



The Village of Glenview

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GLENVIEW RECEIVES LEGACY TREE PROJECT GIFT – 3RD YEAR OF PROTECTING ASH TREES FROM EMERALD ASH BORER

May 22, 2012 – This year marks the third year that Glenview is participating in the Legacy Tree Project, a partnership with Valent Professional Products aimed at building community awareness about the threat posed by emerald ash borer.

Ash trees comprise 22 percent of the parkway trees in Glenview. The ash borer, which kills all native species of ash trees, was first confirmed in Glenview in November 2008. It is now present throughout the Village and widespread in the region. Up to this point, the death rate of unprotected trees has been deceptively slow and manageable. However the tipping point is near, and tree death will increase rapidly. Trees will now die just one to three years after first signs of infestation. And in as little as 5 years, only treated ash trees will remain.

Through the Legacy Tree Project, Glenview is receiving five years of treatment for more than 200 ash trees with Safari®, a systemic insecticide in the Valent product line. This comes at no expense to the Village. The Legacy Tree Project covers all material and labor costs from 2010 through 2014.

Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager for Glenview says, “Trees enrolled in the Legacy Tree Project can be seen on Patriot Boulevard, Glenview Road and at the Public Works Department campus on Shermer Road. The contrast to untreated trees in the area is obvious – the trees treated with the insecticide have dense canopies, deep green color to the leaves and excellent branch elongation.”

Village Actions

In Glenview, over 500 infested parkway trees have been removed or marked for removal since 2008 due to the emerald ash borer infestation. Of the more than 5,000 estimated ash trees on Village property, Glenview is treating almost 600 using different products and application methods. Many of the trees are being treated at no cost to

Village taxpayers, including the trees enrolled in the Legacy Tree Project and several large-diameter trees enrolled in a Morton Arboretum research project.

To date, Glenview has received two \$20,000 reforestation grants to replace parkway trees lost to the emerald ash borer.

What Can You Do?

“Should homeowners wish to attempt to save their ash trees, treating them now is essential,” Flakne said. “This is likely the last year in which treatments might be effective without having to undertake the greater expense of ‘rescue’ tactics. If you have ash trees, you should have them evaluated by a certified arborist because there are several treatments available. A certified arborist can discuss your individual situation and help you select the most appropriate course of action.”

More information about the ash borer, including symptoms of infestation and treatment options, is available on Glenview’s website at http://www.glenview.il.us/public_works/SitePages/Emerald%20Ash%20Borer.aspx and at www.emeraldashborer.info and www.agr.state.il.us/eab/?pg=28.

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.

For more information on the Legacy Tree Project, go to www.legacytreeproject.com. For more information on Valent and Safari, go to www.valentpro.com.

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