



The Breeze of Park Point

Emerald Ash Borer Arrives on Park Point

As you may already be aware, botanical specialists from the Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture recently discovered the presence of Emerald Ash Borer infestation in four trees within the Park Point Recreation Area. While this may seem to be a very small number, the implications are great. Damage from these pests is extensive east of the Mississippi River, and includes immediate neighbors Wisconsin and Michigan. The condition first showed up in the Twin Cities area in 2005, and began to spread significantly in 2009. While it may be unrealistic to expect EAB not to spread throughout Minnesota, every effort is being taken to slow its progress.

On December 10th, approximately 75 residents from around the city gathered at Lafayette Community Center to learn about this problem as Mark Abrahamson of the MDA's Invasive Species Exclusion Unit, U of M Extension Service Entomologist Jeff Hahn, and the City of Duluth's Dave Sellner delivered a seminar on this important topic. Those attending also included Louise Levy, of Levy Tree Care and Rick of Rick's Tree Service. The primary message: Park Point is officially "Under Quarantine." While a temporary quarantine was initiated in October, state officials will formalize a permanent set of guidelines early in 2016. Both are enforceable under Minnesota law. (For input on quarantine rules or more information, call the City of Duluth's Forestry Dept.; the Extension Service's EAB hotline - 888-545-6684; or refer to the MDA's official website: arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us.) If you are unsure whether insect damage you see on your property is EAB, you may email a photo to the above website.

The emerald ash borer, which has no known natural enemies at present, experiences a 2-year life cycle. Beetles first hit in late spring or early summer, lay eggs, and then die. The larval form, or "worm," emerges from late July through August. It is in this stage that the insect causes damage, characterized by a distinctive, S-shaped tunnel in the wood. After feeding they pupate, and finally emerge as new beetles up to two years later. Larvae are cold-sensitive; the death rate is typically 60-70%, nearly 100% at minus 30 degrees.

Once a tree is invaded, it can take many years to die. A homeowner has the choice of either cutting down, treating or ignoring the tree's slow death, although choosing the latter path can be hazardous to people and property. Early signs of infestation include loose bark or verticle slits in the bark, substantial damage from woodpeckers, and - in the late stages - a dying tree canopy, generally from the top down. People may notice small leaves falling off their ash trees shortly after leaves emerge in early summer. This is not from EAB, but rather is a sign of a fairly benign problem called *anthracnose*, quite common in very wet years. Leaves dropping off from anthracnose usually regenerate in short order, and seldom cause death.

The bottom line: **Don't remove wood from Park Point!** (see further info on pg. 3)

Submitted by Ellen Dunlap

Lafayette

Edible Garden

Monthly pot luck dinner

Sunday, January 17th
5-7 pm

Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Community Club Meeting

January meeting will include a
pizza party & membership drive

Tuesday January 19th,
7 p.m. Social at 6:30

Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday January 28th,
7:00 pm

Contact Harriet Meagher

722-6762

Can I treat my ash tree to prevent EAB or keep it from causing death?

Answer: Preventive & eradication treatments are available, though not at public cost. Estimates run from \$300 to \$500 per tree. Contact a certified arborist/certified pesticide applicator for more information.

Is it necessary for me to cut down my healthy trees as a preventive measure?

Answer: Not at this time. While the City of Superior and other municipalities have made the decision to remove ash trees on public land, this is being done primarily as a matter of anticipated future cost and public safety. As green ash were a common replacement for Dutch Elm diseased trees in the 1960's, many streets are lined with them bumper-to-bumper, facilitating the spread of EAB.

What about my Mountain Ash trees? Can they be invaded, too?

Answer: No. Species involved include Minnesota natives white and black ash (*fraxinus americana*, *f. nigra*) and the imported green ash (*f. pennsylvanica*), commonly purchased from garden centers. All are members of the olive family. The red- or orange-berried Mountain Ash (*sorbus*) is actually a member of the rose family, and is not affected by EAB.

Why isn't the quarantine area larger? Shouldn't all of St. Louis County, or at least the entire City of Duluth, be included as a preventive measure?

Answer: Limiting the size of the quarantine actually benefits the City of Duluth, in that it limits the range where infected wood can be spread. If the entire county were to be included, wood could theoretically be carried as far north as Canada!

