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EMERALD ASH BORER

Identification, Biology and Management

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Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) was first discovered in southeastern Michigan in 2002 and has since spread throughout the Midwest and portions of the eastern United States. Emerald ash borer larvae feed in the outer sap-



wood of ash trees and can rapidly girdle stems and branches. Trees often die within one-to-three years following the initial attacks.

Emerald ash borer is native to Asia including China, Japan, Russia and Korea. The pest was probably

introduced on pallets or wood that was used to stabilize heavy cargo. The insect affects all ash species native to the area and is known to infest certain elms and walnuts within its native range in Asia.

Identification: Emerald ash borer has a similar appearance and life cycle to native *Agrilus* borers such as the bronze birch borer and the two lined chestnut borer that infests oak and beech. Adult beetles are emerald green and approximately 1/2 inch long. Larvae are segmented flat worms that can reach 1 inch in length.

Biology: Adults emerge from infested wood in June and early July and feed on leaves of ash where they create notches in the margins. Adults mate and females lay

up to 90 eggs in the bark crevices in stems and branches. Eggs hatch within 10 days and first instar larvae bores through the bark into the sapwood.

The entrance holes are inconspicuous but there is often woodpecker activity in the vicinity of new infestations. Adults leave “D” shaped emergence holes that are visible in bark of infested stems and branches. One generation occurs each year.

Adults are capable of flying at least a half mile from the point of emergence. Long distance movement of

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Emerald ash borer has been attributed to transport of infested firewood and nursery stock.

Management: Monitor ashes and other trees for symptoms of borer attacks and tree decline. Emerald ash borer treatments are most effective when applied on a preventative basis, before a tree has been damaged. The most cost effective treatment is a soil applied systemic



insecticide containing the active ingredient Imidacloprid. This treatment is injected into the root zone of the tree where it is absorbed and translocated to the stem and branches. Larvae that bore into the xylem are controlled by the systemic insecticide. Soil applications can be made in early spring or late summer before fall color occurs.

Trees that are infested with borers should be carefully evaluated by a certified arborist to determine if treatment should be attempted. For trees in the initial stages of



attack, stem injection of the insecticide Emamectin Benzoate (Tree-age®) is usually effective in controlling the infestation. Emamectin benzoate is injected into the lower stem/root flare of the tree in spring when leaves are fully developed. Stem injection can be followed by soil application of Imidacloprid to prevent re-infestation.

Emamectin benzoate injections can also be used for routine preventative injections but this treatment is more expensive than soil



application. Although ash is tolerant of the wounds created on the lower stem of the tree from injection, soil treatments with Imidacloprid will avoid these side effects of treatment.

Heavily infested ash trees should be removed and destroyed by chipping, burial, or burning. Wood should not be stored as firewood through the winter months and firewood should not be transported from areas known to be infested by emerald ash borer.

Maintain the health of ash trees with good cultural practices including pruning, fertilization, proper mulching and irrigation during dry periods. This will reduce stress and improve the tolerance of trees to borer attacks. 🐾

PARK DONATION



The Park Commission would like to thank Louisa and Graham Smyth for the donation of the park bench in Riding Meadow Park. The Park Commission greatly appreciates the contribution which will benefit those who use Riding Meadow Park.

The Park Commission would also like to thank the Fox Chapel Golf Club for donating several trees that were planted at McCahill Park. Information on both donations will be added to the Parks' Gift Book. 🐾

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for trail work in the Fox Chapel parks. Work would include, among other things, pulling invasive plants, trimming branches, and planting. Anyone interested should email the Borough at foxchap@fox-chapel.pa.us. 🐾

FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NEWS

With summer comes not only the end of winter doldrums, but also the desire to be outdoors, and, if we are lucky, on water somewhere. Pittsburgh has the loveliness of its rivers to give us that chance while walking the trails or even while watching a baseball game. Now we have the opportunity to build a park right on the river at the end of Brilliant Avenue in Aspinwall, keep the marina and be part of the trails that eventually will connect downtown and beyond, someday all the way to Erie.

