

Village of Kenilworth Newsletter

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Letter from the Village President



Dear Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. As we head into fall and the beginning of the school year I would like remind all drivers to take special care and be alert for children walking to and from school.

Over the course of the summer, I have received several questions regarding a Village of Kenilworth public information piece mailed to all residents dated June 15, 2006. This public information mailer was printed on green letter-sized paper and contained information on historic preservation, specifically, National Register Districts. Some residents have expressed concern the mailing was intended to advocate for a particular approach or end-result regarding historic preservation. I was personally involved in reviewing the letter you received, along with other Village officials and staff, and I would like to assure all residents the mailing on historic preservation was simply intended to

provide information on the various aspects, issues, and components surrounding the topic of historic preservation. The mailing was never intended to advocate a particular position or approach regarding historic preservation.

Historic preservation in the Village of Kenilworth is obviously an issue of concern to many residents. The Village Board continues to learn more about this topic. At this early stage, no one can know what the ultimate outcome may be, but I urge everyone to stay informed. For the most up to date information on upcoming Village of Kenilworth meetings and events, visit the Village's website at: www.villageofkenilworth.org.

I realize historic preservation can be an emotional topic for some, with strong-held convictions on both sides regarding what is the right or wrong approach for the Village. I ask everyone to respect the

opinions of their neighbors and fellow residents. Please debate and discuss the matter civilly, and strive not to personalize the issue. How or what to do about historic preservation is a challenge for any community, but I am certain our residents can work through the consideration of the issues on this topic by valuing all people and all opinions.

To keep informed about the Village's business activities, don't forget that meeting agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the Village's cable channel, the website at www.villageofkenilworth.org and are also posted at the Village Hall and the Kenilworth Train Station. I urge everyone to use these resources to stay abreast of current issues of interest to you.

Have a great fall!

T. Tolbert Chisum
 Village President

Village Update

Village Welcomes New Manager

At the June 12, 2006 Village Board meeting, the Kenilworth Village Board appointed Brad Burke to fill the position of Village Manager, following the resignation of Max Slankard. Brad was selected following a recruitment process, coordinated by Kennedy Consulting, which included interviews before a committee consisting of Village residents and interviews with the full Kenilworth Village Board.

Brad recently served the Village of Lake Bluff as Assistant Village Administrator for just over two years and, prior to that, was employed by the Village of Gurnee for over seven years in various positions including Assistant Administrator. In addition to his professional local government service, Brad has demonstrated his commitment to continued

professional development by earning a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Brad is also an active member in professional organizations pertaining to professional municipal management including the Illinois City/County Management Association as well as the Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants.

Brad was born and raised near Dodge City, Kansas and moved to Illinois approximately thirteen years ago to attend graduate school. Since moving to Illinois, Brad has gained local government management experience working for four different municipalities located throughout



New Village Manager,
Brad Burke

the Chicago metropolitan area. Brad and his family currently reside in Evanston, and have lived in that community for the past six years.

Brad joined the staff and began his service to the Village on June 26, 2006. The Village Manager provides overall direction and administration of policies and procedure established by the President and Board of Trustees and coordinates activities of Village Departments. The Village Board encourages all Kenilworth residents to extend a warm welcome to Brad.

Village Board Thanks Long Standing Trustee and Welcomes New Trustee

At the July 17, 2006 Village Board meeting, Trustee John McGinnis resigned from the Village Board. Mr. McGinnis was to have served until April 2007. Trustee McGinnis was initially elected to the Village Board on April 1999 and was reelected to a second term in 2003. During his tenure, Trustee McGinnis chaired the Streets, Drainage and Public Works and Community Affairs Committees of the Village Board and also served as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee. In addition to

his service as chairman of the aforementioned committees, Trustee McGinnis also served as a member of the Community Affairs Committee, Water and Electricity Committee, and Street, Drainage and Public Works Committee. Trustee McGinnis made significant contributions to the Village and will be sorely missed. In his resignation letter Trustee McGinnis stated, "It has been my privilege to serve the Village of Kenilworth for the last seven years and I wish you, and my fellow Trustees, the best as you continue to represent the interests of the residents of the Village."

