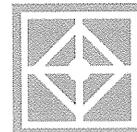


# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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## **EAB UPDATE**



As we have been reporting in this newsletter, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has infested numerous Ash trees throughout Woodstock, and the **Public Works Parks Division** forestry crew has been busy the past two weeks with the removal of the infested trees on public rights-of-way on the north side of town. Several trees were removed on Island Court this week, and the crew is now working on the removal of five trees along the Tappan Street side of Olson Park.

The Parks employees are cutting the infested trees to the point that can fit through the City's chipper. The remaining trunk/logs (see photo) are then cut down for a contractor's removal. The chips are safe for residential use, and chipping follows Department of Agriculture guidelines for destruction of larvae.

The infestation and removal of these trees has a sad effect on the neighborhoods, and it's quite probable that many more Ash trees on public and private property are or will be infested. Although the City is only responsible to maintain/remove trees on public property, residents may contact the Department of Public Works to request an EAB inspection of any Ash trees on private property.

Further information on the EAB can be found on the Good Neighbor Brochure attached to this newsletter.

## **COSTS TO RELOCATE UTILITY LINES AVERTED**

Earlier this month, **City Engineer Al Wilson** and City design consultant, HR Green, met with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in Schaumburg to discuss potential utility conflicts with IDOT's proposed reconstruction and widening of US Route 14 from West Lake Shore Drive to just west of Lucas Road. The City is responsible for preparing the design drawings showing the proposed relocation of City-owned sanitary sewers and water mains that are in conflict with the proposed improvements to US Route 14. The City is also responsible to pay for the relocation of those utilities which have to be moved out of future travel lanes.

After reviewing potential problems due to limited space for additional utilities in the State right-of-way, access and maintenance issues, depth and condition of existing utilities as well as potential poor soil conditions, IDOT engineers agreed that the majority of the projected relocation work would not be beneficial and therefore would not be required. As a result, several thousand feet of utility relocation work was avoided which would have added up to thousands of dollars expended by the City.

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## LIBRARY NEWS



### Library: Blood Drive

**Date:** 2/14/2012

**Start Time:** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WPL will host Heartland Blood Center's Mobile Coach on Tuesday, February 14 in the library parking lot. Donated blood will benefit area

hospitals. All donors must show a photo ID prior to donating. All donors must show a photo ID prior to donating. Please sign up for an appointment at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) or call the library at 815-338-0542. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### Keeping up with the Library!

The Woodstock Public Library offers you many ways to keep up with our many events and activities! **Beth Ryan** has an article that regularly runs in the Woodstock Independent. Don't forget the Woodstock Independent offers print and online Thanks to Joan Oliver and the team at the Northwest Herald our programs and events are often featured in both the print and online versions of their newspaper. You'll find us in the Triblocal as well. Sign up to follow us on Facebook, Twitter ([wpl\\_library](https://www.facebook.com/wpl_library)), Flickr, and to read our blog (<http://juddstreet.blogspot.com>) and to link into the catalog and online databases from our homepage ([www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org](http://www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org).)

## SEASONAL WORKER RECRUITMENT PERIOD OFFICIALLY CLOSED

The deadline to accept applications for **Seasonal Workers** with the **Recreation and Public Works Departments** is now closed and information to this effect is posted on the City's website in the Employment Opportunities section. Over 70 applications were submitted for a very limited number of openings, given the high number of experienced workers who are offered the opportunity to return each season.

## TAE KWON DO KICKS OFF

The winter session of the **Recreation Department's** Tae Kwon Do/Karate program instructed by John Byard, a 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, started last week at the Rec Center. Mr. Byard teaches five classes per week- two Beginner classes, two Yellow Belt and up classes, and one adult class. This program is offered throughout the year for kids and adults.

This session Mr. Byard had a total of 76 students enrolled. The program helps students gain positive self-image, confidence, discipline, and agility while improving overall fitness.

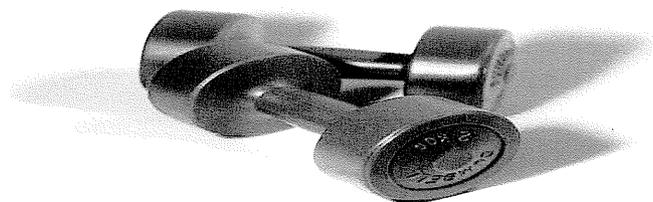
## BENEFITS CORNER: GET FIT FOR LESS AT OUR OWN REC CENTER!

