

Hi, Neighbor!

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Eastmorland Community Association Fourth Quarter 2015

Save our Park Ash Trees Campaign A Wonderful Success!

By Linda Haglund-Lynch

Fall reminds us not to take our beautiful shade trees for granted. As I walked to Pinney Library this October, it was like walking through tunnels of gold. The hundreds of huge ash trees in our parks, on Walter, Harding and Sargent Streets, and many more all changed at once. It was the first fall color peak. The brilliant golds against deep blue skies created beautiful picture postcards in Olbrich and Sherry parks.

Sincere congratulations and thanks to all who generously supported our Save the Park Ash Trees Campaign! You have made a huge difference to Eastmorland neighborhood parks and all of Madison's parks! Thank you! Thank you! To all who donated, worked at fundraisers, bought plants and stuff at our sales, emailed friends and Parks personnel, and helped spread the word with flyers and posts. A very big Thank You to the Parks Division, Craig Klinke and Charles Romines, who supported us with hard work, patience and information. A huge Thank You to Tree Health Management who generously treated our park ash trees. Together we saved 33 large beautiful ash trees for our neighborhood parks: O.B. Sherry Park, Olbrich Park, Eastmorland Park and Ontario Park.

Tree Health Management did amazing work taking care of our park ash trees. They used city-approved Tree-age insecticide, which provides complete protection for at least three years. Treated trees are marked with Tree Health Management green ribbons and upside down blue Ts from the Parks Division to help us keep track of these valuable trees and continue future treatment efforts. Here is the history of our year-long Save our Park Ash Trees Campaign:

In August 2014, I woke up to a terrible grinding noise in my back yard, (which was O.B. Sherry Park). When I ran into the park, I saw two men with chain saws cutting down two large shade trees — very healthy beautiful trees! In one the nest of Baltimore Orioles still swung precariously from the end of a large branch. These Orioles had raised their young in this tree and come to my feeders for five years. Every Spring I looked forward to their bright orange feathers and their joyful songs. Why would the Parks Division cut down healthy trees?

I called Craig Klinke - general supervisor of our eastside parks. He explained they were ash trees and cut down because of the emerald ash borer (EAB) threat. They were too small to treat (less than 10 inches in diameter at four and one half feet from base). EAB is an exotic pest accidentally introduced in whole wood packing shipped from China. He said the Parks Division had an Adopt-a-Park Tree Program for residents to donate to treat park ash trees against EAB. The city had no funds to treat any of the 10,000 park ash trees. They only had funds to treat some of our street ash trees. So I called Kathy, and she agreed this was a very

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SANTA & ELVES

Can you believe it? Christmas is sneaking up on us and so are all the fun activities that go with it, especially here in Eastmorland. The weekend of Dec. 12 and 13 is the weekend for all the happenings.

We are again filling those wonderful plates with homemade cookies, candy and small crafts for about 50 special neighbors that need special attention. We would appreciate your help baking, plate prepping and delivering a few of the plates on Saturday, Dec. 12. Please deliver your cookies or crafts to 3633 Richard St. before 9:00A.M. on Saturday. We look forward to any form of volunteering of your time that you care to share with us. Please call Bernie at 244-8958 to let me know you would be happy to join us. When everyone chips in, a job is no longer a job but a pleasant experience.

Sunday, Dec. 13, will be our Santa visit for children or grandchildren 10 and under of paid-up members of Eastmorland Community Association, ECA, by Friday Dec. 11. A membership form is in this newsletter (see page 16). We are going to have Santa come to your house instead of the church this year, as we did in the past. We are all looking forward to a great weekend. Have your drapes closed & your light on so Santa can find his way. — *Bernie Hanson*

Community Thanksgiving Meal at Lakeview Moravian Community Church

Lakeview Moravian Community Church is inviting our neighbors to a free Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. The meal will be held at Lakeview Moravian Church, 3565 Tulane Ave., Madison, from 11am to 1pm. The meal will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner including: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, buns, beverage and dessert. Handicap accessible seating is available. Carry-out meals will be available.

For more information, please call the church at (608) 249-1973 or (608) 417-0232. There will also be a Fall Bazaar Saturday, Nov.7, from 11 am to 3 pm.

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(We keep printing this, as folks keep complaining!)

Kathy's Komments



Hello, Neighbors!

As I write this for the November issue, many things are running through my head. I am very happy to report that, thanks to Tree Health Management and Craig Klinke, Supervisor of Eastside Madison Parks, and Linda's and my perserverance, a total of 33 park Ash trees in our parks have been treated in 2015. (Twenty-two of them in Olbrich Park.) The last five Olbrich ash trees were treated on September 30, just before they moved into their glorious golden canopies and became dormant for winter and early spring. Thank you again to all of

you who donated! We still have \$261.00 in our Save the Ash tree fund, for a beginning to give them all another treatment in 2 to 3 years in late spring. Linda and I are hoping that scientists will have made more strides to stop the EAB (emerald ash borer) and make the treatments last longer. We heard that someone in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood posted the ash trees they treated on Google Earth – hey do any of you know how to do that? It would be very special to think about our treated ash trees honored on Google Earth!

