

NEWS BULLETS #256

June 28, 2006 - Ken

TOURS, EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Saturday, July 1: Kids' Day Parade – ends at the Park at noon

Wednesday, July 5: Wildest Show in Town – Makana; 6-7 PM

DES/CITY NEWS

- Spring cleaning is not over (it should now be termed “summer cleaning) and the status of each division will be reviewed.
- The Aloha United Way stipulation that 25% of every donation would go to the general program has been rescinded. If you designate funds to go to a specific charity, 100% of that amount will go to the charity.
- As of July 1, admission prices for non-resident adults will be \$8 each
- All department heads met and conveyed information concerning operating budgets. Across the City, short-staffing and equipment were the highest concerns.

CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN

- *Elephant Holding*: Estimating that the work will be done by the end of July.
- *Service Road paving*: No word on the availability of asphalt
- *Tigers*: The tiger team has done some clearing of the exhibit so the pool is visible.
- *Miscellaneous*: The guardrails in the Karibuni have been replaced; there are some funds available to improve more of the walkways.

ANIMAL NEWS: Numerous reptiles and amphibians, confiscated by the State from private owners, were shipped out. Zoo animals in the shipment were two Nile monitor lizards and two Philippine tree skinks; legless lizard died; trumpeter (bird) died; a fitting on the koi pond came loose, the water drained out overnight, and most of the koi did not survive; Corky, the black rhino male, may have bred the female – this after several years of poor mating attempts.

OTHER:

Sad news: Jackie Nemiroff, longtime volunteer, died this week. Services will be at Temple Emanuel at 2550 Pali Highway at 2 PM, Sunday.

Marianne Mortensen, from HZS, will be leaving us and returning to her native Denmark. Her last day is Friday, June 30. Happily, Marianne can continue to contribute with curriculum development via the internet.

Rudy's last day is also Friday, June 30. He started at the Zoo on June 16, 1972, making him the employee with the most seniority. He has much to be proud of during his tenure; he has his stamp on virtually 99% of the signs in the Zoo.

*Best wishes and good luck on your retirement,
Rudy!*