Trustee John Vitt Appointed to Village Board

Village President Chisum appointed John Vitt to fill the vacancy created by Trustee McGinnis's resignation at the July 17, 2006 Village Board meeting. Mr. Vitt holds degrees in

finance from Marquette University and DePaul University. He currently works in the insurance industry. Mr. Vitt is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; Association for Advanced Life Underwriting; Society of Financial Services Professionals; and General Agents and Managers Association. Socially, Mr. Vitt serves as Director of the Western Golf Association and as a founding Board Member of the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Vitt has served as a member of the Village's Ad Hoc Committee, and as past president of the New Trier H.S. Hockey Association and Kenilworth Bowling League.

Mr. Vitt is married, and he and his wife Suzanne have four children: Andrew, Corey, Emily, and Molly.

Board Action Update

Current Activities and Actions of the Board of Trustees

In this issue, the business of the Board of Trustees during the months of June, July, August and September 2006 are highlighted.

Meeting minutes can be found on the Village website.

Building Planning and Zoning

- Passed Ordinance #958 Amending Chapters 31 and 32 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Kenilworth, 1959, as Amended, Regarding Driveway Curb Cuts and Notice to neighboring properties for a Subdivision request. This Ordinance addresses two principle provisions. First, in order to address pedestrian safety issues regarding multiple driveways within a block and character of the community, it limits curb cuts to one per lot, minimizing circular driveways, providing an "appeals" or "relief" process if certain safety concerns exist. Second, it makes Notice of the initial meeting of the Plan Commission the responsibility of the applicant of a request for relief under Chapter 32, Subdivision. The applicant must communicate to all property owners within 400 feet of the property in question.

- Authorization scheduling of a public hearing for a draft ordinance amending the Kenilworth Zoning Ordinance, 1969 as Amended, providing zoning relief to existing homes to help owners of older homes more easily renovate and expand their homes, lot consolidations and subdivisions requirements, extending out the existing floor area ratio scale for lots of 24,000 sq. ft. and larger to provide for consistency in sizes of homes proportionate to lot sizes, amending impervious surface standard requirement to meet existing overall lot coverage

standards, modifying the requirements for dormers in half stories, and mailing of legal notices. These hearings were scheduled for September 7 and 26 but were deferred until the Board determined how hearings should be conducted. The Board has since agreed to schedule public hearings to be held by a Committee of the Whole Board. (See Page 8 for more details.)

- Passed Ordinance #967 Amending the Kenilworth Zoning Code, 1969, as Amended, to Allow Automobile Galleries to be included in the already existing permitted uses of automobile service and gas stations, automobile supply stores, art galleries, and furniture stores in the B-3 Business District.

Community Affairs

- A Committee Meeting will be held on September 27 to discuss the topic of historic preservation.

Finance

- Passed Ordinance #959 Abating the Tax Levied for the Year 2005 to Pay the Debt Service on \$5.0 Million G. O. Bond Series 2002, because alternative funding was available.

- Passed Ordinance #960 Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. This Ordinance appropriates the funds to cover the Village's estimated expenditures for the year. The current year's appropriation is \$3,765,826, including unbudgeted contingencies.

- Passed Ordinance #961 Authorizing the Issuance of Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Refunding Bonds. This issuance is to replacing existing 2002 bonds with a lower interest rate and longer term. (See Ordinance #965)

- Passed Ordinance #962 Increasing the Sewer Service Fee from \$0.30 to \$0.50 Per 100 Cubic Feet of Water Use. An April 2006 comparison by the NW Municipal Conference of more than twenty surrounding communities indicates that sewer rates in the area are almost three times those of Kenilworth. Therefore, this Ordinance allows for fees to be collected in order to fund the Village's on-going relining and maintenance of the sewer system infrastructure.

- Passed Ordinance #963 Certifying the Prevailing Rate of Wages for fiscal year 2006-7. The Village must certify the prevailing rate of wages in the area for which it uses the current prevailing rates in the Cook County area.

- Approved the authorization to pay the May 2006 bills in the amount of \$185,034.28.

- Approved the authorization to pay the June bills in the amount of \$376,559.70.