Is it O.K. for me to bring in firewood?

Answer: Yes. Firewood for heating or other purposes remains lawful, though should be done only through reputable, local dealers. Importing wood from surrounding states or from any quarantined area is illegal.

Is there a good or bad time to move wood?

Answer: While there is *never* a good time to move infected wood, try not to move or cut ash in the summer months, as this is when insects are most active.

The Breeze

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Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Happy New Year!

As I tap away on this Breeze piece for January, I am feeling somewhat inadequate, having found no interesting historical Park Point tidbit to share with you this month. Glenn Maxham submitted his last regular "Park Point... Naturally" piece in December, and is moving on to other projects. Maybe you might consider sending editor Natalija your Park Point lore or historical tale to share with us? I would like to thank both Glenn and Anita Neinstadt for their generosity in creating the monthly Breeze article. Best wishes for a wonderful trip to the California Redwoods, Glenn; btw, 85 is the new 65, so keep on adventuring.

The annual PPCC membership pizza party will be held on Tuesday, January 19th starting at 6:30pm. Bring your \$5.00 to join and an extra \$5 for your Park Point tunnel pass. The tunnel experience was so superior to the obstacle course created during the pumping station's re-build.

To find out the latest on topics of interest on our peninsula, please check out our website, parkpointcommunityclub.org. Park Pointers are often referred to as "engaged" by city officials and city councilors and I will do my best to pass along news and contact information on issues that might matter to you. Thanks to all of you who have shared articles, meeting information, etc. that I have then sent out to our PPCC email group and posted on our website. Remember: We are all on the "Watch Committee" of the PPCC.

Lastly, I would like to share "Litany of Love," written by our neighbor Cornelia Dacey and read before dinner at the very fun and festive Lafayette Community Edible Garden potluck dinner on December 20th.

Every morning twixt the dark and the dawn,
There is a space of semi-wakefulness that I fill with
A litany of wishes for all those that I love
And, yes, you are among the loved
I wish for you to be happy, healthy and productive
To be safe, sane and smart
To be passionate and compassionate
To be full of courage, hope and joy.
To be full of love and kindness
To be full of peace and grace
Those are my wishes for you and for me.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2016 on Park Point,
Dawn & Klaus (canine companion)

The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

1. Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
4. Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.

*Happy
New Year!*

EAB Brush Drop-off Site

The City of Duluth will be running a brush drop-off site on Park Point, strictly for the use of Park Point residents trimming or cutting back trees. All types of brush are allowed; you need not determine whether or not your wood comes from ash trees or contains evidence of emerald ash borer. *This site is designated specifically for brush from within the Park Point area. The City urges people not to import brush from other areas of the city, and encourages those living outside the quarantine area to use the compost site at the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District. For more information, see <http://wlssd.com/services/yard-waste>.*

Details:

Location: Parking lot, near the Beach House

When: Every Tuesday from 3:00-6:30 p.m., beginning 12/23/15

(may be adjusted at a later date, based on residents' needs)

What's accepted: All types of brush, regardless of species



Emerald Ash Borer

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER: *All persons are prohibited by law from removing any wood or wood parts from Park Point; hence, the need to contain wood products within the quarantined area.*

To read more: <http://duluthmn.gov/web-subscriptions/View-press-release/?prid=3942>.

Pedestrian Safety

Hello Park Point neighbors,

Once again we're in the midst of the dark winter months. I'm concerned about the safety of all of us who walk, run, and ride bikes on the street, wearing dark clothes. We've all experienced the frightening surprise of a pedestrian or biker seeming to appear out of nowhere. I'm ready to spearhead a "SEE ME" safety campaign, hoping to get as many of us as possible to start wearing reflective clothing. I want to make it easy for everyone, so no one has any excuses! I've found some inexpensive options and have a small supply of orange reflective vests on hand for \$5. Also available are reflective wrist/ankle straps with Velcro at \$10 per pair. Don't forget your Bowser, too! These are the retail prices, with no additional markup.

Reflective clothing is a hot topic these days. I'm thinking that as a community, Park Point could set the trend by encouraging people to wear safety clothing. We'll also advertise our "See Me" campaign on the S-curve sign. I welcome anyone who wants to help with this project! Call or email me with your ideas or to purchase safety gear. Hurry, before the sun returns to its rightful hemisphere!