Tonight, on my way home from work, I called Patrick and he informed me that he was going to the Madison Parks Commission meeting at Warner Park. I picked him up and off we went to Warner Park. On the agenda for the meeting was a 90-day ban on alcohol in Olbrich Park. At the last meeting, members of the Commission wanted to know why only the alder was there. Where were the neighbors? We both spoke for the ban and commented that we would like to make it permanent. Alder Ahrens arrived and spoke also. It passed. Something interesting that a committee member said: now only Central Park does not have an alcohol ban. (I will try to let those who might be interested in going to a Park Com. meeting to comment about how neighbors feel about alcohol in our parks know when the next meeting is.) Folks will have to either email or call me and leave a message if they are interested.

I received an email about a week ago that the new Milwaukee Street bridge and redesigned intersection is now scheduled to open on November 9, 2015.

City Engineering scheduled a meeting at Whitehorse Middle School on Oct. 19 to discuss with the neighbors and our alder how we will be affected by "Reconstruction of Walter from Hargrove to Milwaukee Street and Sargent from Walter to Dennett in 2016". They will be "replacing water mains, sanitary sewer pipes and storm sewers. Portions of the sidewalk will also be replaced as needed. (from the Engineering handout) Obviously, we have to go to press before the meeting happens, so information will be available on our website, or elsewhere, such as the ECA listserv and

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Kathy's Komments — from previous page

perhaps Next Door Atwood and our ECA Facebook page).

Our Melissa and Luis' children are growing. Katia is 3 ½ years old and Diego is 5 ½ years old. Diego began kindergarten in Chicago and Katia began going two days a week to pre-school. Every morning Katia jumps out of bed and heads for the living room to see her and her brother's clothing laid out. If she sees that hers is play clothes, her first comment is, "Oh no! I can't go to school today, I have to stay home with Lupe (their nanny)." If we call them, Melissa has a smart phone set up with a photo of whoever is calling: Grandpa or Grandma. So, it is not unusual for a small voice to shriek in my ear, "Hi GRAMMA!" 'Course the next question usually is – "When are you coming to our house?"

Our older grandson, Dustin, is at MATC now. His mom is out of town right now, and I gave him a call that I had made some banana bread – did he want some? I went to work and Grandpa took some over to him.

Since we had room in this newsletter, I thought it would be a good idea to print up my notes from our October ECA meeting. Look for the article on page 5. (Now you have an idea of what we discussed)

We still need a block captain for the 4000 block of Rockwell. Our previous block captain moved. If anyone can do this, please let me know. Lori Circle now has a block captain, thanks to Tom Nord.

One of our wonderful neighbors stepped up and adopted the median on Dempsey in front of St. Dennis Church. Thank you, Tim. Look for a photo and short blurb on p. 13 of this paper.

There is a Mayor's workshop, October 24, that several of us plan to attend. We will discuss anything of interest that we learned at the workshop at our November ECA meeting.



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ECA 2015-16 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 ECA meeting*

There is no meeting in December

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 ECA meeting*

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 Deadline for:

Submissions for the February 2016,

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*Eastmorland Community Association meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (no meeting in December) at Lakeview Moravian Church, 3565 Tulane, across the street from Schenk Elementary School. Use the entrance on Hargrove Street nearest Dennett Drive. Call or email an ECA director if you have a topic to discuss, need information, or have questions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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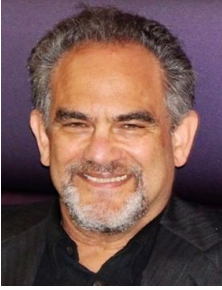
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From Our Alder



David Ahrens
15th District

Pinney Library: The Mayor has decided to delay construction of the Pinney Library until 2017. This means that it will not open until 2018. Many people from our community have contacted him about the importance of a 2017 opening but he has “budget priorities” and Pinney does not number among them. (More on “priorities” below.)

In my discussion with the Board of Estimates on restoring the funds to 2016, I emphasized that a delay of the library would have very negative effects on the progress of Royster Corners. It will be difficult to attract retail and service stores along Cottage Grove/Dempsey if the library is delayed one year. I will work with other Alders from the area using Pinney to have a budget amendment that will at least start construction in 2016 to move up construction as early as possible.

Dempsey Road Traffic: At one time or another speeding is a problem on every road. But it tends to be worse on roads like Dempsey which is one mile long and has no stop signs or lights. Too many people take it as an opportunity to speed. To make matters worse, it is a completely residential area with kids, parents and cars coming and going from St. Dennis Church and School. With the Milwaukee St. Bridge closed, traffic increased as people sought an alternative route to Woodman’s.