As a great in-house benefit for City of Woodstock employees, the City-owned Woodstock Recreation Center offers reduced membership rates at all levels. Executive memberships are only \$35/month; full memberships cost \$25/month; and, student memberships are \$20/month. And, all members may register and bring their children ages 4-13 at no additional charge!

In addition, the regular initiation fee is waived for employees, with a personal trainer fitness assessment available for \$35.

To take advantage of these great rates, and the wonderful exercise benefits that surely follow, just sign up with **Ruth Ann Lieb** in the **Finance Department** to obtain payroll deduction and membership forms.

Call **Renee Torrez** or **Mary Lynn Lisk** with questions...then head on down to the **Recreation Center** to see their great facility and equipment soon!



### **ADULT 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL**



Adult Basketball kicked off last week with seven teams registered. The league will consist of seven weeks of regular season games and a single elimination

tournament. League games will be held at Creekside Middle School main gym.

### **MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:**

Thursday, February 2 – Environmental Commission, 5:30PM, Council Chambers  
Thursday, February 2 – Library Board, 7:30PM, Public Library

### **WELLNESS REPORTS VALUABLE TOOL TO SHARE WITH DOCTORS**

All employees and dependents who took advantage of the recent Wellness Day health assessment opportunity should have received their comprehensive test results in the mail. These reports provide valuable information about specific areas of an individual's health that may not have been realized before.

Any blood panel reading that shows a significant "high" or "low" deviation from normal levels should definitely be discussed with personal physicians. While many areas may be normalized through dietary or lifestyle improvements, others may require medication and could seriously impact related body functions if not addressed.

It's never too late to feel better physically...for yourself, and for your loved ones!

### **Quotation**

**"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else."**

Charles Dickens





You are cordially invited to join Chief Robert Lowen at the Woodstock Police Department for coffee, conversation, and an informative program.

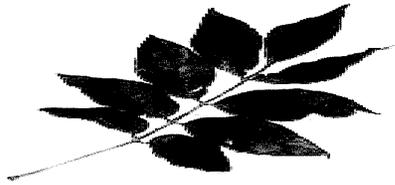
Sergeant Heather Poerio will discuss her duties and experiences working as a Crime Scene Investigator for the Illinois State Police.

# Coffee with the Chief



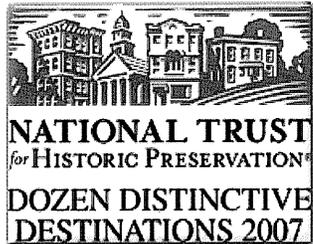
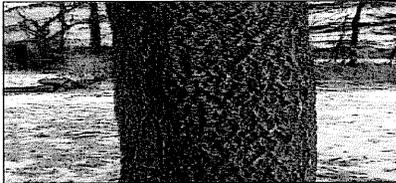
February 13, 2012  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Woodstock Police Department  
656 Lake Avenue

For further information, please call  
Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787.



### Ash Tree Identification

- Branches and buds are directly across from each other and not staggered.
- Leaves are compound and composed of 5-11 leaflets. The edge of the leaflets may be smooth or toothed.
- On mature trees the bark is tight with a distinct pattern of diamond-shaped ridges. On young trees, bark is relatively smooth.
- When present on trees, seeds are dry, oar-shaped samaras. They usually occur in clusters and typically hang on the tree until late fall, early winter.



Woodstock is proud to have been recognized as a 2007 Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation

## Protecting trees from EAB Infestation

There are chemical treatments available to protect ash trees from EAB, but they must be applied every year and may not be 100 percent effective. Information is available at [www.IllinoisEAB.com](http://www.IllinoisEAB.com) website under "treatments".

### *How can I help stop the spread of the EAB?*

Do not move firewood. Purchase or cut all firewood from the same general location where you plan to use it. When camping or at a cabin, do not take any leftover firewood home with you.

Properly dispose of ash wood products. Even after a tree has been removed, EAB larvae can survive in a felled tree for some period of time. When an infested tree is being removed, wood must be chipped to a size smaller than 1 inch. **Ash tree removals will only be permitted between September 1 and April 30— the period when the adults are not in flight.** Ash tree removals may only be performed by a contractor who has signed a State of Illinois Compliance Agreement pledging to comply with all the provisions of the EAB quarantine.

### *What else can I do?*

Educate yourself on how to recognize signs and symptoms of EAB. Information may be found at [www.IllinoisEAB.com](http://www.IllinoisEAB.com). You may also report possible sightings of EAB by calling the USDA Emerald Ash Borer Hotline toll-free @ 1-866-322-4512.