Submitted by Beth Hall
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CHUM Outreach

At the November PPCC meeting, I learned of a homeless man being helped by Churches United in Ministry (CHUM.) On Friday, I unexpectedly met Lee Stuart, Executive Director of CHUM.

I told Lee that I was glad that CHUM was able to help. She said they have a Street Outreach Team that wants to keep current with any new homeless people and/or locations. CHUM asks that if you see someone who is in need of shelter this winter, please call the Street Outreach Team Hotline and let them know.

Outreach Hotline: 218-461-8505
www.DULUTHSTREETOUTREACH.blogspot.com
For emergencies, please use 911.

Thanks,
Pam Griggs

Street End Update

Chelly Townsend of the Park Point Street End Working Group and one of two Park Point representatives on the City's Study Group on the same topic, reports that further action has essentially been tabled until 2016. She has submitted for publication copies of two letters exchanged between John Schmidt (Parks and Recreation Commission Representative on the Study Group) and Keith Hamre (Chief Planner for the City of Duluth), who is in charge of this project from a City of Duluth perspective. Each letter was also copied to all members of both the Working Group and the Study Group.

From John Schmidt:
Friday, November 20, 2015
To: Keith and Fellow Committee Members,

According to the paragraph, in quotation marks below, from Keith's attached memo on November 6, the Street End Study Group should vote by today. Chelly Townsend and I vote No. Chelly represents the Park Point Community Club and I represent the East and Central Hillside and Park Point on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

We share our votes and thoughts out of respect for the significance of this project, our commitment to public access and our respect for each of our fellow committee members.

Although, we believe the sites identified have been vetted and could work, supporting a recommendation that does not completely present a review of the "various issues involved" is contrary to our charge, the people we represent and the integrity of our work. The street end list alone does not represent all the provisions we discussed.

As a park commissioner, I am committed to approving funded mandates. I believe that the sites, we studied, could become viable access points. However, there are no identified funds to make the necessary improvements and continued maintenance.

Chelly and I both feel that Tier 1 Public Access points must be upgraded considerably before Tier 2 sites should be considered.

We are concerned the sites will be damaged with increased use, if they are designated before complete improvements are made.

It would not be responsible for us to support infrastructure that will attract increased visitors without addressing the lack of emergency services.

This resolution has the potential to have a significant impact on the community, impacting the people who live there and changing a way of life that has existed for generations. Consequently, it is important that any recommendations we support include a thorough review and not be rushed to meet an arbitrary time-line.

We remain committed to continuing this important work on the public access issue and strongly urge that any recommendation include a thorough and comprehensive report on all the issues involved.

Respectfully and sincerely,
John Schmidt
Chelly Townsend

"Those members of the Study Group eligible to vote on the final list of sites as identified on the attached sheet are requested to do so by providing the Director of the Department of Planning and Construction Services, Keith Hamre, with an email identifying yourself, the interest group you represented on the Study Group, and a Yes or No vote on the final Park Point Street Ends Draft Recommendations enclosed with this memo. The deadline to respond is November 20, 2015."

Street End Update continued

Response from Keith Hamre:

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 6:47 PM
To: Study Committee members,

I wanted to update everyone on the status of the group's charge, Resolution 14-0476R stated the committee was to review the 16 access points and make recommendations on any changes to that list with a report to the Planning Director (myself) by December 31st. The group has completed that duty by deciding on 15 neighborhood access points.

I believe that John has identified a number of other issues, that were not part of the study committee's charge, but are also very important items: the Tier 1 access points and the investment in to those sites for primary usage, environmental degradation of neighborhood access points, funding for signage.

I know there is some concern with the wording of the draft resolution, which was my attempt to clarify public policy with regards to the "unimproved street right of ways". At this time, I'm not putting that resolution forward to the City Council. I'm going to wait for two other items, one I'm going to meet with the Parks Commission to discuss engaging them in a dialogue on the investment in the Tier 1 access points and two, I want to clarify with the community how additional dialogue regarding these items would happen.

I would hope that as a community, not just Park Point, we do everything that we can to preserve public access in a fair, logical and easily understood public policy for sound ecological enjoyment of the natural beauty that we have in Duluth.

