

Tip of the Week

Lantana provides carefree, bright color in garden



Lantana

My wife and I moved back to Tyler in January 2006 after a 36-year hiatus.

We lived in Wilson County, Texas, about 25 miles Southeast of San Antonio, from 1993 until our return to Tyler.

In the small community of La Vemia where our 3-acre "spread" was, the predominant soil is deep sand somewhat similar to parts of Smith County.

We were blessed with wild flowers, e.g. Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrushes, and Crimson Clover in addition to other wild flowers and much wild life including turkeys, deer, owls, hawks, the ubiquitous squirrel and such.

In addition, we had many "volunteer" lantana plants just about anywhere we looked on our property.

I tried transplanting some "volunteers" and found them to be very easy to grow.

When I dug them up, to my surprise and chagrin, the sand would fall off the root system completely.

Fearful that they might not survive, I nevertheless dug a hole with my post-hole digger wherever I wanted some color and dropped them into the hole and backfilled with loose sand and compacted it slightly and kept the plant moist for a week or ten days and crossed my fingers.

Surprisingly the root system began to "take root" and "voila" the plants started showing signs of life.

Lantana is a very hardy plant which requires very little maintenance and is quite drought toler-

ant. It has a beautiful flower and blooms throughout most of the spring and summer.

There is a plethora of different varieties to complement your flowering garden or shrub bed.

It is a perennial which should survive Smith County winters with a covering of 3 to 4 inches of mulch.

However -- it, like crepe myrtle and most flowering plants, requires a very sunny location.

You should cut them back to ground level before covering them with mulch after they begin to go dormant.

I heartily recommend you try them if you have a spot in your yard for a very hardy, beautiful, almost maintenance-free perennial.

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Smith County Master Gardener

Water

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This results in cloudier water. The deeper you drill, the clearer the water is.

"Wells need to go about 1,000 feet down," he said, citing the latest one built at Peachtree Golf Course, with the cooperation of landowner Dan Hurst.

"We're proud to be able to provide - finally - good, clear, quality water," Hines said.

The council also - for the first time since 1959 - updated an ordinance on solicitation in the city.

The old ordinance, written almost 50 years ago, is a "peddler" ordinance calling for the mayor to - in his best judgment decide when a permit be issued to peddlers. Anyone who violated that ordinance was subject to a fine between \$1-\$10. The new one is a bit more sophisticated.

"This ordinance was put into effect for the protection of the citizens of Bullard," said Bullard City Manager Larry Morgan. "City hall and the police department has a need to know who is knocking on doors in our city."

"This ordinance should address those needs well."

And now whether a peddler or a solicitor, a city permit is required.

The ordinance defines the difference between a peddler and solicitor, saying a peddler is someone who "engages in commercial activities within the city limits by carrying goods or merchandise from house-to-house, business-to-business or upon public property."

A solicitor differs because the products being sold may not be with the person - but rather delivered a future date.

There are, however, exemptions, including: newspaper carriers, farmers who sell agricultural products that were raised or grown by them; locally based non-profit organizations, religious proselytizing or distribution of religious literature, political speech or canvassers who attempt only to distribute handbills or to solicit political support or to determine opinions or statements.

But even those who fall under those exemptions are encouraged to contact city hall and let someone know it's being done.

Permit fees are \$15 for an individual; \$25 for two or more.

It restricts hours to between 8 a.m. and sunset and puts a penalty on those who don't abide the ordinance.

Violators can be charged with a class C misdemeanor and a fine up to \$500.

In other business, the council:

■ appointed five of the seven needed to begin its economic development committee. They include: Clay Thompson, Franklin Bank; Steve Shaddux, CPA; the Rev. Donnie Barron, Bullard Southern Baptist Church; Sam Vercher, builder; and Eileen Gottschalk; Clear Channel

Radio; ■ agreed to enter into an inter-local agreement with Smith County for police computer services;

■ agreed to put the money raised from a recent online auction into an interest-bearing account.

■ accepted David Huffman, president of Tyler-based Celebrity Inc., as a new planning and zoning commissioner; and

■ authorized Morgan to purchase a 2008 Ford F250 truck from low bidder Bill McRae Ford for \$19,700.

The Bullard City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings are open, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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