monday, September 19. Scenic views and lots of fun await CLCA members and friends. (See page 5 for more information.)



LAST YEAR'S GROUNDCARE LANDSCAPE group (and friends) was one of several that enjoyed the challenge and the fun of our 2021 tourney. A Six-some? Hmmmm!



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STATE AND LOCAL EVENTS

Don't miss any of these very important events!

Subject to Change – Check with Chapter Office First

WATCH FOR LAST-MINUTE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

- Sept. 8 SFV Board Meeting 10 a.m. via Zoom
 - 16 Channel Islands Chapter & Friends Deep Sea Fishing Trip, Hook's Landing, Oxnard, 5 a.m.
 - 19 SFV Golf Tournament, Tierra Rejada Golf Club, Moorpark.
- Oct. 20 SFV Auxiliary Education Scholarship Auction, Mandarin King Restaurant, 17092 Devonshire St., Northridge; (818) 366-8999
- Oct. CI Supplier Summit, SiteOne Carpinteria TBD
- Nov. 9-12 CLCA Convention, Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa, Indian Wells, CA
- Dec. 10 Holiday Party TBD



SFV Nominations Committee Open to 2023 Chapter Board **Office** Seekers

Ballots to be Sent in Late September

The SFV Nominations Committee has begun to consider potential Chapter Officers for the 2023 CLCA year. The committee will develop a slate of candidates it will send out to Chapter members via Constant Contact in late September as part of the elections process.

There are vacancies on the current Board for officers and committee chairs. SFV members who wish to run for a Chapter office should contact President Francisco Salazar at (818) 970-7593 or francisco@groundcarelc.com. Do this ASAP to ensure that your name will be on the ballot.

The results of the election will be announced at the SFV Auxiliary Scholarship Auction October 20. Traditionally, the Associate Members present at that meeting will elect the Chapter's Associate Member Representative for next year.



We're Busy as Ever and Still Going Strong

ello fellow San Fernando Valley CLCA members. We are all ready for our SFV Golf Tournament on September 19. If you have not registered, please do so as soon as pos-

FRANCISCO SALAZAR SFV Chapter President Groundcare Landscape Co. sible. Like last year it will be held at Tierra Rejada Golf Club in Moorpark. But this time it will feature a shotgun start to ensure we all meet at the end for a lunch and raffle with all the Sponsors and golfers. So,

get your clubs ready and we will see you there.

We are now in August, so let's continue pushing with everything to finish strong. Let's not forget we still have our yearly CLCA Convention in

Indian Wells at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa. The Convention will be held November 9-12, so plan ahead, mark it down in your calendars, and make it a family mini vacation.

I would also like to send out an invitation to all our members to join our Board of Directors next year. Ballots will be sent out digitally before the end of September. So, if you would like to run for one of our board positions, call or email me and I will pass the information to our Nominations Committee at our next meeting. This will ensure that your name will be on the ballot. Remember, there is no

greater feeling than to give back to your community of like-minded people.

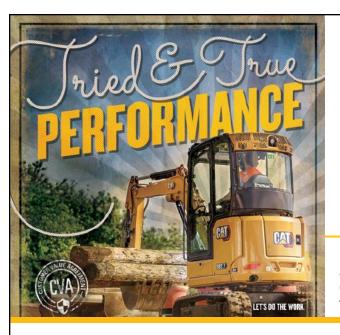
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On a final note, thank you to the Golf Tournament Committee for all their hard work on this year's event. Thank you for all the Sponsors. If you would like to become a Golf Tournament Sponsor, there is still a little time.