- Passed Ordinance #965 Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of \$4,615,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006B, of the Village of Kenilworth, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding the Village's outstanding General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002, prescribing the details of said bonds, and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of the waterworks system revenues to pay said Bonds.

- Passed Ordinance #966 Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing General Obligation Bonds to the Voters of the Village of Kenilworth, Cook County, Illinois, at the General Election to be Held on the 7th Day of November, 2006. (See page 5 for more details)

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In More Detail

Upcoming Hearings: Amendments to Zoning Code

The Building, Planning and Zoning (BPZ) Committee of the Village Board has proposed amendments to the Kenilworth Zoning Ordinance of 1969 and would like to gather your opinions at upcoming **public hearings** this fall, dates to be determined.

SUBJECTS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. To make it easier for owners of older homes to modify and expand their homes to attain the contemporary floor plans and space needs desired by residents and home buyers today, provide ***Zoning Relief*** (zoning credits) for some features of homes built before 1990 (when Kenilworth's Floor Area Ratio standards were adopted). Since the adoption of those standards, many interior and exterior building architectural features have been counted as living space. The proposal would **allow up to 10% Floor Area Ratio credit for open porches (screened and unscreened), exterior covered entries, and bay windows** built before the standards were adopted in 1990. Porte-cocheres would no longer count toward Floor Area Ratio or building coverage. The proposal is intended to provide some relief for older homes that, because of sometimes inefficient floor plans, have difficulty being remodeled to provide the needs of today's life styles.

2. **In anticipation of pressures (seen in nearby communities) to consolidate and subdivide lots for development, the following changes are being considered to conserve existing neighborhood character and patterns of development:**

- Create maximum lot width for each neighborhood to ensure lot sizes and the corresponding homes built on those lots remain compatible with existing neighborhood character. Such a provision would prevent the consolidation of lots for the purpose of constructing a home double the size of existing homes on neighboring lots. Coupled with other changes recommended below, the proposed changes would not prevent the purchase of a neighboring lot to retain greenspace.
- Add a provision for minimum lot width in each neighborhood so lot sizes remain compatible with existing neighborhood character. Such a provision would prevent larger lots from being subdivided and multiple homes developed on the resulting smaller lots.
- Amend definitions in the zoning ordinance (frontage, through lot, lot width, front lot line, and rear lot line) to make zoning ordinance definitions consistent with definitions found in the subdivision ordinance. This is a "housekeeping" update which will result in consistent language in the two codes to eliminate ambiguity or confusion for applicants.
- Amend the Maximum FAR (floor area ratio) section for new homes in the zoning ordinance to apply to lots of 24,000 sq. ft and larger. The zoning district with the Village's largest lots is the R-1 district. The typical lot size in the R-1 district is 17,500 sq. ft. The Village's existing sliding scale for new homes results in a decreasing floor-to-

area ratio as the lot size increases. The existing scale in the zoning ordinance stops at lots of 24,000 sq. ft. for new homes, and the proposed amendment extends the FAR sliding scale out further to lots 24,000 sq. ft. and greater. The proposal is intended to prevent new homes from overwhelming the size of homes on adjacent and neighboring lots.

- To work in tandem with the maximum and minimum lot width proposals, provide ability for property owner to purchase the lot next door to use as open space. This would be done by creating a new definition, "Temporary Open Space Lot" ("TOSL"), keeping that lot as open yard space, but as a separate lot not for purposes of expanding house size. This also requires amendment of the zoning ordinance to set the standards for future separation of a "TOSL" from the lot on which the house sits, so the lot can be developed in the future to be consistent with neighborhood character.

3. ***Amend the existing Impervious Surface Standard*** requirement so that it works in tandem with our building coverage requirements to meet overall lot coverage standards. Currently, if a structure exceeds allowable *building* coverage, the homeowner is still allowed *impervious surface* coverage of 25% of the lot area, regardless of how much of the lot is exceeded by building coverage allowed under the code. The proposed amendment helps to address storm water drainage issues and is in keeping with how other communities calculate impervious surface.

