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**Glen Ellyn Proud to Partner with Valent in Legacy Tree Project
Ash Trees Entering 3rd Year of Protection from Emerald Ash Borer**

Glen Ellyn, IL (June, 2012) – The Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works Department is proud to announce its on-going participation in the Legacy Tree Project (LTP), a partnership with Valent Professional Products. Initiated in 2010 and continuing through 2014, the LTP was established to protect select parkway ash trees, raise public awareness about emerald ash borer (EAB), and motivate homeowners to take action regarding their ash trees on private property.

EAB kills all native species of ash trees. It has been present in northeast Illinois since 2006 and was first confirmed in Glen Ellyn in 2009. In those early years, ash trees took 3 – 5 years to die after showing signs of infestation. Now that the pest is widespread and the infestation is epidemic, damage occurs so rapidly that trees die 1 – 3 years after showing signs. This shift into the rapid death phase signals that action is imperative – either initiate treatment in 2012 to protect and conserve ash trees or arrange for removals. EAB leaves you no other choices.

Through the LTP, approximately 200 ash trees in Glen Ellyn parkways are receiving 5 years of treatment with Safari®, a systemic insecticide in the Valent product line. Participation in the LTP comes at no cost to taxpayers, and Glen Ellyn is one of only twelve communities in the U.S. selected for partnership. Valent provides full funding of materials and labor from 2010 – 2014.

Julius Hansen, Director of Public Works, says, “Trees not being treated are losing canopy and the fight against EAB. Glen Ellyn originally had approximately 1,600 parkway Ash trees. Besides those in the LTP, an additional 350 are under Village-funded treatment equaling a total of approximately 550 parkway Ash tree being treated”.

What Can You Do?

The Village urges homeowners wishing to conserve Ash trees on private property to start treating them and continue to treat them. Residents can visit the Village website or contact the Public Works Department at 630-469-6756 for information.

It is important to note that not all ash trees are worth conserving. Some trees are in poor condition for a variety of reasons. If removals are in your future, start budgeting now. Ash trees become brittle as they die, raising the risk to tree workers during removal. Cost to remove increases as a result.

Legacy Tree Project Details

Safari is applied by soil injection at the base of each tree. This work will be completed by certified professionals with The Davey Tree Expert Company. Safari is a “systemic” insecticide taken up by the roots and distributed throughout the tree. Soil injection precludes contact with pets or people. The active ingredient in Safari is also used in flea control products for pets.

Residents adjacent to parkway ash trees that are scheduled for this treatment will receive a letter prior to treatment.

For more information on the Legacy Tree Project, visit www.legacytreetreeproject.com. For more information on Valent and Safari, visit www.valentpro.com.