Dear Richard

Summertime! Next to love itself, there is nothing in life that evokes more romance, drama and fun than Summer. For those of us in the northern hemisphere, this is the time of year when our pants get short, and plants get long.

There is a real nostalgia to summer, a fond remembrance of being young and carefree. Whether it is camping trips to the beach, long hikes in the mountains or the cross country drive with the family - summertime destinations hold special sway for all of us.

Today, let's celebrate the warm embrace of summer and let the sunshine memories of our past, present and future rule the day. Let's take a look at some of the destinations we've designed in our world as we hope you also find those memorable ones in yours.

Warm Regards,

Richard Krumwiede
President Architerra Design Group

Everybody in the POOL!

As soon as school got out every year, the most popular kid in the neighborhood was the one whose house had a pool. From sun up to well after sundown, the ebb and flow of neighborhood kids to the pool was endless. We live in water stressed times, and yet the allure of the neighborhood pool seems to defy nature. Although as an adult I may prefer floating on an air mattress and drinking a cold beverage, we are reminded of its fundamental place in our lives as the place to do cannonballs and play marco polo.

Click the image above to where we include a small sampling of some of the pools we have designed for our clients. While as designers we wrestle with water issues and ways to make them more resource efficient, there is still nothing like the feeling of making the BIG SPLASH in the neighborhood watering hole.

Click here to see some pools!

Rialto Community Garden
Architerra was recently contracted by
the City of Rialto to evaluate potential sites and to design up to three new two acre community gardens. Rialto already realizes the health and welfare benefits of community gardens. Follow the link below to some photos of their existing site. It's busting out all over with fruits and vegetables of every ilk.

Follow us on Facebook as we progress in partnership with the City. We plan to post updates, insights and other tidbits about the project as well information about the benefits of community gardens.

Rialto Community Garden

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Summer Hike

The North Etiwanda Preserve was rated as one of the The 10 Best Los Angeles Hikes For The Summer by the trend watcher website last.com. Recently damaged by a rare springtime fire event, the NEP in Rancho Cucamonga is bouncing back and is a testament to great planning, conservation and design by Architerra and the San Bernardino County Special Districts.

About half of the Preserve was scorched in the fire. According to Tim Millington District Manager for the County of San Bernardino, "Immediate rain after the fire has helped some in the recovery, but very dry conditions still exist. The fire burned through very fast because of the extremely high winds," he added further that the fire wasn’t “so hot that everything was turned to ash.”

The County has posted photos of the damage on their Special Districts website and Facebook page. Architerra designed the Preserve to survive wildfires and while all but one of the graphic panels on the interpretive elements was damaged, there was almost no damage to the structures.

It’s still a great hike, and a testament to the Counties commitment to open space preservation. You can hike the 3.2 mile loop or for a real treat follow the trail up to the Etiwanda Falls. It’s rated as a level 6 hike requiring moderate endurance, but there is nothing like a hike on a warm summer evening.
6-19-14 Builder Tailgate & Building Bridges Competition

On June 19, Architerra participated in the Builder Tailgate event with the summer theme, "SURF'S UP." In addition to the usual fun and hijinks, there was also a "Building Bridges Competition," where several firms entered hand-made bridges that were then put to a stress test.

Taking place on the upper deck parking lot at Lennar Corona Pointe, associates and builders came together for a casual and fun networking event. It was a great way to meet potential partners as well as a chance to renew old relationships while building new ones.

Hats off to the Riverside Chapter of the Building Industry Association for hosting a fun, well attended event.

SURF'S UP! Photo Gallery

It was 238 years ago July 4th, 1776, the document that set in motion this grand experiment known as The United States was ratified by our Founding Fathers.

Breaking away from a monarchy that had turned a deaf ear on its colonists, we became a country - one founded on ideas and law. As we celebrate our independence, enjoy the long holiday weekend and remember to stay safe and sane.

If you haven't done so already, please like our Facebook page. It's a great place for connection and conversation about all things Architerra and beyond.

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