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Thank you all! - Francisco

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Are You Wearing Too Many Hats? By José Robles, Owner Landscape Warehouse

just got back from a two-week vacation with my two sons. We fished, we laughed, we ate great food, and at least one of us may have even consumed a tequila or two. More importantly, we got to know one another a lot better without the distractions of work, school, and the pressures of daily life getting in the way. But there was a time when I couldn't take even a two-day vacation, let alone at two-week one. That's because **I was wearing too many hats in my business.**

Most small businesspersons – myself included – start out wearing almost all the hats (serving in multiple positions) in the business. But as the business grows, hopefully we begin removing some of those hats and passing those areas of responsibility to trusted employees and consultants. Yes, I know they may not be able to work those areas as well as you can – or so you think – but if you don't pass some of those hats to others, you will never grow your business, and you will never be able to take a two-week vacation away from it either.

One of the most difficult challenges a business owner faces, is *knowing when to let go.* This can be especially hard for controlling types, which many entrepreneurs are. The secret is PLANNING to

transfer duties and responsibility from day one. First, you find and develop a core of key individuals who exhibit good business and personal qualities – such as honesty, dependability, trustworthiness – with the aptitude and willingness to do the job. Now, teach them how to do an aspect of your business, provide them the opportunity to grow to the next level...then remove that hat from your head and gingerly place it on *their* head. Repeat.

The principle works for organizations as well as businesses – that of the *planned* passing of responsibility – although it is more difficult in business because the stakes are higher, and your money is involved. One way I heard to grow a CLCA chapter is to make the FIRST responsibility of each board member and committee chair, *that they find their replacement*. Once found, they have the rest of the year to help them learn the position so that they can be ready to step up when it is their turn. Plus, you have just doubled the size of your chapter leadership...which will help you accomplish considerably more throughout the year.

If you implement this strategy – whether in business or in your organization – you'll eventually be doing more managing and less of the other business tasks your staff (or board members) are now handling. It's now time to plan your vacation. – José



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B-D-H = Being, Doing, Having From an article by Mark Matteson, Sparking Success

You must first BE who you really are or wish to be, and work for years to BECOME that person; then you are driven to DO the things to earn the money, joy, abundance, and peace of mind. Only then will you HAVE what you really want.

Did you know that most lottery winners end up broke, divorced, and miserable within five years? Why is that? It's because having the money was simply luck. They didn't earn what they were given. If someone hands you a million dollars, you better become a millionaire fast.

A life of abundance, joy, and peace of mind is what most people want, but 96% of the population goes about it all wrong. They have the process backward. They say, "I want to HAVE more things or more money in order to DO more of what I want so I will BE more happy." The way it actually works for the top 4% is the reverse. You must first BE who you really are or wish to be, and work for years to BECOME that person; then you are driven to DO the things to earn the money, joy, abundance, and peace of mind. Only then will you HAVE what you really want. Moreover, you will keep what you justly earned.

Think of this process as a triangle. The points are not in conflict with each other. They all exist simultaneously. They are earned. Each side supports the other. However, it must begin with BEING first, then the DOING to earn the HAVING!

We need to connect with our BEING, to help us focus and facilitate the DOING, to deepen, expand, and align our HAVING.

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did I do well?" and "What are my growth opportunities for the next call?"...someone who knows how to overcome objections with compassion, kindness, and tact.

You may never win the lottery, but you CAN focus on BECOMING the person who has learned this simple lesson: BE first, DO second, HAVE third! You'll be glad you did!

What One Action Will You Take to BECOME who you are destined to be?

"Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming." – John Wooden, UCLA Coach

Mark Matteson is an inspiring speaker and the author of the international bestseller *Freedom from Fear*. His company, Sparking Success, is located in Edmonds, WA. Phone: (206) 697-0454.



Get the band back together

Benefit your business by attending your **CLCA chapter activities and state events**! Building relationships with others leads to new opportunities, new friends, and new connections that can be valuable to your success. When's your next gig?

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Fire Survivors Urged to Hire Licensed Contractors for Rebuilding

• CSLB warns wildfire survivors about the dangers of hiring unlicensed contractors

ildfire survivors should stay alert as they search for contractors to help them rebuild after the Oak Fire. Unlicensed contractors often prey on disaster survivors, making them a victim a second time. After a disaster, the mission of the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is to help ensure unlicensed or unscrupulous contracn tors do not take advantage of survivors.

