

Greenway Fields

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The Strawn Park Rubber Mulch Crew

President's Letter

Once again we would like to thank David Bland and Marianne Roos for opening their home to host our annual holiday party in December. It was nice to see so many familiar faces and meet new residents who have moved into Greenway Fields this past year. The holiday party is just one of our many events throughout the year. If you missed it we hope to see you at our next event.

The Greenway Fields Homes Association Annual meeting is Saturday, February 8th, 9 AM at the Brookside Bar & Grill. Please join your neighbors for the report on the 2014 budget, elections to the board, and improvements planned for our neighborhood. Come early for the complimentary breakfast starting at 8:30. RSVP for breakfast to: board@greenwayfields.org

You may have noticed that after a snowfall, our streets are cleared sooner than surrounding streets. This is because a portion of your homes association dues pay for a private snow plowing contractor. Greenway Fields' policy is to plow if the snow is over 2 inches. Just a friendly reminder about removing parked cars from the street when snowfall is in the forecast. This aids in helping our contractor clean the streets and push snow to each curb. When pulling off the street please avoid blocking the sidewalks.

After a long drawn out year of sewer and storm drain work near Strawn Park (63rd & Summit) I am happy to report that we have updated the mulch in the playground to new rubber mulch. This was planned for early spring then delayed because of the construction. Thanks to some helpful residents on a cold December morning, we spread out 15,000 pounds of rubber mulch in under 40 minutes at a cost of \$4,000. The new mulch adds greater fall safety protection and should last many years to come. I invite you to stop by and play! Thanks again for residents taking time out of their day to help.

On a final note, after serving on the board for more than four years, the last two of which as president of GFHA/GFNCID, I plan to step aside at the annual meeting in February to work on other ventures. It has been rewarding work and much fun these many years.

Upcoming Events



GFHA Annual Meeting

Sat, Feb 8

Hot Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Meeting Begins at 9:00 AM

Brooksider Sports Bar & Grill

6330 Brookside Plaza

Scheduled Agenda Points

Board Elections

Yearly Financial Report

Neighborhood News



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Emerald Ash Borer May Have Met Its Match

Woodpeckers find emerald ash borers a handy food source and may slow the spread of this noxious pest, even ultimately controlling it, suggest researchers from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Their findings are published online in the journal *Forest Ecology and Management*. “We found we have a native predator that is able to detect and respond to this new rich food resource,” said Charles Flower, UIC postdoctoral research associate in biology and first author of the study. Since the emerald ash borer was first found feeding on trees in southeastern Michigan in 2002, this Asian invader has been responsible for the death of 30 million trees in the northeastern U.S. and Canada. In Chicago, where the emerald ash borer is already

destroying trees, 17% of the street trees are ash—85,000 trees, with an estimated 300,000 more ash trees on private property. “In 2006 we started establishing observation plots across Ohio and into Michigan so that we could follow the decline of trees and the impact on the ecosystem,” Flower said. In this study the researchers wanted to see if native bark-foraging birds, including woodpeckers and nuthatches, were feeding on the emerald ash borer. They hoped that unlike other exotic invasive species which run amok in new regions because of the lack of predators to keep them in check, the emerald ash borer might meet its match in native predators—bark foraging birds like the woodpecker and nuthatch. This kind of “bio-control” would be as, or perhaps more, efficient than other methods to slow the spread of this pest, said Flower. Chemical treatments are expensive and may cause harm to trees and other fauna, and the introduction of an ash borer predator from its native range in Asia might bring with it a host of new problems, he said. One of the ways a predator can respond to a new abundant food source, according to Flower, is a functional response: the woodpeckers alter their behavior in a way that allows them to find emerald ash borers more efficiently and then consume them more than other prey. One woodland area being monitored lay behind Dempsey Middle School in Delaware, Ohio. The researchers enlisted the help of schoolchildren to do a precise accounting of bug and woodpecker activity in the area, said Christopher Whelan, an avian ecologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey, UIC adjunct assistant professor of biology and a co-author of the study. When emerald ash borer larvae emerge from eggs laid on the tree, they burrow in and eat their way through the phloem layer of the tree, the vascular system that delivers water and nutrients from root to branch. The insects create characteristic serpentine galleries that cut this vascular system, starving the

Board of Directors Call for Volunteers

Please consider serving as a *Greenway Fields Board of Director*. Our beautiful community continues to thrive as a direct result of the dedicated talents of many individuals like you! The following is a list of the many ways to serve:


- **Event Coordination** – Annual meeting, summer picnic, popsicle parade, holiday gathering
- **Quarterly Newsletter** – Copywriting, photos, layout, advertising
- **Block Captain Coordinator** – Empowers block captains to send neighbors timely communications
- **Social Media** – Updates our website, Facebook page, recognizes Exceptional Homes
- **Financial Management** – HAKC handles bookkeeping, but expenditures require approval and budgeting
- **Security Coordination** – Liaison to security patrol
- **Landscape Coordination** – Manages landscape and snow plow contractors
- **Special Projects** – Examples include tree replacement initiative, playground rubber mulch, better visibility at traffic circles

Specifics:

- Four board positions need to be filled. Additionally, non-board volunteers are needed to help with committees and special projects
- Board positions have a term of 2 years.
- Monthly meetings last <1½ hours during evening hours that are convenient for the group. A few additional hours may be required between meetings depending on the position
- Elections are held at the annual meeting on February 8th at the Brookside. Complimentary hot breakfast will be offered at 8:30 AM. Our business meeting will begin at 9:00 AM.

If you're interested in serving on the Board, please contact one of the current Board members with any questions or email board@greenwayfields.org to put your name on the ballot.

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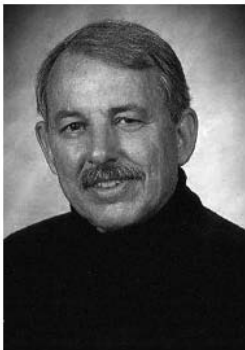
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tree. Eventually mature adults exit the tree to start the process again. A section of trees in the stand behind the school was cut down for examination each year for two years. The students searched for and painted all the holes they found in the bark of each tree—a different color each for large round woodpecker holes, for the characteristic crescent-shaped holes mature emerald ash borers make exiting a tree and for holes made by other insects. Paint seeped through to dye the stem beneath, and after the bark was stripped the students could identify woodpecker holes that penetrated into emerald ash borer galleries, or into holes made by other bugs. The students tracked the fate of each bug that had been in the tree. Instead of relying on a statistical estimate of the insect population and thus the food source available, every bug and its fate were accounted for. “This was looking at woodpecker foraging at a fine tree-by-tree scale,” said Flower. Their results proved that woodpeckers were indeed choosing to prey on emerald ash borers—eating 85% of the emerald ash borer in an infested tree. Another type of predator response to a new food source is a numerical response: the numbers of the predator, in this case woodpeckers and other bark foraging birds, increase either because they were moving into the area or reproducing more successfully. **For more information visit:** <http://news.uic.edu/emerald-ash-borer-may-have-met-its-match>



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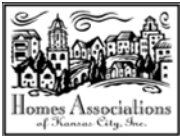


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