

# PRESTWICK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEIGHBOR NEWS



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## PRESTWICK EMERALD ASH BORER PROGRAM

As most of you have heard by now, we have a serious infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer in Frankfort. The Village of Frankfort has approved a management program for affected Ash trees on village property, including parkways. However, because the problem is extensive in Prestwick, the PHA board decided to explore a group-pricing EAB management option for its resident. The board only solicited bids from firms that have good familiarity with Prestwick and were deemed to be quality companies. Stumps came in as the lowest bidder in that group. In the following article, Stumps describes the problem and how to avail yourselves of the preferred pricing. The preferred pricing is only available to active 2013 PHA members.

the remaining 7.5 billion in North America. Professionals are currently taking preventative measures to decrease the number of infected trees (or prolong their lives), by recommending and providing insect control measures, and/or eliminating trees that have been affected beyond survival.

The Black and Green Ash trees are preferred by the insect. The White Ash is also rapidly killed, but typically only after the Black and Green Ash trees are eliminated.

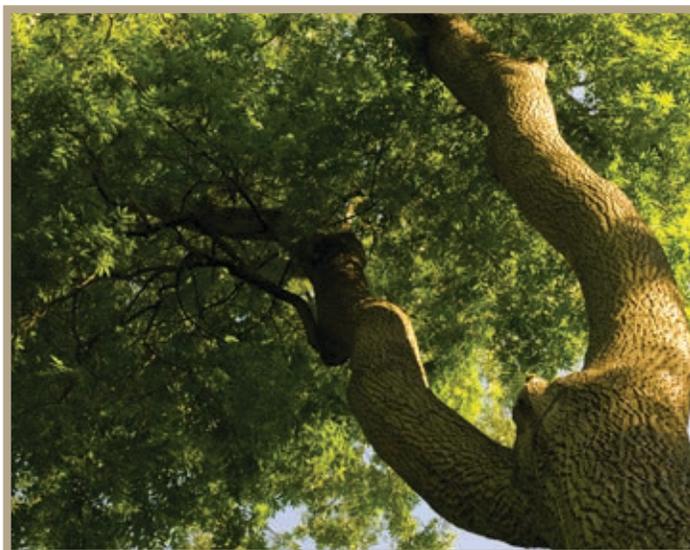
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## PRESTWICK RESIDENT NOW HALL OF FAMER

Longtime Prestwick resident Don Schwarz was recently recognized with the Hall of Fame Service Award from the Executive Service Corps (ESC) of Chicago in recognition of his more than 1,500 hours as a volunteer for the organization, which provides professional consulting services to non-profit organizations.



Schwarz, now retired, currently serves as chairman of the Frankfort Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, a board member of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and the New Lenox Performing Arts Association, and as a governor of the Chicago District Golf Association. His energy is boundless and his experience priceless. Thank you, Don, for making our community organizations stronger and more effective through your leadership and congratulations on a job well done!



In North America, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive Asian species, highly destructive to Ash trees. Since its accidental introduction into the United States, it has killed at least 50 to 100 million Ash trees and is expected to kill

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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

The adult beetle is dark metallic green and bullet shaped. The body is narrow and elongated, and the head is flat with black eyes. The eggs are deposited by the female individually or in groups on the bark



along the trunk and portions of the major branches. Eggs are laid in areas where the bark is rough and between bark layers or in bark crevices. The eggs hatch after about 2 weeks. Newly hatched larvae bore through the bark to the phloem and outer layer of new sapwood, where they feed until the weather gets too cold in the fall. As they feed, the larvae create long serpentine galleries filled with frass (discharge), which enlarge in width as they grow.

Visible signs of infestation will be minimal within the first one to two years. By the third year of infestation the tree will show significant dieback. By year four, the tree, in most cases, will be dead. The fifth year after original infestation, the tree will start to dry out. This may cause excessive deadwood and hazardous conditions, as the trees itself begins to deteriorate and weaken. It is common for all Ash trees in a single neighborhood to die at the same time.

## HOW WE CAN HELP!

Due to the vastness of the Prestwick area, we are offering discounted rates for services on Ash trees. These services would include preventative maintenance and/or removal of infested Ash trees. The "group project rate" would be offered to residents who wish to participate as a group. To participate, residents must contact Stump's Tree Care, and each property will be recorded for inspection.

These requests must be received no later than Monday, April 15, 2013. At this time, our tree care professional(s) will begin property inspections, free of charge, followed by individual recommendations. If you are uncertain of the species of trees on your property, Stump's will visit your property to identify them free of charge. Upon completion of the inspections, Stump's Tree Care will categorize the recommended services and submit individual proposals. Please be advised, this project is for Ash tree-related services only. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, as Stump's Tree Care is dedicated to assisting homeowners with their concerns. Please use the reference list provided below to contact our representatives.