Homeowners should use the CSLB's "Find My Licensed Contractor" feature to identify licensed contractors in their area. They should always check contractors' license numbers on the CSLB website. If you have any concerns regarding the identity of the person negotiating your home improvement/rebuild contract, ask to see their CSLB-issued home improvement salesperson and/or contractors license pocket card. Construction jobs of \$500 or more (labor and/or materials) require a contractor to have a CSLB-issued state license.

"Disaster survivors take a huge risk when they hire unlicensed contractors," said CSLB Registrar David Fogt. "Most are not properly insured and likely don't have the skills or knowledge to perform the work." Sweeps and undercover enforcement operations are already being planned in the fire-affected areas.

CSLB offers a designated Disaster Help Center section online, which provides publications that can be downloaded or ordered. These include "Debris Removal and Construction Scams," "After a Disaster, Don't Get Scammed," and "What You Should Know Before Hiring a Contractor." CSLB's "Rebuilding After a Natural Disaster" video and podcast also are available online. In addition, wildfire survivors can request information by calling CSLB's Disaster Hotline, 800-962-1125, staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or via the automated assistance line, 800-321-CSLB (2752).

CSLB urges everyone to follow these guidelines before hiring a contractor:

- Don't rush into repairs or cleanup, no matter how badly they're needed.
- Don't sign over any payment checks from your insurance company.
- Work with your local building department to make sure you understand the rebuilding process and take advantage of all services they can provide.

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How to Stay Healthy While Running a Business

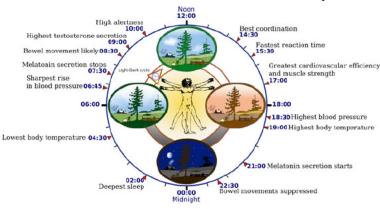
From an article by Dr. David Minkoff, co-founder of LifeWorks Wellness Center, in allBusiness

n my medical practice, I treat a lot of patients who are in business for themselves. I can confirm, therefore, that entrepreneurs are busy people. In fact, at least one survey found they tend to work 63% longer than regular employees.

With all that time put into the job, there's not a lot left over for taking care of themselves – especially if they have a family or other important priorities and obligations.

Entrepreneurship raises risk for health problems

This is not good, considering that simply being an entrepreneur also raises the risk of some serious health problems. Psychological problems are at the top of the list. In fact, one study found that compared to the general population, entrepreneurs were twice as likely to experience depression, nearly six times as likely to have ADHD, and three times as likely to suffer from addiction.



rhythm.

better, more restful sleep.

A healthy rhythm also helps protect us from chronic disease processes like hypertension (a major risk factor for heart disease) and is correlated with extended life expectancy. So, if your circadian rhythm tries so hard to take care of you, what can you do to take care of it? It's an easy, three-part answer:

1. Know yourself. Everyone has a unique "chronotype" – an

outline of when they like to go to bed and wake up. Honor it. Don't force yourself to get up early if you're a night owl, for example. You're not doing yourself any favors and may even be damaging your health.

2. Get more sleep. Sleep deprivation is now considered a public health crisis. Sleeping for at least seven hours a night not only will make you healthier; it will be a public service.

symptoms, including chronic pain, are also tied to our circadian

Studies in both animals and humans indicate that having a healthy,

stable circadian rhythm makes us more likely to stay alert, remem-

ber more, think better, keep our balance, resist illnesses, and have

a regular digestive pattern. That's in addition, of course, to getting

3. Try to wake up at the same time every day. For that matter, try to perform as many daily tasks as possible on a routine (eating, exercising, showering, etc.). While the solar-driven light/dark cycle is considered the primary engine of circadian rhythms, researchers now know there are other influences, things like social, metabolic, and activity-based cues.