4. To address some bulk and privacy issues regarding dormers,

Upcoming Public Hearings continued

modify the requirements for dormers in half stories* to allow any individual dormer to be as wide as 25% of the length of the exterior wall where it will be located, with multiple dormers adding up to no more than 50% of the wall, which is the total currently allowed. For example, a building could have two dormers, each taking up 25% of the width of the exterior wall, rather than one dormer taking up 50%. This can be an issue particularly where garages with dormers are concerned, as garages can be two feet from the neighboring property line.

* Sloping roofed half stories are typically found on the third floor attics of homes and the second floor space of detached garages.

5. Create a provision to require applicants to the Zoning Board of Appeals to mail the legal notices to neighbors, removing the responsibility and cost from the Village.

Background of Proposed Amendments:

To understand the background of the proposed amendments, please see:

- minutes from the Building, Planning, Zoning Committee
- recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee for Community Planning
- minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee for Community planning meetings

All are available in hard copy at Village Hall or on the village website at www.villageofkenilworth.org. Also available are copies of the draft ordinance amendments.

Your questions and comments on the proposed amendments are important. Residents are encouraged to attend the upcoming public hearings in order for the Village Board to gather public opinion. Please look for notice of upcoming hearing dates posted at the Village Hall, the train station, online at www.villageofkenilworth.org, and in a mailing to the community.

November Election Holds Financial Planning Question for Kenilworth Residents

At the general election on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Village of Kenilworth:

“Shall bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$3,900,000 be issued by the Village of Kenilworth, Cook County, Illinois, to pay and retire alternate bonds previously issued by the Village, said new issuance of bonds to bear interest at the rate not to exceed 4.5% per annum?”

This question is referring to a refinancing of bonds which is expected to result in **cumulative interest savings of \$215,000**, with a net present value of almost \$175,000, which would be reflected in a **small property tax reduction for residents**. It would also avoid the bond and legal costs of issuing new bonds each year. The new bonds would have to bear interest rates not to exceed 4.5% per annum. This

refinancing will not occur unless savings are achieved for the residents. **This refinancing would also add to the flexibility for future bonding needs of the Village.**

This opportunity surfaced when President Chisum instructed the Finance Committee to evaluate our bond funds and to reduce costs to our residents. The Finance Committee met with Crowe Chizek and Company, the Village’s financial advisor, to review the Village’s existing debt and to discuss possible debt restructuring alternatives.

During their planning, the Finance Committee discussed the Village’s Series 1999 Alternate Revenue Source Bonds and possible refinancing. The Series 1999 Alternate Bonds are funded annually via the issuance of Limited Tax Refunding Bonds. The Series 1999 Alternate Bonds are callable

December 1, 2006.

At their May 8, 2006 meeting, the Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend refinancing of the Series 1999 Alternate Bonds. **The proposed refunding is expected to result in interest rate savings** and will have the same term as the existing Series 1999 Alternate Bonds. By having the bonds authorized by referendum, **the annual “Limited Tax Refunding Bonds” will not need to be issued each year to cover the Series 1999 payment, which will result in additional savings in annual transaction costs.**

In order for this savings to be implemented, the question needs to be presented to residents. Therefore, the question will be on the ballot at the November 7th election. The polls will be open on November 7 from 6:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.

In More Detail

Plan Commission: Online Questionnaire Gives Residents Opportunity for Input into Comprehensive Plan Process

The Village of Kenilworth is soliciting resident input on the development of a new Comprehensive Plan for the community. A new Comprehensive Plan is needed for the Village to protect and enhance the character of the residential neighborhoods and guide the revitalization and improvement of the Village's commercial areas. A Comprehensive Plan will help build community consensus to help integrate land use, zoning, transportation, housing, environmental, economic development, and public facility policies of the community.

We want your input. Residents interested in providing input on the development of Kenilworth's Comprehensive Land Use Plan are encouraged to visit the Village's website at www.villageofkenilworth.org and click on the link for resident questionnaire to provide their input.

In addition to the questionnaire, residents will find information on upcoming meeting dates and times and additional information on the process for developing Kenilworth's Comprehensive Plan. If you have questions regarding the

Comprehensive Land Use Plan process, please contact Brad Burke, Village Manager at 847-251-1666.