I will continue to work with Traffic Engineering in getting a stop light as well as speed bumps. I think they should be located on every street in the near vicinity of schools. They can be an annoyance, but that’s why they work.

Leash your Dog: City ordinances require dog owners to leash their dogs. Everyone knows that, yet many dog owners do not leash their dogs. I receive more complaints about unleashed dogs in Eastmorland than any other area I represent. When I walk around Eastmorland I often am confronted by unleashed dogs. If you encounter unleashed dogs and you know the owner, call the city’s Animal Control office at 267-1989.

Walter St./ Sargent St Rebuild: Residents of Walter St between Hargrove and Milwaukee St. and Sargent between Dennett and Walter St. have received notice that their street is being rebuilt early next summer. This is a major project that will include replacing the sewer and water mains as well at the base of the street. This will entail traffic changes through adjacent streets and considerable inconvenience (as well as cost) to the homeowners. Summer in Wisconsin?

Budget Priorities: The proposed operating budget is about \$288 million. It requires an increase in property taxes of 3.2% or about \$50 for an average home in Eastmorland.

The Mayor proposed a capital budget of \$295 million. This includes rebuilding the Municipal Building (old post office and courthouse) at a cost of over \$30 million, road and infrastructure improvements such as Walter St and millions for the Judge Doyle project downtown.

This project consists of an office building and a huge private garage leased to the developer, Bob Dunn, owner of the Edgewater. It will cost a minimum of \$47 million. This includes a gift to a biotech company of \$12 million. An independent analyst of the project found that it is unlikely that the city will see most of the loan returned. Further, we may find that the gift to the company is illegal. Unfortunately, I have to report that I was only one of six Alders to vote against this project while 12 voted for it. I hope and believe that we can still stop this reckless use of taxpayer dollars.

If you have any concerns about city services or policies please feel free to contact me at district15@cityofmadison.com or at 334-1156.

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By Post 501 Commander
Thomas Stolarczyk

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In June, to foster involvement in Government knowledge, 7 Boys are sponsored to Badger Boys State and the Auxiliary sponsors 5 Girls to Badger Girls State. Selected students attend this 1-week course at Ripon College learning about Government. Graduates from the junior class that have attended are very proud of this course.

8 awards for Reserve Officers Training Course (ROTC) are presented at UW Madison's graduation ceremony during the spring. These are for high GPA and Military training and these ROTC candidates then go into the military as Officers.

This year The American Legion Post 501 Class AAA—sponsored high school baseball players again WON the Class AAA Championship. The team name is Madison IMPACT and is from the Madison area.

Other programs sponsored are an "Oratorical" speaking contest for high school students, County Government Days, grades 6-8 who learn about local government matters (they visit the courthouse, Sheriff's and Coroner's Office), and who are from a local Boy Scouts pack to help them earn the Scouting awards.

The American Legion yearly Law Enforcement award for the year was awarded to Deputy Krista Ewers-Hayes from the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Ewers-Hayes also won the post, county and district award. Additionally, Deputy Ewers-Hayes won the 40 & 8 Voiture State Award.

Lastly, funds are provided to "RIF" (reading is fundamental) program for Madison Elementary grades. This funding provides reading material for the students at the school.

We are here to assist all veterans and their families and the public is welcome to visit.

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ECA 10/13/15 Meeting Lakeview Moravian Church

ECA exists to improve our neighborhood through the efforts of people who live and work here. We appreciate your ideas and participation.

Present at meeting: Carrie Ezzell, Bobbi Nowak, Linda Hagland-Lynch (who generously brought cookies for all), Pat Schneider, Jennifer Laack, Josh Schmitt, Patrick and Kathy Soukup. Matt Covert came and brought flyers for the Eastside Planning Council (which evolved out of the East Isthmus Planning Council) annual meeting at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2146 East Johnson St., Wednesday, October 21. I'll have to get Matt to post the results of the meeting, possibly on ECA's Facebook.

Discussions: Final plans for the 11th Annual ECA Raking Party on October 31: gather at 9 am at the Whitman/Johnson residence as they have generously volunteered to host the event again! Thank you very much! (Rain date will be November 1 at 1:00 pm.) Since only 9 yards have been called in at this time and only 2 rakers have let us know that they will help, it was decided we needed to call the ones that had been raked and those who had helped last year and ask for help.) Bobbi

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From Our County Supervisor



Jeff Pertl
District 17

Fall means cooler temperatures, colorful leaves and County budget deliberations for the upcoming year!

The 2016 County Budget started in October. In general, about 51% of the county budget fuels human services programs; 20% is for public safety (including the courts, jail and sheriff's department); and 9% is for transportation infrastructure. The remaining 30% of the budget funds all other activities, including conservation, economic development and cultural programs.