Start a new healthful habit

If you're not already in the habit of sticking to a regular bedtime and wake-up time, it might seem inconvenient – but it's the single most important thing you can do for your health outside of breathing, eating, and staying hydrated.

A late night here and there isn't going to kill you, but if you constantly keep your circadian rhythm out of step by not adhering to a steady sleep routine, you're putting your body through the same harsh conditions it experiences when crossing time zones. It turns out you don't need to fly anywhere to get jet lag; a lot of us are doing it to ourselves on a daily basis.

A routine may be annoying or inconvenient to establish, but it's a very worthwhile investment. And the negative effects of not having one can be dramatic – even debilitating. If you're going to work long hours or otherwise subject yourself to health risks by neglecting self-care, the least you can do is give your body this one leg up.

It turns out other health problems are rampant among entrepreneurs, as well. Of these, heart disease may be the scariest. The more time entrepreneurs spend on the job, the greater the chance of being diagnosed with heart disease.

It seems like the easy solution would be for entrepreneurs to cut back on their hours. But it's not easy to convince an entrepreneur to do that – not by a long shot. How can entrepreneurs manage their health risks and prioritize well-being without sacrificing productivity?

Most important self-care tactic for entrepreneurs

When you're busy, you may have to eat on the go. You may have to settle for light walking instead of strenuous exercise, if that's all your schedule allows. You may not have time to research and experiment with supplements, get a therapeutic massage, or blend your own organic vegetable juice in the morning.

You can do one thing, though, that's more powerful than all the above, and you can do it no matter how busy you are: plan your schedule around your circadian rhythm. Most of us are familiar with the phrase "circadian rhythm:" we know it has to do with our pattern of sleeping, and might even associate it with the idea of a "biological clock." But thinking our circadian rhythm is just a sleep timer seriously underestimates its importance.

The study of circadian rhythms is its own niche in scientific research, and the latest studies show that our biological clock does a whole lot more than just tell us when it's bedtime. In fact, it has a hand in orchestrating nearly all the physical processes in our bodies, from the function of vital organs to how we metabolize energy, with how our immune system functions, and even how we think. Disease

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The room rate is \$189.00 plus taxes. You can make your reservations by calling 650-653-6000. Or visit **www.norcaltradeshow.org** and book online. Click on the Hotel button under the Information heading. Remember to reference the *Nor Cal Landscape & Nursery Show* when making your reservation. Cut-off date for reservations is **JANUARY 06, 2023**. Make your reservations EARLY! Once the room block is filled we can't get more rooms at the \$189.00 rate.

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For more information contact Margo Cheuvront (margoc@frontiernet.net) or call 530-458-3190.

Book a Seminar – Education for All! Although our program isn't published yet be sure to include it in your schedule of things to do at the show. We've expanded our offerings to two seminar rooms, so you'll find something for everyone. Stay tuned we'll have it up in the fall!

We look forward to seeing you in February! Visit the website: **www. norcaltradeshow.org** for more information and updates on the show as we get closer!

Hire Licensed Contractors, from Page 8

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Four Things Your Press Release Needs to Be Successful

From an article by Nathan Resnick, CEO of Sourcity

WHAT MAKES A GREAT PRESS RELEASE?

1. Your content is truly newsworthy

This is the first big test: Is the topic of your press release actually newsworthy? Is it something that journalists – and the wider audience they serve – will care about?

A story is only interesting if entrepreneurs can learn from it. These need to be real stories, with real experiences, not small investment news, or ideas. What people often don't understand, is that something they might be working on day in, day out, is not as interesting to others as it is to them.

There are several factors that can influence whether a press release is truly newsworthy, including timeliness, the size of the company, and the impact the event will have on the market as a whole. Before you start writing your press release, make sure it fulfills the values of news.



