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The 2015 Legislative Session convened on Wednesday, January 7th and is off to a fast paced start. CNLA and our lobbying team, The Kowalski Group, have been active this session offering testimony and comments on legislation, meeting with legislators and working to protect the gains that have been made in the agricultural sector. At this point, the session has completed seven weeks, with 13 weeks to go before adjournment on June 3, 2015.

Legislation of Importance:

Senate Bill 984 -This raised bill would end agriculture workers' exemption from unionization.

Senate Bill 158 -To allow person with a bachelor's degree and three years of experience to be licensed as a landscape architect.

House Bill 6731 - This bill would exempt property classified as farm land from the estate tax. The bill is pending in the Environment Committee.

House Bill 6032 - This bill seeks to revise provisions of the law concerning the use of barrier systems for planting bamboo. It is also pending in the Environment committee.

To view the full Legislative Update, click here.



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Invasive Insect Update:

Asian Longhorned Beetle



The Asian Longhorned
Beetle
Kenneth R. Law, USDA APHIS PPQ,
Bugwood.org



Larval Asian Longhorned
Beetle
Thomas B. Denholm, New Jersey
Department of Agriculture,
Bugwood.org



Old and New ALB Oviposition Sites, Peter Trenchard, CAES



ALB Exit Holes
Peter Trenchard, CAES

It is no secret that an insect of federal regulatory concern, the Asian longhorned beetle, has been found in surrounding states and could already be in Connecticut. It is important to be aware of possible signs of the insect and being cautious could be a matter of saving our trees.

What you should know:

The adult insect itself is a shiny, jet-black beetle with wing covers marked with distinct white patches. It is a fairly large insect and its antennae are very long relative to the body. ALB are poor flyers that continually re-infests the same tree before moving onto another susceptible tree.

Trees at risk:

- Maples
- Elms
- Willows
- Birch
- Horsechestnuts
- Sycamores
- London Planes
- Poplars

Indications of Presence:

- Exit Holes (see above picture)
- Oviposition Sites
- Frothing Sap
- Frass
- Characteristic adult feedings
- Weakened Tree Conditions

What to do if you may have found ALB:

- Do NOT move the insect or any associated wood.
- Take a lot of pictures and notes of location!
- Email CAES.StateEntomologist@ct.gov

It is important to have the public's cooperation in the effort to find the beetle, protect our trees, and limit the beetle's spread. To learn more about the Asian longhorned beetle, visit the **Department of Energy & Environmental Protection**.



PLANET Day of Service April 22, 2015

The Day of Service is organized by PLANET, the national trade association representing more than 100,000 landscape industry professionals, who create and maintain healthy, green living spaces for communities across America. The purpose of the annual event is to give professionals in the landscape industry an opportunity to plan, organize, and carry-out volunteer service projects that benefit their own communities. Hundreds of volunteer landscape projects take place each year at schools, community parks, military memorials, libraries, and museums across the country.

Why should your company participate in the Day of Service? 10. Join your fellow landscape industry professionals for a dedicated day of giving back to local communities around the world.

- 9. Raise awareness about the lawn care and landscape profession.
- 8. Create new relationship with organizations in your community.
- 7. Show your commitment to a great cause.
- 6. Foster teamwork among your comrades.
- 5. Be recognized as a leader in community service.
- 4. Demonstrate goodwill and environmental stewardship.
- 3. Revitalize the places where people live, work, and play.
- 2. Become part of a movement to improve the world's green spaces
- 1. Impact the quality of life in your community.

Click here to register your company's project!

Types of projects included:

- Installation of landscapes at war memorials, elementary schools, nursing homes, homeless shelters, community parks, public housing projects, and so on.
- Installation of baseball fields and outdoor recreation spaces.
- Creation of environmental education facilities at public schools.
- Clean up of vegetable gardens



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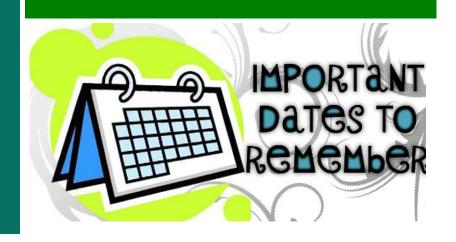


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Get Out Your Calendars! Upcoming Industry Events

- <u>UConn Perennial Plant Conference</u> Lewis B. Romes Commons, UConn- Storrs Campus, Thursday, March 5, 2015. **Early registration ends February 26th!**
- Ag Day at the Capitol Wednesday, March 18th.
- PLANET's Day of Service Wednesday, April 22, 2015
- CNLA 2015 Summer Field Day Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens ~ Stamford, CT, July 15, 2015. More information to come!