County Executive Parisi released his budget on October 1. It expands access to school mental health services, enhances phosphorus reduction efforts for our lakes, invests in county road and bike trails, and provides the first increase in general county employee wages in several years. The county's levy represents about 15% of your property tax bill, and the proposed budget would raise taxes on the average Madison home by \$32. Go to: <https://www.countyofdane.com/exec/budget.aspx> to read more about the County Executive's budget.

The County Board will now be reviewing the proposed budget and considering amendments. On October 21 at 7pm there will be a public hearing at the City-County Building. Major priorities for supervisors will include addressing affordable housing and homelessness (including the proposed day shelter), addressing racial disparities, criminal justice reform, and work force readiness.

If you have any concerns about the budget, please let us know – we're working hard to find the right balance of providing needed services with as fair and equitable way to pay for those services.

Additionally, Standard and Poor's Ratings Services recent gave Dane county a AAA bond rating– a great recognition of sound

fiscal management for the county! Now when the county borrows money for critical infrastructure projects such as highway construction and buildings, we will get the lowest interest rate available.

Racial equity continues to be a priority for the county – in fact we are the only county in the country to have an independent third party consultant conduct a comprehensive racial equity analysis of our government operations. That review helped us identify five areas of focus –

1. Increasing Dane County employees' and residents' understanding of and ability to advance racial equity.
2. Ensuring Dane County is an effective and inclusive government that engages community and is responsive to its needs.
3. Ensuring Dane County's communities of color share in the County's economic prosperity.
4. Ensuring all neighborhoods and people are safe, and eliminate racial disproportionalities in the criminal justice system and lastly,
5. Ensure that all residents have healthy life outcomes.

Our four-year plan should help make improvements to racial inequities within Dane County government – hopefully serving as an example for eliminating inequities elsewhere.

Transit listening sessions were held in August across the county, focusing on the less served transit corridors of McFarland/Stoughton; Sun Prairie/East Madison; DeForest/Waunakee/Westport/Windsor; Middleton/Cross Plains/Springfield Corners; and Fitchburg/Oregon/Verona.

Overall, there was excellent turnout and very good discussions were recorded for future use by the County Board. At each session, the participants were asked three questions in a small group environment:

1. What benefits does your community get from transit?
2. What are the needs for you or your community with respect to transit? and
3. Should the county support transit, and what funding options would you support to be used for the county to support transit?

A report summarizing the comments from these discussions will be used to help guide the county on discussions regarding county support for area-wide transit.

Stay well and contact me with any questions!

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and Linda volunteered to call folks if Kathy would give each of them a script to follow.

ECA annual Santa visits and Cookie Plates for shut-ins, or those in need of some neighborly TLC will be on December 12th for the Cookies, with Bernie Hanson volunteering to have our goodies delivered to her home where we would be putting them together on that morning. So, please do some early baking of goodies for our neighbors. (see Bernie's article on page 1). Santa will be visiting paid ECA members' children in their homes again this year. Call Bernie with your name, phone number and children's names and ages. If this doesn't work this year, we are looking for other ideas for a Christmas party – possibly?

Linda volunteered to look for speakers for our ECA meetings and would like suggestions from neighbors. You can call her at 608-335-9261 or email her at: lmthlhmadtowne@gmail.com.

Two neighbors at the meeting brought up the fact that the basketball court as you drive into the beach parking lot, is being monopolized on Sundays by some folks who are playing very LOUD music that can be heard almost to Milwaukee Street. Several people then said that the words in the music were not what they wanted children to hear, and they wanted the music to be quieter – Kathy reminded them that there is a noise ordinance in the city and they need to call the non-emergency phone number. (Carrie reminded us that 'a squeaky wheel' gets oiled.) So, after you call it in the first time, wait 15 minutes and then call again and leaved a message, then repeat. If enough neighbors call in and complain, something will be done.

Heritage Heights neighborhood emailed a letter idea to Patrick, which he brought to the meeting and the folks present decided we should write a

similar letter to all Alders and the Mayor. Carrie moved the “we agree to sign the letter after it is written.” Bobbi seconded the motion. The motion carried. The letter signed by 8 directors supported restoring the Pinney funds to 2016.

Extra information: the Milwaukee Street bridge and redesigned intersection are scheduled to open on November 9, 2015.

Linda and I heard of park committees in at least two other neighborhoods and Linda decided that ECA should have one also. Please let us know if you would like to join. Here are some of the ideas of what such a committee could entail: ECA Parks Committee: a network of people who will help to protect and enhance our neighborhood parks. Possible purpose: To keep all neighbors informed on all park issues and continue to help improve and protect our neighborhood parks. To create greater information-sharing between the neighborhood and all Alders, City Engineers and City Park Division personnel, leading to more involvement in the park division's plans, before and during the planning process.

Some Possible Committee goals: Survey neighbors about what they would like to see or change in our parks. Invite guest speakers as often as possible to discuss new and ongoing park plans, maintenance and other issues. If any of you are interested in being part of this committee, please give Kathy a call at 244-8965 or email me.