The Plan Commission is hard at work with consultants, Houseal Lavigne to create an open process and to identify issues which need to be taken into account as the Comprehensive Plan is formulated. On June 5, a Community Workshop was held to start the process. The Resident questionnaire is another step in the process.

Please take a few moments and fill out this questionnaire online. If you do not have access to online services, a paper copy of the questionnaire may be picked up at Village Hall.

It is especially important to note, that community outreach and citizen participation is the foundation of the planning process. The online questionnaire will remain open to allow additional time for residents to participate in the process. Results from the online questionnaire will not be reviewed until the closing date of October 13. The online questionnaire is not intended to serve as a statistically significant survey instrument, but rather as an additional means for residents to participate in the process and communicate some of their thoughts and concerns regarding different

aspects of the Village. The online questionnaire is simply an additional way to gather community input, as many people may not have been able to attend past (or future) meetings.

It is also important to note that the comprehensive planning process includes several other community workshops to review and discuss items such as: a vision for the community and its different areas; community goals and objectives; design and aesthetic preferences for the commercial areas along Green Bay Road and Park Drive; and overall planning recommendations and policies. Every step of the planning process will include and be driven by community feedback and participation.

The members of the Plan Commission are as follows: Robert Smietana, Chairman, Tim Dugan, Gwen Sommers Yant, Henry Mawicke, Dirk Degenaars, Elizabeth Bannon, Susan Hoopes, Jim Junewicz, Tolbert Chisum (Ex-officio, Village President), Thomas Feeney (Ex-officio, Park District President), Frank Cavalier (Ex-officio, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman).

Complete the Comprehensive Plan Resident Questionnaire.

Simply click the resident questionnaire link at:

www.villageofkenilworth.org.

Or pick up a hard copy in Village Hall

The deadline to complete the questionnaire has been extended to Friday, October 13, 2006.

Changes in Membership on the Zoning Board of Appeals

At the July 17, 2006 Village Board Meeting, it was announced that Robert Cunningham, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Member of the Plan Commission resigned his positions, as did Clifford Weaver also a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Both gentlemen served our Village extremely well and for a significant

length of time. Between the two of them, they served for close to 40 years. They will be missed. As you see them, please thank them for their years of dedicated service.

As of July 17, 2006, the Village Board nominated and approved unanimously the appointment of Frank Cavalier as the new Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Kristin Kelly Casas was unanimously approved to fill the unexpired term of member Clifford Weaver on the same board.

As of August 14, 2006, Mark Hinkamp was unanimously approved to fill the remaining term of Frank Cavalier on the Zoning Board of Appeals, bringing that Board back to a full membership.

Board Action Update Cont.

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- Approved the authorization to pay the July 2006 bills in the amount of \$205,097.93.
- Approved the authorization to pay the August 2006 bills in the amount of \$158,312.51.

Police and Fire

- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County for the Provision of Wide Area Network Equipment and Connectivity (Live Scan). Live Scan is a name given to computer technology which enables the police to electronically collect an arrested person's fingerprints, identify individuals with prior data in the system, and share arrest information across the country.
- The Police Department jointly purchased a CodeRed Emergency Notification System.
- Officer Jason Kalinowski completed Basic Law Enforcement training and is currently completing his field training program.

Water and Electricity

- With the proceeds of the Girl Scout towel sale earlier this year, the Girl Scouts are purchasing five heavy duty tables for use at the beach.
- Approved Authorization to join the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative

(NIMEC) for the Purchase of Electricity. This allows the Village to take advantage of pooling the purchase of electricity to receive the best rates due to the change in ComEd no longer producing electricity and expected rate increases caused by deregulation.

Streets, Drainage and Public Works

- Approved Ordinance #964 Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Citicapital Commercial for a Bobcat Toolcat 5600T.
- An unusually large loss of trees this year, caused the tree removal budget to be over-expended already.
- Approved the termination of the Sidewalk Contract with M&C Scavelli. Approved a bid award to Concrete Express, Ltd. for the 2006 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project at the 2005 unit pricing, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Other

- Approved the Employment Agreement for Bradley J. Burke as Village Manager.
- Approved Resolution R2006-08 appointing Bradley J. Burke as the Village's authorized agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

- Approved Resolution R2006-09 appointing Bradley J. Burke as the Village's representative to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency, with Maryann Van Dyke, Village Finance Administrator as the Village's alternate.