The entire area is excited about the project. We have fundraisers from the 600 attended British Invasion party, to the Mom's Prom, to the Pet Parade, to the pennies collected from the kids that want their park. We have the enthusiasm, but what we need are the dollars and lots of them. The purchase price is 2.3 million and it is due in September. The District Association is a major fundraiser for the purchase and development of the eight acre riverfront marina. We have a generous family who donated \$400,000 to start us off and a grant from the Colcom Foundation that will match any gift over \$5,000 up to \$250,000; and we have lots of wonderful people sending in what they can in support of the project.

If you care to dream with us (and we hope you do), go to our website www.foxchapeldistrictassociation.org and visit the Marina section, which has a site plan and a donation opportunity; or send your donation to FCDA, PO Box 111595, Pittsburgh PA 15238. And, while you're at it, join our membership (details on the website) and be part of all that we do to make your living in this area the joy that it is. 🐾



Guess where you're really putting your lawn fertilizer.

Every year the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams. And finally into our rivers. Depositing pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Even compromise our major source of drinking water. Our rivers.

But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. In fact, a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are already



working on it. And you can help too.

Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows storm water runoff. Use eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. If you need pesticides and herbicides, limit their use.

To find out more, visit our website. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset. Our water.

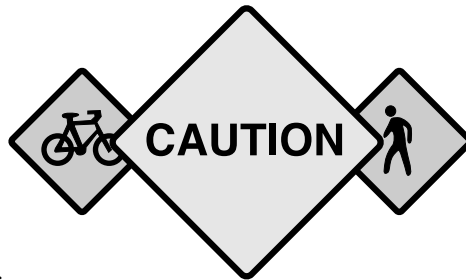


Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to 3riverswetweather.org for a free guide on how you can help.


ROAD SAFETY

Every year it seems that more and more people are walking, jogging or riding their bikes along area roads. It's time to once again remind motorists to be extra alert now that so many of us are outside taking advantage of the warm weather. The speed limit on all Borough-maintained roads is only 25 MPH. Drivers are, of course, urged to use extreme caution when driving anywhere in the Borough but particularly in the areas where the topography limits sight distances. A special

note to parents of teenage drivers: It is particularly important



that parents impress upon their children the extra dangers that are present at this time of the year and encourage them to slow down and drive safely.

Those walking or biking on public roads are also urged to adopt safe practices. Always walk/ride in single file along the edge of the road when possible. Bikers should ride with the flow of traffic; walkers/joggers should walk/jog opposite the flow of traffic. Wear brightly-colored clothes. The use of headsets that can drown out the sound of approaching vehicles is strongly discouraged. 

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Holiday garbage collection delays and office closings

4th of July (Monday, July 4th)

Labor Day (Monday, September 5th)


Garbage collection for both weeks will be Tuesday thru Saturday.

RUBBISH BINS

Beginning immediately, the Borough will be enforcing the current rules and regulations as well as making a few changes. The purpose of the rubbish bins was to allow for the disposal of bulk items that would not be collected by the trash collector due to garage door garbage collection service provided to the residents. Over the years, the bins have been abused by having items such as household garbage, building materials, carpet, etc., being deposited in the bins. Please note the following regulations for use of the rubbish bins:

- Must display valid driver's license proving residency
- Items in boxes or bags must be emptied into bin to ensure compliance
- Acceptable rubbish includes: Furniture, non-Freon appliances, hot water tanks, bicycles, toys, sporting equipment, lawnmowers and tools
- Prohibited materials: Food waste, building/landscaping material, carpet, Freon appliances (unless appliance bears a sticker that Freon has been removed), paint, toxic chemicals, tires

PLEASE NOTE:


- Items left may be reused or recycled
- The Borough's garbage contract allows for the collection of large items 45 lbs. or less at the garage door (i.e., chair, table, microwave, sweeper, etc.) and two bags of grass per week 

Violators of the above rules will have bin privileges revoked.

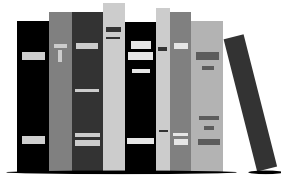
HOURS

Saturday & Sunday 10 AM-4 PM
(Except Holidays)

NOTE

Beginning January 1, 2013, Pennsylvania HB 708 prohibits the disposal of all electronics such as tv's and stereos in landfills and will be prohibited at the rubbish bins. 

