



Kingswood HOA

in St. Charles, Illinois

Community Newsletter

The Ash Borer Cometh! June 3, 2009

There has been a lot written lately about the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). These nasty critters are alive and well and living in St. Charles. In Kingswood, we have a good number of Ash trees many of which are planted in the parkways in front of our homes. There are treatments available that some studies have shown are effective in preventing EAB infestation. These are applied by arborists or those working under their direction. A proposal I received last fall was approximately \$55.00 per tree per treatment, and are available from companies such as The Care of Trees in West Chicago, Kramer Tree Service, and others.

It is important to understand that this treatment may need to be continued for a number of years. Keep in mind, too that the

parkway trees are the property of the City.

According to Ben Deutsch, the City's arborist, home owners may have EAB treatments applied to their parkway trees, at their expense, but only with the advance knowledge and consent of the City.

The city recently sent notification to homeowners whose parkways have Ash trees that have become infected by the EABs. Fortunately, Kingswood is not one of the neighborhoods receiving the notice.

Quoting the letter, "In those cases where the trees decline to a point where they become unsafe or beyond treatment, the City will remove them...The ash trees will be replaced in the following spring or fall planting season with a different species. Planting will be



dependent on budget concerns, the severity of the infestation, and the number of trees removed during the prior year". The City will pay for replacement trees "with trees that are 2.5" in diameter and about 10' to 12' tall. Upgrades in size are available at \$100.00 for every 1/2" in diameter." For further information, contact your tree specialist, the City Public Works Department, or City's website at www.stcharlesil.org. If you should have any other concerns or want to schedule an inspection, you can call the City's EAB hotline at 630-584-5353

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Do you have community news you'd like to share? Send your articles to president@khoa.org, and they may be included in the next KHOA Community Newsletter.

Board Updates

Web Master

Thanks to Tony Mann for responding to our request for someone to manage the KHOA web site. Soon, you will be able to see the approved minutes of each Board meeting, get notifications of upcoming meetings and events, and post ideas and requests for information of interest to all homeowners.

Thanks, Tony!

Finances

One of our goals for the year is to "Increase the cash reserves of your association." One step we've taken is to collect the portion of the landscaping costs that are the responsibility of the Town home Association on an as incurred basis. In the past, it could take a year to prepare and send them a bill them for their portion, which caused problems for both associations. With the cooperation of the Town home Owners Assn., we now have a process that helps both groups have a better understanding of both our costs and our respective cash positions and do a better job of budgeting.


Special K

You may have noticed that the "K" of Kingswood has been missing from the entrance sign at King Edward & Foxfield. Members of your Board looked for it without success, so we can only assume that it was taken by vandals or pranksters. A new K was ordered and may be installed shortly before this newsletter was distributed. The cost of the prank? Over \$400. Indeed, a very Special K!

Meet Your Neighbors

The nice folks at the Onesti Dinner Club, located at 18 North 4th Street, across from Lincoln Park in St. Charles have provided an opportunity for Kingswood residents to get to know one another better. They have extended an invitation to a private, complimentary (i.e. free) evening of wine and appetizers on June 24 at 7:00 PM. While this event is not sponsored by the KHOA or its board, we certainly appreciate their hospitality. Please RSVP via e-mail to president@khoa.org by June 21 so we can tell them how many people to expect.

We look forward to seeing you there!



To the Kingswood Residents:

ONESTI DINNER CLUB cordially invites you to attend a complimentary evening of Wine and Appetizers on Wednesday, June 24th, 7:00PM-8:30PM

Please RSVP by Sunday, June 21st to president@khoa.org

Onesti
dinner club
Gourmet Italian Steakhouse
18 North 4th Street St. Charles, IL 60174



City News

Brush Pickup

The City has put the brush pickup program back in the budget for 2009, but has reduced the frequency to monthly. The pickup dates for Kingswood are:

June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21 & October 19

Next KHOA
Board Meeting

7:00 PM Tuesday, August 4, 2009 Den "A" (2nd Floor) City Hall