### ASH TREE REMOVAL PRICING

**1** Tree will be cut down to ground level with resulting debris cleaned up and hauled away.

**\$20.00** per diameter inch for front yard trees.

\*Must be equipment accessible.

**\$24.00** per diameter inch for backyard trees.

**2** Grind resulting stumps 8-10" below grade where possible. Mulch will be left on site.

**\$5.00** per inch for backyard stumps.

**\$4.00** per inch for front yard stumps.

**3** Mauget injection for EAB management in Ash trees. Treatment last 1 season.

**\$10.00** per diameter inch

**NOTE:** Trees in especially difficult locations or dangerous situations will need to be assessed and provided pricing may not be honored.

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## WINTER BEAUTIFICATION WINNERS

Congratulations to Leo & Anne Michuda and Jerry & Karen Vrshek who were recognized by the Village of Frankfort for their homes' seasonal winter decorations.



## ACTIVE ASSOCIATION PRESERVES AND PROMOTES PRESTWICK

There is so much to love about living in Prestwick: the winding streets that reveal the diversity of our homes and properties, the green natural setting that most of us can enjoy just looking out our windows, the limited traffic because our streets do not provide passage to other neighborhoods or roadways, the infusion of new owners who are remodeling and updating their homes. There is all that and so much more. Frankfort is a wonderful place to live and Prestwick is still a coveted address in the village.

With 500 homes and condominiums in Prestwick, we must band together to maintain the beauty of our neighborhoods and the values of our homes. The Prestwick Homeowners Association was formed to do precisely that. In 2012, PHA continued to monitor the EJ&E/CN Railroad, the maintenance of the Sauk Trail Dam, and the progress of the Harlem Road construction project. Our entrances were maintained, brightened with seasonal flowers, and decorated for fall and winter. Construction and remodeling projects were held to established standards. Social opportunities were offered like the Independence Day picnic and fireworks. All members received a Prestwick directory, and those who provided an email address received immediate alerts concerning road closures/openings, suspicious solicitations, and other community concerns. This in itself is an invaluable membership benefit.

PHA will continue to perform all these tasks and has some additional plans for 2013. The entrances on Old Sauk Trail will be connected to the village water main and put

on timers. The construction and water usage will be paid by PHA. A preferred price plan for PHA members will be offered to remove diseased Ash trees. This alone could be a large savings that would easily cover the cost of your dues for years to come.

All of this is possible and more with your membership. We are growing stronger and as a result have become more proactive on your behalf. Our annual dues will remain the same and are far less than many area associations. Even better, this investment is visible in the improvements in our neighborhood. Please join when your renewal form for 2013 arrives in the mail. Talk to your neighbors about PHA. Our strength is in our numbers. Your home and your property value is protected and enhanced when we all work together to keep Prestwick a beautiful and prestigious area of Frankfort. For questions or concerns about PHA please contact Membership Chairpersons Brandon Palmer at [bap80@aol.com](mailto:bap80@aol.com) / 815 464-5939 or Judy Snider at [judyasnider@comcast.net](mailto:judyasnider@comcast.net) / 815 464-4436.

Thanking You in Advance,

### The Prestwick Homeowners Association Board

Tom Barz, Greg Bird, Tom Kazmierczak, Bill Matevich, Rich Misiorowski, Jim Nolting, Brandon Palmer, Judy Snider, Marc Steinman, Tom Wiese

## SOCIAL EVENTS SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who took time to respond to the survey. We had about a 20% response rate, which is great! The PHA board has reviewed the survey and is in the process of connecting with interested volunteers and pursuing some of the most popular suggestions. Below are a few highlights of the survey:

- The 4th of July fireworks, whether viewed at home or at the Club's bbq, are an overwhelming favorite of residents and a social activity people want to see continued.
- Over 50% of respondents are interested in attending a Prestwick Country Club event for a group or reduced PHA rate.
- Over 50% of respondents are interested in a fall bonfire and hay ride activity.
- Over 50% of respondents are interested in a cooking/grilling demo with a local chef.



## LIBERTY THANK YOU!

The Prestwick Homeowners Association would like to thank Prestwick resident Bill Kiehl, Chairman of Liberty Creative Solutions, as well as Liberty's CEO Angela Hipelius, for donating staff time and materials for the printing of the PHA newsletter, PHA directory and annual dues mailings. The work is outstanding and the service is even better!

Want to know more about Liberty Creative Solutions?  
Visit [www.LibertyCreativeSolutions.com](http://www.LibertyCreativeSolutions.com) or call 708.633.7450.



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*P*lease help the association welcome the following homeowners to our beautiful community:

Greg and Lori Aune, 542 Aberdeen  
Ed and Sandi Lazzaro, 937 Shetland  
Scott and Traci Rosenwinkel, 505 Aberdeen

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**REMINDER...** Prestwick residents must abide by the Prestwick covenants and Village ordinances. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful and follow the rules, like keeping garbage cans out of sight and not parking work trucks, boats or RVs on your driveway. Thank you!