Cooper-Siegel



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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www.coopersiegellibrary.org

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration Required for Children's Programs. Call 412/828-9520, x 218

Toddler Story Times – This story time features songs, stories, rhymes, counting and music for children ages 2 and 3 years old. Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 AM, through July 28.

Preschool Story Times – This story time includes a simple hands-on activity for children ages 3, 4 and 5 years old. Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, and Wednesdays, 1:30 PM, through July 27.

Baby Lap-sit – Finger plays, songs, books and rhymes with children ages 12-24 months. Fridays, 10:30 AM, through July 29.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Just for Kids Book Club, One Wednesday each month, 7:00 PM.

Storyteller Sally Aiken, ages 3-5. July 13, 10:30 AM, and August 4 (Teddy Bear Picnic), 11 AM. Chess Camp, ages 6 and up, July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:00 AM.

Lego Days, all ages, July 16 and 30, 11 AM.

Arts and Stories from Around the World with Alison Babusci, July 15 and August 3, 11:00 AM.

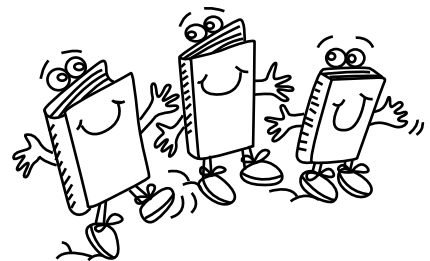
Puppets with Passports and Pizza, all ages, July 18, 6:00 PM.

Games Around the World, ages 6 and up, July 22, 11:00 AM.

Zoo Trek, ages 3 and up (check with library for date and time).

Passport to Adventure: Discover the cultures of many countries (check with library for date and time).

End of Summer Reading Party, August 27, 11:00 AM.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Food Around the World with Faith Heinauer-Moser, Thursday, June 30, 6:30 PM. Join local cookbook author Faith Heinauer-Moser as we explore the worlds of books and food. We will taste food from Mexico and India while we discuss books about these countries.

Journaling Workshop, Thursday, July 14, 6:30 PM. Journaling is a great way to express yourself. Get some tips on how to get started journaling.

Books and Bagels, Thursday, July 21, 1:00 PM. Enjoy lunch and great books with friends. Code Talker, a novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II by Joseph Bruchac, will be discussed.



*Registration Required for Teen Programs.
Call 412/828-9520 x 210 to register.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

For more information send an email to lawestref@einetwork.net or call the Reference Dept. at 412/828-9520 x 215

Summer Reading Program – Enter to win a prize in the summer reading program for adults. You only need to read four books during the summer to qualify.

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Trio – A live performance by a trio consisting of members of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will be featured with an explanation of the musical compositions performed.

UPMC Physicians Series – Various health topics will be discussed by UPMC physicians.

Terrorism in our Time – On Thursday, July 14, 6:30 PM, Gregory Kerpchar, a veteran law enforcement professional, will present a history of terrorism and what policies are being used by law enforcement.

Food for Life: Nutrition and Cooking Classes – Board certified holistic health counselor Janet McKee will present a valuable program of information and cooking demonstrations with light meals designed to show how a healthy diet can cut down your risk of cancer.

Computer Classes – The library offers classes on Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, Basic Digital Photography, beginning computer classes and more year round.

Book Discussion Groups – Our “Booked for Lunch” group meets the second Friday of each month at noon. The Evening Book Discussion Group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Both groups read and discuss general fiction and non-fiction. New members are welcome.

Library Delivery to Homebound Residents – Please call the library at 412/828-9520 x 28 for more information.



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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL
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Meets each month on the 2nd Monday
at 7:30 P.M.

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Meets each month on the 3rd Monday
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Meets the 2nd Monday in March, June,
September and December at 9:00 A.M.

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HEARING BOARD**

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John B. Montgomery

Meets as needed each month on the
Wednesday following the 3rd Monday
at 7:00 P.M.

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Office 412-963-1100**

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Administration 0
Building Permits/Zoning..... 113
Public Works 119
Sewer Department..... 126

Police Dept. 412-963-7220

**MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE BOROUGH BUILDING AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.**