We invited Sally Swenson, the city engineer in charge of the creation of the new cuenett and the new plantings in the green space between Woodman's and Schenk Street. She was unable to come to our meeting, but asked us to email her with a list of questions (sswenson@cityofmadison.com). Please email her directly (and you could cc Kathy, so that she is aware of what is going on.) Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. — *Kathy's notes*

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Melissa Sargent
48th State Assembly

Believe it or not, a common theme from both sides of the aisle in the state capitol is a love of Wisconsin. Democrats and Republicans both cheer for the Packers, enjoy a good casserole, and cherish our beautiful outdoor spaces. We all love our children and want a brighter future for them. Despite these shared goals, our values and the policy decisions to get there differ drastically. And that really matters.

The agenda that Governor Walker and legislative Republicans have pursued during their time in control has confirmed

people's worst fears about politics, that it can be a cynical, negative place. Their policies punish the poor, benefit the wealthiest among us, and harm our economic growth. They fail to realize the basic premise that private prosperity is not possible without a strong government providing support. You and I both know that for Wisconsin to move forward, we must take a different direction.

Assembly Democrats recently put out a new policy agenda entitled Bring Back the Middle Class. It is a positive vision that truly strengthens our state. These are not political talking points, they are what we've heard from our friends and neigh-

bors across our state. Real concerns that everyday Wisconsinites are losing sleep over.

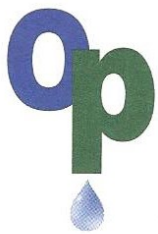
Too often we hear that child care is a heavy burden on working families. That is why we introduced a bill to make child care more affordable through additional tax credits. We also know that these same working families can have their employment put in jeopardy due to an illness. We have a bill that would allow people to earn sick days. As education is becoming more important in the modern workforce, student loan debt has become a national crisis, topping a trillion dollars. Under our plan, borrowers would be able to refinance their loans just like a home mortgage. And finally, with an aging population, people often call my office worried about retirement security. Our plan would allow everyone in our state to invest in the Wisconsin Retirement System, regardless of whether or not they are a public employee.

It is our job as politicians to make the case that our plan is the right course for our state to pursue. Sometimes it is difficult to hone that message because there are countless things that we, as Democrats, care about.

The Bring Back the Middle Class agenda encompasses what we believe in policy, but it can be boiled down to this: we care about people. We believe that our government, of, by, and for the people is here to make our state a better place to live, work, and play.

Democrats want to support the middle class and provide ladders of opportunities for those who want to achieve the American Dream. We want to put extra money into the pockets of working families which we know will boost our local economy. We want to fully fund and protect a world class public education system from early childcare all the way through college. We want to ensure that health care is treated as a right rather than a privilege for those who can afford it. Democrats want to show every person in Wisconsin that when we do better, we all do better.

My community matters deeply to me. Along with my family, it is what makes me whole. The reason I am a Democrat is because I know these policies will make us whole again as a state. It is time to bring back our middle class and time to bring back the Wisconsin we all know and love.



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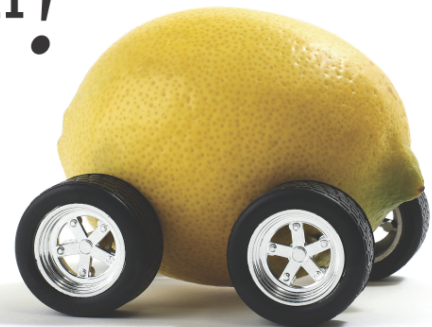
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Park Ash Trees — *Continued from page 1*

important issue for our parks. The neighborhood had to do something soon.

In September 2014 Kathy and I realized that very few people knew we were in danger of losing hundreds of our park ash trees. There were 23 in Sherry, 46 in Eastmorland, 4 in Ontario and over 200 in Olbrich Park. We asked the neighborhood association, friends and neighbors to help spread the word.

EAB was first found in Michigan, near Detroit in 2002. It is believed it was here ten years before it was discovered and identified. EAB is extremely hard to detect as the adult beetles are the size of a grain of rice. They land in the top of large tree canopies and lay their eggs. The larva hatch and tunnel into the trees bark, feeding on and destroying the trees conductive tissue. Unlike native ash borers which only attack sick and dying trees, EAB attacks even the healthiest of ash trees. Many trees do not show signs of EAB: crowns thinning from top down, cracks in the bark, woodpecker damage, new shoots from the base of the tree, until it is too late to treat them. EAB is now in 26 states and two Canadian provinces. Thirty-nine Wisconsin counties now have EAB infestations and are quarantined. EAB has spread throughout Madison. Hundreds of large ash trees have already been cut down, including over 100 in our ECA parks.

Craig Klinke gave us yellow hazard ribbon to put on all the ash trees in Sherry Park to make people aware of how many ash trees were in our parks. Park users asked "Are these tree dangerous?" We tried for two months to get permission from Park Division to ribbon the ash trees in all ECA parks and hand out flyers to make neighbors aware of what they could do to help.