2. Headline and subheads sell the story

In a world where journalists are increasingly short on time, the headline and subheads do much of the heavy lifting in motivating editors to keep reading. A press release headline shouldn't simply be a bland statement of what has happened with your company. Relevant

> adjectives and succinct details that offer some insight into why your story matters will do a better job of piquing a journalist's interest than a dry, formal headline.

For example, if your company just conducted a major industry survey, the headline should offer insights into what that survey revealed. *"[Company's] Survey Reveals Most Customers Prefer Short-Form Video Content*" will be far more intriguing than *"[Company] Releases Survey Results On Video Content Preferences.*"

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The subhead is where you expand on the promise made in the main headline – this could include some specific stats from your study or details about an award won by a member of your company. This is where a journalist will judge if the rest of your content is worth their time.

3. It covers the 5 Ws

Depending on the news source you are targeting, the publication may prefer to publish press releases verbatim on its own site, or draw relevant information from your release to write its own story. As such, your first order of business is to make sure that the first paragraph of your press release covers the 5 Ws (who, what, where, when, and why), as well as the "how." Also, be sure to include your company name. This way, even if someone only reads the first paragraph, the most important information has still been delivered.

The rest of the body copy serves to expand on the information presented in the first paragraph. This may include stats or other details that add greater insights to your newsworthy topics. Similarly, any interview quotes that you include from company leadership should add value.

Don't waste space on empty, overly promotional talk!

A good rule of thumb is to follow the "inverted pyramid" style of news writing in a four or five paragraph press release. Essentially, this means that the most important information goes at the beginning. The content at the end of the release is still useful, but not as important if a journalist chooses to stop reading early.

4. Content is relevant for the target audience

The final piece of the puzzle for ensuring that your press release will be a true success is to focus on the target audience of the journalist you are pitching to. No matter how good the press release is, sending it to a journalist who will find it irrelevant is a waste of time. Do your due diligence by researching the journalists and publications that would find your content to be worthwhile and compelling for their own audience. Proper targeting paired with a newsworthy story can make up for less-than-perfect writing.

Write a press release that works

Even with a well-written press release, there's no guarantee that every news outlet you pitch will choose to cover your story. However, by following these essential guidelines and avoiding common press release mistakes, you can ensure that your content will have a much greater chance of standing out in a journalist's inbox.

When you send out press releases that consistently meet these criteria, journalists will start to take note – and the amount of coverage you get for your business will increase accordingly.





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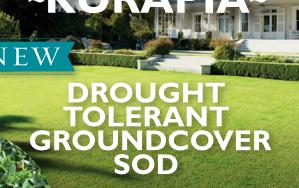
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In our landscape profession using our personal creative expression starts with the client's desire calling the office staff, to the creative designer, to management staff, and to the work crew to implement the client's wishes. All...everyone is creative geniuses doing incredible work and being proud of their contributions. Even the caretakers follow this sequence with pride in their efforts.

The whole universe of this infinite creativity is centered within each individual. Your individualization is part of the whole creative process that originated from the God substance that is exactly like the

We each need to create the conditions that make the result inevitable.

air we breathe. Again, this substance is always available - but it is an "inside way" that shows up in an outside effect.

We each need to create the conditions that make the result inevitable. Each person has the power to think and create your desire into visibility...for you. You are the power creator in

each field of expertise. This is not believing in...but believing from. Abundance is an ever-present reality and resides within to show up in reality as you...we...believe. Our world of this ever-present substance is available to everyone as we each believe...and it is limitless...again, just like the air we breathe. And no one can hoard the air.

So, how do you see yourself? Are your successful? Are you ever excited about the next day or project? Are your creative juices enlightening your thinking? Do you see the opportunities your Creator has set before you? Do you see yourself as having the ability accomplish them? Are you aware and knowing that God's creative power is within you? Or...are you caught up in "governmentium," high costs, I'm barely making it...I can't...etc., etc.

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it: Love does - always. Namaste. - Dave

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