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HELP WANTED We are a 45 year old wholesale nursery expanding our offerings in B&B trees and are looking for a foreman for our tree farms. A successful candidate would have 5 years experience as a grower, ability to work in all types of weather and a desire to continuously learn and improve how we grow our trees! Basic responsibilities would include: Oversee as well as directly working of digging/maintenance crews, Set up above ground holding areas for trees to be irrigated, assist with applying fertilizer/crop controls as needed, Improve fields by applying cover crops and amending in preparation for planting over 10,000, Assist with general upkeep of equipment. Competitive compensation and excellent benefits package offered. Please contact Darryl Newman at dnewman@planterschoice.com or call at 203-426-4037. [2/19/2015]

HELP WANTED Planter's Choice, LLC, a full service wholesale nursery, was founded in March 1970 by Chuck Newman. The original nursery consisted of one propagation house and two fifty foot hoop houses. To service customers, the Newtown location has a 15-acre sales vard that offers a complete line of nursery stock, as well as a diverse line of hard goods. The Watertown facility offers the same high quality product line and service on five acres. Growing operations have expanded to encompass a state of the art four bay greenhouse as well as four others for propagation. Over 200 hoop houses are used for ornamental container production, encompassing 40 acres. Over 100 acres of field grown nursery stock exist on four farms in Watertown and Woodbury. We are seeking an energetic, hard working salesperson with an exceptional background in identification and plant sensitivity of trees, shrubs and perennials to join our Newtown sales team. Job Responsibilities: Working with customers to fill pick-up orders. Training yard labor in plant identification and safe/efficient loading of customers' trucks. General nursery labor/machine operation. Job Requirements:

Horticultural background, Must be able to lift 50 lbs and withstand exposure to inclement weather conditions, Must be able to lift and carry multiple potted plants, Ability to follow specific directions, Ability to multitask, Ability to safely operate machinery. Please feel free to call or email Ross Proctor with any questions, Rproctor@planterschoice.com, 203-364-5202 [2/19/2015]

HELP WANTED Estate Gardener-Seasonal Gardener for large private estate. This would include maintenance of several perennial, annual, vegetable, rose and formal gardens. Must have hands on approach with strong communication skills. A wide range of expertise is required in all facets of garden maintenance. Minimum of three-year horticultural experience. Educational degree helpful, experience is essential. Hourly wages commensurate with experience plus 401K and medical. Send resume to Greg Bollard, Maywood Estate, 52 Cooper Road, Bridgewater, CT 06752 860-354-4101 fax 860-354-5571 [2/18/2015]

HELP WANTED Our Landscape Dept. seeks an experienced (3 or more years) individual to design and implement landscape projects from start to finish. Applicant must have strong knowledge of plant material, good landscape practices, and strong organizational skills. Benefits are available. Send resume to: Steve Johnson stevej@sambridge.com or call 203-869-3418. [2/18/2015]

HELP WANTED Madison Earth Care Landscaping is seeking an EXPERIENCED Full time manager of Garden Maintenance Crew. Responsibilities include scheduling, coordination of materials,/supplies/laborers, supervising crew, physical labor alongside crew members, and interfacing with clients. Must be knowledgeable of all gardening aspects including plant identification, installation and maintenance of plants (especially annuals and perennials). The position includes work in perennial and mixed border gardens in the residential setting on the CT shoreline. Must be organized, self-motivated, attentive to detail and able to work both as a team and independently. Applicants should be willing and able to work outside in all weather conditions. Must be able to drive a truck and participate in heavy lifting activities. Valid driver's license and SS# required. Madison Earth Care Services is a 43 year old, family owned, full service landscape business with room for growth and opportunity. Compensation is based on experience. Please email your resume to rachel@madisonearthcare.com or call 203-421-4358 for consideration. [2/17/2015]

HELP WANTED Burnett's Country Gardens, a full service retail garden center in Salem, CT is seeking a Retail Nursery Buyer/Team Leader. Job responsibilities include purchasing all nursery material, providing skilled customer service, maintaining and merchandising nursery area, managing process and implementation of plantings for customers, training /supervising team members assigned to nursery department. Ideal candidate will have very strong knowledge of plants/shrubs, strong computer skills, excellent people skills, good understanding of retail practices (including margins, pricing strategies, etc.), and should be a flexible team player. This is an exciting opportunity with growth potential for the right candidate! Please forward resumes to Meghan Burnett at meghan.burnett@burnettscg.com [2/17/2015]

HELP WANTED Garden Center Team Members- Burnett's Country Gardens, a full service retail garden center in Salem, CT is looking to expand our team. Variety of positions throughout departments including annuals, perennials, nursery and our growing area. Looking for dynamic individuals who are passionate about growing/gardening, skilled at sales and excellent team players. Application available at

www.burnettscg.com. Please complete and forward to meghan.burnett@burnettscg.com [2/17/2015]

HELP WANTED Assistant Grower/Perennials - Canterbury Horticulture, a wholesale producer of premium quality shrubs and perennials is looking for an Assistant Grower/Perennials to join our team. Canterbury Horticulture serves independent garden centers, rewholesalers and landscapers throughout the Northeast. Ideal candidate should have extensive knowledge of shrubs and perennials (particularly those native to Zone 6) be detail oriented, have strong organizational and communication skills and be a team player. Experience running a crew and basic knowledge of Spanish preferred. Please forward resume to meghan.burnett@canterburyhorticulture.com [2/17/2015]