Thanks for your participation in this discussion and we'll move this forward next year.

Keith Hamre
Director of Planning & Construction Services
Room 208 City Hall
218.730.5297

Park Point Art Fair Call to Artists

The Park Point Art Fair is now Inviting visual artists to apply for the 2016 Park Point Art Fair in the following media: printmaking, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, wood, photography, jewelry and fiber.

In its 46th year, the Art Fair is well established, well organized and well liked by area artists for its ease of set-up, hospitality and consistent sales. Each year, the Park Point Art Fair draws more than 10,000 visitors to Park Point, a beautiful natural setting tucked between the lake and the bay, where they can buy art from our region's finest artists.

Artists are treated to an awards dinner Saturday evening, when the community recognizes their excellence with cash prizes totaling more than \$1300.00. In addition to offering great hospitality, we now know that fully half our attendees purchase art and that we succeed in attracting art buyers in higher income brackets who return year after year, drawn by the quality and variety of the work. Our attendees especially enjoy getting to know the artists through conversation and repeat visits. This is the Duluth art fair you do not want to miss, coming as it does at the start of our tourist season, when little competes with this much-anticipated event. You are more likely to succeed here and have a good time while you are at it!

The application process is currently open, and artists can apply at:

<https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=4639>

Application fee is \$25.00

Final application due date is March 15th, 2016

Artists will be notified of their acceptance by April 15th, 2016

For more information email:

Carla Tamburro, coordinator@parkpointartfair.org

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The Commandments

A little boy in Sunday school once asked his teacher why the Ten Commandments had been written in stone and not on parchment. The answer his teacher gave him may not have been entirely accurate, but was certainly filled with keen insight. "They were written on stone so that people could only keep them or break them, not bend them."

The commandments are eternal. Clothes may go out of style, music may be dated and language may change, but God's commands are for every generation. They are for our own good. Imagine a world where all lived by the commandments. We wouldn't live in fear, worry or anxiety for the world, but would walk with God as in Eden.

This year, read the commandments, know them, and renew your commitment to keep them faithfully.

God, in your goodness, you gave us your commandments. May I humble myself to keep them and so find the joy they bring. I ask this in the name of Jesus, who is the Fulfillment of the Law. Amen

Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions at 7:40



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to knowing, loving and serving God.*

Epiphany: God's Big Reveal in Jesus Christ

It begins with the three wise men who visit Mary, Joseph and Jesus, and offer their gifts. Because they visited the Holy Family at home, it has become a custom to bless each home during Epiphany by chalking the lintel of the door. It looks like this:

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The letters CMB are for the traditional names for the three kings - Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. It also stands for Christus Mansionem Benedica, which in Latin means "May Christ bless this house."

Creative Hand Meeting: Saturday, January 23, from 9:30-2 p.m. in the Mission Hall at St. Andrew's. All Park Point residents are welcome to attend. Contact Sandy Carlson at 723-1181 or carlzimm@msn.com.

Sunday Morning Eucharist Service at 9:45 a.m.

The Rev. Marta Maddy

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Did you know that the Breeze is hand delivered by neighbors who volunteer?

We are urgently looking for two new volunteers to deliver for the 1600-1800 blocks.

If you can help, please contact Natalija at ppbreezeditor@gmail.com.

We appreciate all of the Breeze delivery volunteers for making this newsletter easily available to all!

Lafayette Rentals

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Rental fees are as follows:
up to 50 people - \$100.00
50-100 people - \$200.00
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There is a damage deposit of \$100.00, which is refundable, after cleaning & inspection.

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Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

With the new year comes a new Vegetable of the Year, as determined by the Duluth Community Garden Program's One Vegetable One Community initiative. The 2016 Vegetable of the Year will be - ta-da - CARROTS! To help pass the winter blues, start thinking about the carrots you will plant this summer and use in your recipes. Discover the power of carrots by checking out the website: www.carrotmuseum.com

Getting back to 2015: Our monthly potluck dinner, held on December 20th, was a festive holiday event with celebration, scrumptious food, off-key singing (and some harmony too), and wild gift sharing! This year, Charlene Shimmin was the lucky winner of the wooden pig! The charming pig may become a garden mascot this coming summer. It probably needs a name, so be thinking of ideas. We filled a large bin with gifts for Loaves and Fishes Hospitality Houses, which were very much appreciated. We also kicked off a nighttime safety campaign for after dark walkers by offering reflective vests. For more information, contact Beth Hall. (See page 3 for complete details.)

