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Dear Park Commissioners and Park Superintendent Knepp,

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
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Olbrich Botanical Society requests closures and early closures for ticketed programs annually. These requests for early closures are typical during a non-pandemic year at Olbrich Botanical Gardens and they are fewer in 2021 than in 2018 and 2019. Missy Jeanne, who is copied on the request, manages these programs and is available to answer questions.

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While it hasn't been determined what OBG's hours will be during the summer of 2021, this request assumes that the Gardens will be able to be open until at least 6 pm during the summer months. (Without OBG's customer-facing lobby volunteers, it has been difficult to assess when garden hours can be increased from the current hours of 10 am to 4 pm.)

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### Summer Breeze

Olbrich Botanical Society requests permission to close early to the general public (outdoor gardens, Bolz Conservatory and building facilities) to prepare the outdoor gardens for this mission-related fee-based program.

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**Thursday, June 24, 2021: EARLY CLOSURE @ 2 p.m. (event time 4-9 p.m.)**

**Friday, June 25, 2021: EARLY CLOSURE @ 2 p.m. (event time 4-9 p.m.)**

- Presale tickets will be sold in advance for each program date.
- Free admission will be available upon request for this family friendly program.
- Program will comply with all COVID restrictions in place at the time.
- Advance notice of the closure will be made through website, information line, e news, facebook and all other social media.
- The sign on Atwood Avenue will indicate the closure.

### GLEAM, Art in a New Light – Opening Event

Olbrich Botanical Society requests permission to close early to the general public (outdoor gardens, Bolz Conservatory and building facilities) to prepare the outdoor gardens and Bolz Conservatory for this mission-related, ticketed opening celebration.

**Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021: EARLY CLOSURE @ 5 p.m. (event time 7:30 p.m. - 12 a.m.)**

**REQUEST TO STAY OPEN LATE UNTIL MIDNIGHT**

- Presale tickets will be sold in advance for the opening viewing of the exhibit.
- Free admission will be available upon request for all regular GLEAM viewings (36 evenings total – Wednesdays through Saturdays in September-October,)
- Program will comply with all COVID restrictions in place at the time.
- Advance notice of the closure will be made through website, information line, e news, facebook and all other social media.
- The sign on Atwood Avenue will post the closure in advance.
- At this time a live performance has not been confirmed – any live or recorded music will be comply with the noise ordinance and will conclude by 11 p.m.

**Olbrich Botanical Society Member Appreciation Evening**

Olbrich Botanical Society requests permission to close early to the general public (outdoor gardens, Bolz Conservatory and building facilities) to prepare the outdoor gardens and Bolz Conservatory for a member appreciation event.

**Friday, September 10, 2021: EARLY CLOSURE @ 3 p.m. (event time 5-10 p.m.)**

- Member appreciation events are offered to the Gardens' members at no charge
- Community members can become a member of the Gardens at any time and participate in these benefits.
- Program will comply with all COVID restrictions in place at the time.
- Advance notice of the closure will be made through website, information line, e news, facebook and all other social media.
- The sign on Atwood Avenue will post the closure in advance.
- Membership staff always welcome non-members who show up during member only programs.

Thank you,

Roberta Sladky, Director  
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