HELP WANTED Pesticide Applicator - Click here for job description. Please call (203)316-5433 and ask for Richard Bevilacqua or Bruce Moore Jr. to apply or submit your resume to info@easternland.com. [2/16/2015]

HELP WANTED Landscape Foreperson - CT driver's license, OSHA 10, ability to work with small crew to client satisfaction, detail oriented person with great people skills. Great pay and some benefits. Email <u>distinctivelandscape@sbcglobal.net</u> or Carolyn 860-399-4216 Distinctive Landscaping Inc. Our 43rd year EOE. [2/12/2015]

HELP WANTED Mason person that can install dry pavers, patios, walls, walks; to include block and fieldstone work. Great pay and some benefits. Email <u>distinctivelandscape@sbcglobal.net</u> or Carolyn 860-399-4216 Distinctive Landscaping Inc. Our 43rd year EOE. [2/12/2015]

HELP WANTED Plant Health Scout Craftsmen - Summary: Primary function is to assure that plants are checked for pests and diseases. Job Functions: 1. Walking the designated areas of the nursery for pests and diseases, 2. Submit all data and track the plants that are at a high risk, 3. Work closely with the plant health coach to assure that the growers are notified of any problems. 4. Carries backpack sprayers that contain preemergent and apply it in new canning and area. 5. Cleans plant debris if required. 6. Able to learn the problems that are variety specific. 7. Able to communicate in English. 8. Other duties as assigned to meet departmental requirements. Qualifications: 1. Education-Basic knowledge of computers an able to read and write English, 2. Specific job experience- must have knowledge of Monrovia Quality Standards, knowledge of variety of plants grown in nursery. Experience in identifying insects, disease and weeds in plants a plus but not mandated. Experience in Microsoft programs a plus. Monrovia is an equal opportunity employer. Contact Gregory Piwonski HR Manager gpiwonski@monrovia.com tel. 860-653-1650 fax. 860-844-6063 [2/11/2015]

HELP WANTED Truck Driver-Christensen Landscape Services is an established design/build landscape company based in New Haven County. We are looking for a qualified truck driver, preferably with 2-5 years of experience working in the landscape industry. No CDL is required but candidate must be able to obtain a medical card, have a clean driving record and must meet insurance underwriting requirements. Job duties to include delivering bulk materials, plant pickups, moving equipment, and snow removal. Must be able to perform daily safety checks and report any safety related issues to management immediately. Please send resume to kim@christensenlandscape.com or call our office at 203-484-0424 to schedule an interview [2/10/2015]

HELP WANTED Construction Foreman-Christensen Landscape Services is an established design/build landscape company based in New Haven County. We are expanding and looking to hire a full time landscape construction foreman for the upcoming 2015 season to handle our landscape installations. The ideal candidate will have 10 years of experience in the landscape industry and 5 years of experience managing a crew. Knowledge of plant material, masonry, drainage, equipment operation, and a valid driver's license is required- this is a working position. Holding a certificate or degree in landscape related field and having a working knowledge of Spanish is a plus. To be considered for this position, please send a resume to kim@christensenlandscape.com or call our office at 203-484-0424 to schedule an interview [2/10/2015]

HELP WANTED Landscape Maintenance Foreman-Christensen Landscape Services is an established design/build landscape company based in New Haven County. We are looking for an experienced horticultural professional to add to our expanding residential maintenance division. The ideal candidate will have 5 years in the plant maintenance industry and be experienced in leading a crew. Candidate must have knowledge of current acceptable pruning, trimming, and planting practices. A certificate or degree in a horticulture related field is a plus, as is a working knowledge of Spanish. A valid driver's license and a clean driving record are required. To be considered a for this position, please send resume to kim@christensenlandscape.com or call our office at 203-484-0424 to schedule an interview [2/10/2015]

HELP WANTED Landscape Labor-Christensen Landscape Services is an established design/build landscape company based in New Haven County. We are looking for individuals pursuing full or part time work in the landscape industry. Past landscape experience is a plus. A strong work ethic, desire to learn, and ability to work in a team oriented environment is required. To be considered for this position, please send a resume to kim@christensenlandscape.com or call our office at 203-484-0424 to schedule an interview [2/10/2015]

HELP WANTED Grounds Manager - Forest Hills Cemetery, one of the nation's historic garden cemeteries, is seeking an experienced and motivated individual to supervise our labor force and the maintenance of a diverse and varied landscape. Knowledge of grounds equipment and safe, efficient practices are a must. Candidate should be able to demonstrate leadership and communication skills. Prior cemetery experienced unnecessary. Please send resume and references to Mitch Zakrzewski: mitchzak@foresthillscemetery.com [2/10/2015]

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