All Park Pointers are invited to attend our monthly potluck dinners, parties and programs.
For more information, call Coral at 727-6455.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, January 17th, monthly potluck dinner and program
- Sunday, February 21st, monthly potluck dinner and program
- Sunday, March 20th, monthly potluck dinner and program

Submitted by Coral McDonnell



Photos of the holiday potluck festivities!



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A checklist to see if a **Reverse Mortgage** might make sense for you.

- Could you use extra cash or monthly income?
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Annual PPCC Membership Drive

Please join the Park Point Community Club

HOW

Just fill out the Membership Form below, enclose your \$5 dues and mail to the Club. Or even better; bring it to the next PPCC meeting and pizza party, January 19th at LaFayette Community Center.

WHY JOIN

Your neighbors welcome and value your participation. It gives you a vote in all Park Point Community Club (PPCC) matters. And this Club matters: For decades, people like you have helped the PPCC do amazing things:

- protect and care for our Duluth parks and unique Park Point ecology
- offer a Summer Youth Program (formerly provided by the City)
- host a premiere annual Art Fair for 43 years that draws 10,000+ visitors
- host an annual Rummage Sale (Duluth's largest)
- publish the Breeze newsletter 12 times/year and maintain parkpointcommunityclub.org and the S-Curve "postcard" message board
- rent out Lafayette Community Center and keep the warming house open for ice skating
- create a forum for civil discussion and a stronger voice on a range of issues
- provide YOU with an opportunity to weigh in on issues of importance to you via your voting membership in the PPCC. Public officials and others throughout the City of Duluth read the Breeze, and are influenced by the opinions expressed via Community Club members.
- much more—from sharing educational forums, gardening and neighborhood watch to welcoming new residents

Have other ideas? As a member, you can help shape the Club while supporting a non-profit 501c4 that keeps neighbors connected to each other and this place we call home.

For questions or more information, contact: John Sargent, PPCC Vice President, jtsargent7@msn.com

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Number of Memberships _____ X \$5.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

Check this box if you agree to be included on the list.

Check this box if you prefer to remain anonymous.

The Breeze

Park Point Community Club

P.O. Box 16326

Duluth, MN 55816-0326



Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call?

Here are some helpful contacts:

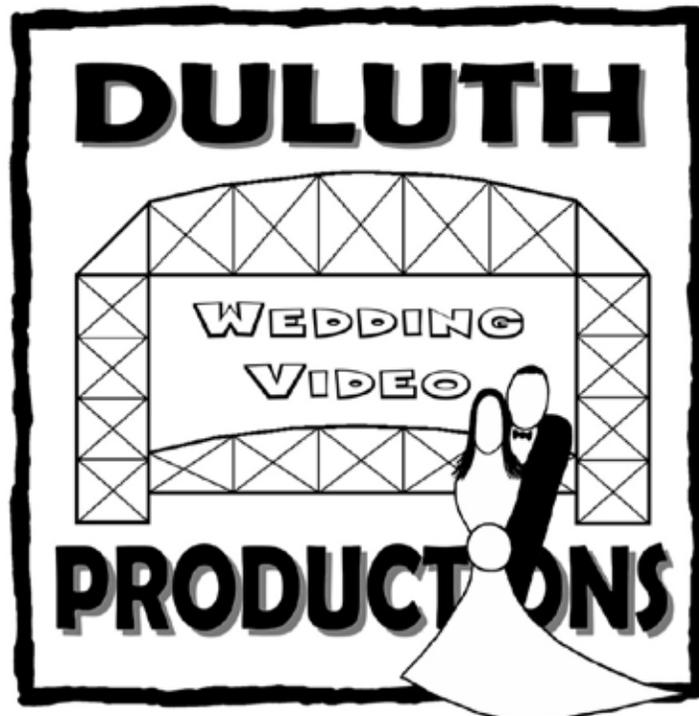
Lift Bridge Supervisor 728-3387

Community Police Officer: Craig Lindberg 730-5727 clindberg@duluthmn.gov

Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 sharla.gardner@gmail.com



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