Nine in a series of brochures as part of the "Being a Good Neighbor" program designed to inform and educate the residents of Woodstock, Illinois.

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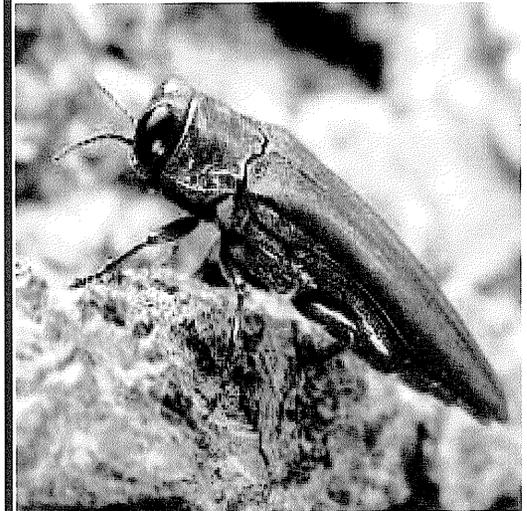


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## Emerald Ash Borer

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### Being a Good Neighbor

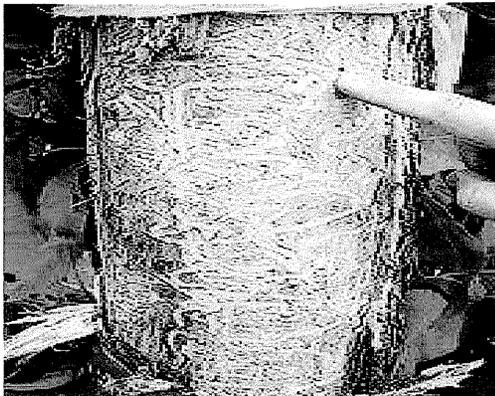
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## What is an Emerald Ash Borer?

*The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive-species, wood boring beetle, metallic green in color, is native to China and eastern Asia, that infests and kills North American ash species including green, white, black and blue ash.*

*The EAB is thought to have arrived in North America hidden in firewood or wood packing materials commonly used to ship consumer and other goods. Adult EAB's are roughly 3/8 to 5/8 inch long, bullet shaped, and may be present from mid-May through early September but are most common in June and July. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. Damage is caused by the larvae, which feed just below the bark disrupting the trees ability to transport water and nutrients. Adults lay their eggs inside bark cracks and crevices from early June to late July.*



## How can I tell if my ash tree is infested?

The canopy of infested trees begins to thin above infested portions of the trunk and major branches because the borer destroys the water and nutrient conducting tissues under the bark. Heavily infested trees exhibit canopy die-back usually starting at the top of the tree. One-third to one-half of the branches may die in one year. Most of the canopy will be dead within two years of when symptoms are first observed. Sometimes ash trees push out sprouts from the trunk after the upper portions of the tree dies. Although difficult to see, the adult beetles leave a “D”-shaped exit hole in the bark, roughly 1/8 inch in diameter, when they emerge in the month of June. **Woodpeckers like EAB larvae; heavy woodpecker damage on ash trees may be a sign of infestation.** Many of these symptoms are difficult to detect and may be associated with problems other than EAB, so concerned residents should contact the Department of Public Works or the Illinois Department of Agriculture at 1-800-641-3934 for confirmation. Upon request, the City’s arborist will perform an inspection of a private ash tree (within the City limits) that is suspected of being infested by the EAB in order to confirm its presence.

## What if an infested tree is on Publicly Owned property?

Any ash tree located on public property which includes but is not limited to, public right-of-way, parks, open spaces, and municipal facilities that show signs of infestation, decline, death, or are structurally compromised, will be scheduled for timely removal. As these trees are being removed, they will be inspected for the presence of EAB. The management of an ash tree on public property that has been positively identified as being infested with EAB shall include:

- Removal and destruction of infested ash trees will be performed in compliance with imposed regulations. Removal may be performed by a contractor who has signed a State of Illinois Compliance Agreement or a qualified representative of the Department of Public Works.
- Written notification of the infestation to all neighboring property owners.

## What if an infested tree is on private property?

Any ash tree located on property not owned by the City that shows a symptom of infestation, decline, death, or is structurally compromised, should be scheduled for timely removal by the property owner. Once an ash tree infestation has been identified, the City will take the following steps:

- Notice will be sent to the owner of the parcel informing them of a positive identification of the EAB with information about proper removal, destruction, and handling requirements as specified by the IL Department of Agriculture.
- Written notification of the infestation to all neighboring property owners.