In October 2014, several ECA members along with members of the Wild Warner Park Organization spoke at the Parks Commission Board meeting. Warner Park was the first park to be infested with EAB - they had over 600 park ash trees. We were told after this meeting that once the Parks Division reached a certain park they would cut down all park ash trees not adopted, even healthy treatable ones. They told us infested trees could become hazards before the Parks Division had time to return to cut them in 1-3 years. They would start cutting in January 2015 in Warner then move on to ECA parks. Ash trees cannot be treated until May when at least 60% of the leaves are out! So how could we save some of our huge beautiful 50-100 year park ash trees in time??

October 24th, 2014 was a beautiful summer-like day, but all the ash trees had lost their leaves. Volunteers quickly became ash tree experts as we ribboned 288 ECA park ash trees with light green ribbon from the Parks Division. It was a great day. Channel 27 and *Capital Time's* reporters filmed us and Channel 15

interviewed us later. We posted and handed out flyers. Neighbors, friends and people from all over donated whatever they could to our Save the Park Ash Trees Fund. We received donations from East Madison, Rio, Fitchburg, Milwaukee, Middleton and Tel Aviv, Israel. It was exciting how many wonderful people reached out to us!

These people realized, the benefits of ash trees far outweigh the costs of treatment: Shade for our children's play areas and family picnics, beauty and homes for birds and wildlife. The most important benefits directly affect our quality of life and human health. Large shade trees have a tremendous impact on air pollution control. Every 100 large shade trees remove 37 tons of carbon dioxide and 259 pounds of other pollutants from our air every single year! (U.S. Forest Service study.) Another U.S. Forest Service study found that the decrease in tree numbers due to EAB in Detroit, Michigan (where EAB started) caused an increase in human mortality related to cardio-vascular and respiratory systems.

In October 2014 we received a call from Aviv Kammay, who lives by Sherry Park. On a cold fall day, Kathy and I met with Aviv and his 18 month old son, Noam, in Sherry to pick out an ash tree to adopt near Noam's favorite place to play. Aviv and his wife Parthy Schachter worked hard helping us spread the word to save as many ash trees as possible for the park Noam loves. The play area in Sherry was almost completely shaded by ash trees. Noam's grandparents in Monona, and his uncle and grandparents in Israel all donated to save the shade by the infant swings in Sherry Park. Many other families and friends generously donated so we could treat large ash trees in our parks including two over 100 years old. Thank you for making a difference to our children's and parks' future!

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From Our County Executive



Joe Parisi

Dane County Executive

In his Biennial State Budget Governor Walker proposed privatizing our local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). At Dane County we found this unacceptable. Our local ADRC is a one-stop-shop that connects seniors and the disabled with critical services available to them through various federal, state and community resources. In 2014 alone, the Dane County ADRC had 23,897 consumer contacts helping thousands of Dane County's disabled and elderly.

Governor Walker's budget directed the Department of Health Services to contract with a private provider, threatening the current successful locally focused "one-stop-shop" model. The bill also would have eliminated local input and oversight.

The ADRCs are one example of government working well. They help people get the resources they need and navigate through bureaucratic red tape.

After months of work, I am proud to tell you we fought this budget proposal and we won. Our local one-stop-shop will continue to make those critical connections to services. As Dane

County Executive, I will continue to work and support our ADRC.

Our commitment to our seniors does not end there. We have many other important services for seniors in Dane County. For example, I created a new Elder Benefits Specialist position to ensure our seniors have timely access to services and information through the ADRC.


Since last year, our Elder Benefits Program has seen a marked increase in the number of seniors needing services and this position will help meet that growing need. The county partners with the federal government and private donations to provide \$1,466,086 to ensure our seniors continue to receive warm meals, served with smiling faces.

Across Dane County, we have 26 county-supported senior centers. Dane County has many things to offer citizens of all ages. We enjoy an incredible quality of life including world-class bike paths, beautiful lakes and scenic county parks. In fact, our quality of life is so wonderful, we are continually nationally recognized as a great place to retire, to raise a family and one of the safest places in the country.

I am very happy to be able to deliver such good news but, we could not have done it without you. Thank you to all of you came who out to the hearings, registered your concerns and/or called your legislators. We must continue our vigilance and ensure that our seniors' golden years are enjoyed and their services remain protected.

ECA is looking for Active Members

Eastmorland Community Association needs to fill the vacancy of Vice President, one block captain and other positions. If interested, please contact one of the directors listed on page two.



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The Chicken or the Egg?

By Tim & Candy Phelps

When we got chickens a few years ago, we weren't thinking of it as getting new pets. We were mainly doing it for the eggs. How cool is it to be able to get groceries from your back yard?