- Appointed new Village Manager Bradley J. Burke as the Village's Deputy Clerk.

- Approved Resolution R2006-10 appointing Trustee Cristy Laier as the Village's Director on the Board of Directors of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County with Bradley J. Burke as the Village's Alternate Director.

- Approved confirmation of last year's appointment of Trustee Katie White and approve the reappointment of Trustee Craig Miller to the Police Pension Board for three year terms.

- Approved Resolution of Appreciation for Anne Hill Bird, Secretary for the Kenilworth Assembly Hall Association and Facility Manager.

- Approved Proclamation declaring September as Save A Life Month, to promote Life Supporting First Aid Training in Major Cities.

- Approved Raffle Request for Juvenile Protection Association for November 9, 2006.

Emerald Ash Borer Found in Neighboring Communities

On August 22, the Illinois Department of Agriculture officials confirmed the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found in Winnetka. The infestation was discovered by an arborist while assisting in an extensive survey initiated as a result of infestations in Wilmette and Evanston. Representatives from the Department of Agriculture are in the process of surveying all ash trees found in the public right-of-way in Kenilworth. At this time, the Department of Agriculture is not planning to survey ash trees located on private property. Surveying trees includes climbing the trees to inspect them from the top down as the borer tends to attack the crown of the tree first and then move to the base of the tree.

What is the Emerald Ash Borer?

The EAB is a destructive, non-native pest that feasts on ash trees. It was discovered in southeastern Michigan, near Detroit, in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients and ultimately killing the tree.

The EAB probably arrived in the United States from Asia on solid wood packing materials carried in cargo ships or airplanes. EAB is also established in southwest Ontario, and was found in Ohio in 2003, northern Indiana in 2004, and now in Illinois in 2006.

The first case was detected in Illinois in June in Kane County. Since then, the insect has also been found in Wilmette and Evanston. A quarantine zone has been established around 51 square miles of Kane County to contain the spread there. A survey of Cook County is currently underway. Once the survey in Cook County is complete, the quarantine will be amended to reflect the infestation in



Adult Emerald Ash Borer
Emeraldashborer.info

Wilmette, Evanston and Winnetka.

Since its discovery, EAB has killed more than 20 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and southern Ontario. Most of the devastation is in southeastern Michigan.

How do you Know if an Ash Tree is Infested?

Symptoms of a tree being infested include:

- D-shaped exit holes, about 3 mm in diameter, on the branches and trunk.



D-shaped exit hole
EmeraldashBorer.info

- Canopy thinning and branch dieback occurring initially in the upper third of the tree.
- Initial thinning or yellowing of the foliage (general or limited to certain branches).
- A large number of shoots that arise below the dead portions of the tree particularly at the tree base.
- Woodpecker injury--woodpeckers strip away small patches of bark, so that they can extract the borers.
- Larval galleries--typical galleries meander, bending suddenly, and are packed with frass.

What Should You do about EAB?

Homeowners should take the following steps to combat the spread of EAB:

- Do not transport firewood! Campers or vacationers should purchase firewood from a source local to their destination, and should not bring firewood home from summer homes or vacations. Firewood transport is the primary way EAB has spread from state to state.
- When you purchase firewood at home, be careful who you purchase it from and know the origination of the wood.
- Familiarize yourself with Ash trees, the appearance of the EAB and the signs of infestation. Excellent information is on the Village's website: www.villageofkenilworth.org or on the website of the Morton Arboretum: <http://www.mortonarb.org/plantinfo/plantclinic/EAB.htm>.

This is a serious problem. Virtually all native ash trees are at risk.

