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Dear Park Commissioners and Park Superintendent Knepp,

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Olbrich Botanical Society requests Bolz Conservatory closures in the first quarter of 2022 for:

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Orchid Escape (Jan 29-Feb 28)

-- Closure: Jan 25-28 for set up

-- Closure: March 1-2 for exhibit take down and addition of new display plants

Annual Maintenance

-- Closure: March 7-18 for pruning, maintenance, and repairs

Closure is necessary because the conservatory is not large enough to safely block major portions while maintaining adequate accessibility to visitors. In addition, all exhibit materials and equipment for maintenance must enter through the one service entrance, including ladders, scissor lift, supplies, carts of orchids, large metal display pieces, and staff/volunteers. The ability to maneuver carts and the scissor lift has grown in difficulty due the shifting and sinking of pathways.

Requests for closures and early closures for April-December 2022 will be submitted in January, when we have more clarity on COVID-19's impact on 2022 programming.

Thank you,

Marty Petillo

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