Now after having our chickens for a few years, we consider our chickens adorable pets, feathered friends and garden helpers. They have also become a "gateway livestock." First come chickens, then come baby goats (as soon as City Council passes that law).

While all hens lay eggs that are edible, some are more productive than others. If egg output is your main priority, do some research before getting chickens as to what breeds will be most productive, especially in our northern climate. The White Leghorn, according to many, is the best egg layer available, producing over 300 eggs a year. These chickens lay large white eggs and are often used in commercial egg production.

The chicken's diet controls the health benefits of eggs, the richness and color of the yolk and the bird's overall health. Studies by Mother Earth News have shown that pasture-raised eggs from chickens given space to exercise and peck for food are more nutritious than commercial eggs you buy at the store. Pasture-raised eggs contain two to three times more omega-3 fatty acids and one-third the cholesterol of factory-farmed eggs, according to their study. This is largely due to the diverse nutri-

ents free ranging chickens get from plants and insects compared to commercial chickens who eat a lot of corn.

A pullet, a young hen usually less than a year old, starts laying eggs on average at about 6 months of age. If you get your chicks in the spring, you can expect your first eggs in late summer. Many factors affect the timing of egg production, including the breed, the size of the bird, the lighting conditions and nutrition. The first egg you get from one of your hens is like finding buried treasure. It will almost seem like a shame to eat it! Those first eggs are very tiny but will grow as the chicken grows to maturity.

Hens like to lay eggs in privacy (wouldn't you?), which is why every coop should have at least one nesting box for every two hens. A hen can lay only one egg in a day and will have some days when it does not lay an egg at all. With three mature hens, we get about a 15 eggs a week in the nice weather. We usually have more eggs than we can eat, so we end up giving a lot of our eggs to neighbors and friends. And also, we eat a lot of breakfast for dinner.

Because a hen's reproductive system is sensitive to light exposure, the time of day a chicken lays varies day to day and season to season. Eventually the hen will lay too late in a day for its body to begin forming a new egg. At this time, the hen will then skip a day or more before laying again. Because the days get shorter during the winter, you will have fewer eggs in the cold months due to reduced light. Some people use a heat lamp / light in their coops in the winter, which does increase egg production above natural amounts.

A common question we get about our chickens' eggs is "If you don't eat them, would they turn into baby chicks?" The answer is no. Only if a male chicken (a rooster) fertilizes the egg would it turn into a chick, and we're not allowed to have roosters in the city limits. That may seem obvious, but you would be surprised how many adults and children alike ask us that.

Many urban chickens produce eggs for three to four years (these numbers vary for commercial chickens). Each year, the level of egg production is lower than the previous year.

We will still love our chickens even when they don't miraculously produce breakfast foods overnight, but in the meantime, it is nice having pets that earn their keep (sort of)!

For questions, feedback, or talking chicken, contact Tim and Candy at tim@sproutlandscape.com.

Sources: Mother Earth News, backyardchicken.com and www.extension.org.

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News from Our Schools

Schenk Elementary

The summer and the start of Schenk Elementary's school year has been busy, but off to a great start! Any family interested in receiving news about Schenk Elementary and PTO events is encouraged to send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com to be added to the PTO listserve. The PTO sponsors activities throughout the year and we are always looking for new energy and ideas. All families are automatically members of the PTO and there is no membership fee!

Ways to support Schenk:

Whether or not you have a child at Schenk, there are ways you can support your community school, and many don't even cost you money!

1. On Tuesday, November 17, Culver's (4401 Cottage Grove Road) is partnering with Schenk and generously donating 10% of total sales between 5-8pm. Please join us in supporting our neighborhood Culver's and Schenk Elementary!

2. Schenk collects General Mills Boxtops for Education (we receive 10 cents for each one!) and Labels for Education (which are used to purchase much needed equipment). Even if you don't have a child at the school, donations of these items are much appreciated. They can be dropped off at school, or if you cannot drop them off please give them to a neighbor whose child attends Schenk, or send an email to schenkpto@gmail.com so someone can arrange to pick them up.

3. We are proud to continue our partnership with Just Coffee and offer high-quality, fair trade products while supporting one of Madison's favorite local businesses. In addition to nine varieties of coffee, we sell tea (both loose and bagged), hot cocoa mix and chocolate bars. Coffee orders are due monthly and you can obtain an order form (or ask any questions) by emailing the PTO at schenkpto@gmail.com

4. Schenk is participating for the third year in the Terracycle program to reduce waste and earn money for educational programs and supplies at Schenk. Below is the list of items we are collecting:

- Capri Sun & Honest Kids drink pouches
- GoGo Squeeze, Ella's Kitchen, Earth's Best or other baby food pouches/plastic tops
- Cell Phones/iPods/tablets/laptops: standard or smart phones accepted
- Energy bars: any brand of foil-lined energy bar wrappers or granola/protein bar wrappers
- PUR/Brita Products: pitchers, bottles, filters, faucet filtration systems, filter packaging, or dispensers.
- Used/empty toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes

Details on Terracycle collections and products are at: <http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades.html> Once you collect a box or bag of the above items, please either drop items off at 126 Buckingham Lane or contact the coordinator at shahlawerner@yahoo.com or 608-332-6079 with your address for them to be picked up.

