

EMERALD ASH BORER INCREASING!

Continuing a practice begun in 2006, on March 13, 2012 the Mount Prospect Village Board will once again review the status of the Village's ongoing battle against Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at the Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street.

With about 3500 ash trees still remaining in Village parkways, and likely at least that many on private property, EAB is now beginning to have a very serious impact on the Village's urban forest as well as its budget. At the March 13 meeting, arborists from the Public Works Forestry/Grounds Division are expected to update the Board on the division's EAB management activities during the past year. Additionally, Scott Schirmer, Plant and Pesticide Specialist Supervisor and EAB Program Manager for the Illinois Department of Agriculture, will give his perspective about municipal EAB management in Illinois and in Mount Prospect.

Village arborists are also expected to provide information about where EAB has been found in Mount Prospect, now that the number of confirmed finds in the Village are increasing exponentially each year. Additionally, they will provide an update on parkway tree removals, reforestation efforts, ash inspections, insecticide treatments, and outreach efforts. Staff will also provide information that should help homeowners decide if they want to try preventively treating their private ash trees with insecticides this spring.

Finally, the Village Board will discuss the treatment of Mount Prospect's parkway ash trees with insecticides by property owners. Currently the Village encourages property owners to treat healthy parkway ashes after obtaining a free permit, but thus far has not authorized the treatment of trees that are already infested. A few citizens in some of the most heavily affected neighborhoods have recently proposed this idea for Board review.

Interested citizens are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Property owners who do not know if they have an ash tree in their parkway are invited to click on the following [link](#). An interactive map will appear that enables property owners to find their address and learn whether they have an ash tree in their parkway.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (847)870-5640 or email [Public Works](#) with any questions concerning Emerald Ash Borer.