We are looking forward to another great year. Thank you for supporting Schenk!
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Early last spring the Parks Division changed their policy and decided only park ash trees determined to be untreatable would be cut down in 2015. This gave us some valuable time to raise funds to treat more trees. It was still urgent they be treated this year because of EAB flight season (May through October) when adult beetles emerge and infest new trees.

In August 12, large ash trees were cut down in Sherry Park - every single one we didn't treat. Over 65 were cut down in Olbrich and most of the ash trees in Eastmorland Park (only four large ash trees were approved for treatment there.) It was heartbreaking to see this. Yet whenever I see the Tree Health Management treatment ribbons, I smile and want to cheer. We have an amazing neighborhood!

We believe it is vital to hold the city and Parks Division to the 2014 promise to replace all removed park ash trees one to one. We believe very strongly that this should be done by planting new trees in each park equal to the number of park ash trees removed from that particular park. We will insist that 14 new trees be planted in Sherry Park, and 70 new trees plus the numbers of additional ash cut down in the next three years, be planted in Olbrich (the same for Eastmorland and Ontario parks.)

Our campaign continues to spread! Last winter and spring we met with Tenney - Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) to discuss how urgent it was to save some of Tenney Park ash trees before it was too late. The Parks Division decided 250 of Tenney Parks 400+ ash trees were untreatable because they were too close to the proposed lagoon restoration or too damaged. TLNA saved 36 large park ash trees in Tenney, Reynolds and James Madison Parks. Congratulations to TLNA and all the generous amazing people who supported them!

Next time you walk, bike, play or sit in one of our wonderful ECA neighborhood parks, please take time to enjoy one of the 33 beautiful ash trees you helped protect. Each one of them stands for the love, care and generosity of families, friends and neighbors.

The golden fall tunnels of streets like Sargent may lose much of their glow as many ash trees are cut next year. Yet because of our generous neighbors, gold ash tree falls will continue to shine in Sherry Park, Eastmorland Park and Olbrich by the lake.

Donate: Help us continue to protect our iconic park ash trees through our treatment and retreatment fund: www.eastmorland.org/save or mail to ECA P.O. Box 14584, Madison, WI 53708 (memo to Save the Park Ash Trees Fund).

Please treat healthy ash trees on your property - help save more of Madison's tree canopy

Contact: Tree Health Management, www.treehealthmgmt.com 608-223-9120, Briana Frank- owner briana@treehealthmgmt.com THM treated 33 of ECAs park ash trees and 36 of TLNAs park ash trees and donated



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treatment of Olbrich Gardens Ash trees. They offer volume discounts for treatment of three or more trees - if neighbors sign up at the same time they will qualify - if you sign up for ash tree treatment before Jan. 2016 you will get on their priority list.

Urban Tree Alliance: www.urbantreealliance.org they will help residents who qualify by income treat their ash trees.

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Tuesday, Dec 15 at 7pm: *He's Gone* by Deb Caletti
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First Friday Flicks
Cinderella – 2015 version (PG) Fri, Nov 6 at 6:30pm
Jurassic World (PG-13) Fri, Dec 4 at 6:30pm
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Hunger Games Party
Friday, November 13th
5:30pm - Games, costume contest, crafts and snacks
6:30pm - Film screening of *Mockingjay Pt 1*
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Preschool Storytime
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Storytime with Miss Lesley

R.E.A.D. to a Dog
Monday, November 9 at 2:00pm
Monday, December 14 at 2:00pm
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Preschool and Toddler Dance Party
Monday, November 23 at 10:00am
Thursday, December 17 at 10:00am
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Drawing Jam with Angela Richardson

Saturday, November 14th at 2:00pm

Drop-in for a Drawing Jam with artist Angela Richardson. Explore different techniques and materials as you take part in this lively event that will have all ages drawing up a storm. This is a Bubbler Junior event.

Music Together

Saturday, November 21 at 11:00am

Music Together is an interactive music experience for children ages 5 & under and their families.

Gingerbread Cookie Fun

Saturday, December 19th at 10:30am

Catch stories, fun and more at this fast-paced family program. Participants will get to take home their own decorated (sugar) cookie. Children age 6 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins December 5.

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Pinney Library is a donation site for the Atwood Tool Library. Drop off clean, working, non-gas powered tool donations. To learn more about the Atwood Tool Library, visit their website at: sustainableatwood.org/tool-library

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A view of the Milwaukee Street Bridge as of October 13, 2015. It would have been nice to show a picture of the completed bridge, but it is scheduled to be completed around the middle of November, and it will be a vast improvement over the old bridge.



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