The Department of Agriculture has stated that no ash trees within the survey area should be taken down and that no permits should be issued for the removal of ash trees on private property. It is best not to disturb the trees if they are infested. Disturbing an infested tree can force the borer to take flight and land on other ash trees in the area. Due to concerns about proper disposal of infested trees and related tree stumps, the Department of Agriculture would like to see all trees remain in place until it can develop a plan to accept and properly dispose of infested trees once they are removed. The Village has discontinued issuing tree removal permits for ash trees on private property until it receives direction from the Department of Agriculture it is okay to do so.

If you believe you have spotted a borer, or signs of an infestation, please contact the Village at 847-251-1666.

Tree Talk—Village Tree Planting Program

The Village continues to be concerned about the replacement of trees lost due to disease, drought, and other threats to Kenilworth's urban forest.

Historically, tree replacement has not kept pace with tree removal, and the Village Board continues to be concerned the visual character of the Village is changing as a result of tree loss.

The Village asks for your help in protecting and preserving Kenilworth's urban forest. The Village Tree Planting Program offers a choice of trees for planting on parkways and private properties. This year, as in past years, the Kenilworth Beautification Committee assisted in selecting the types of trees available to develop a balanced variety of trees in Kenilworth. Due to limited forestry funds, residents are asked to participate at their own expense.

If you are not interested in planting a tree on your property, the Village asks residents to consider a tax



deductible donation to permit the Village to plant a tree on a parkway, in a park, or other municipal area. Donations of any

amount are welcome and will be applied to the purchase of trees for public property. This year, donations are specifically being sought for the purchase of crabapple trees to be planted in the boulevard along Park Drive. Trees planted on your property are not tax deductible.

As in the past, the Village Tree Planting Program is based on a contract awarded to reputable nurseries in the area. By taking bids and purchasing in quantity, the prices are considerably lower than buying similar trees at retail.

You will receive a copy of the Village Tree Planting Program form in the mail in the near future. If

you are interested in participating, fill out the application and return it to the Village Hall. Applications must be submitted by **OCTOBER 12TH** in order to be included in this year's program.

After your application is received the Village will contact the person you designate to determine the exact location of the tree to be planted. Utilities will then be checked to insure the planting location will not interfere with such services. For private plantings, the nurseries may add a surcharge and request adequate access in rear yard plantings to allow for hauling the tree and removal of extra soil.

We sincerely hope you will be able to participate in our program this year. Your contribution will help restore one of our Village's most valuable assets and will be deeply appreciated by the Village Board.

Special Note: Girl Scout Troup 102 has dedicated a hybrid elm tree in recognition of the girls who have received their Bronze Star, the highest Junior Scout award.

Protect Your Identity—Shred Personal Documents

SWANCC, the Suburban Waste Agency is sponsoring a Paper Document Destruction Event on Saturday, September 23, 2006 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.. The event is hosted by the Village of Winnetka at the Public Works Facility at 1390 Willow Road, Winnetka.

This collection is for SWANCC area residents only, at no costs to residents. Proof of residency will be

required. The collection will take place rain or shine.

A sample of the following items can be brought: bank statements, medical forms, personal files, retired tax forms, receipts. Staples and paperclips do not need to be removed but please remove binders.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, it is estimated that 10 million Americans were victims of identity theft last year. One tip to help prevent identity theft is to shred all personal documents.

Join us for this event. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Bill Willing at: 847-716-3261.

In Case of an Emergency— Be Sure We Have Your Number

The Police and Fire Departments in New Trier Township, including Winnetka, Kenilworth, Wilmette, Glencoe and Northfield, have contracted with CodeRed, a company that provides us the ability to contact many homes by telephone in a short period of time. This system will be used for emergency situations only, such as lost children or challenged adults, emergency boil orders or environmental emergencies. It will not be used for non-emergency situations such as power outages, traffic re-routes or snow parking bans.



The system is activated by geographical area and uses phone numbers culled from various sources. Not all homes will be included due to uncontrollable circumstances. Some phones are not listed in public sources.

If you live in a New Trier community and wish to be sure that your phone number is included in the call list, please go to this Internet web link. You may also add cell phones or business numbers if you wish.

<http://login.coderedweb.com/codereddataentry/index.cfm?GroupId=1196>

If you have further questions, or do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Kenilworth Police Department 847-251-2141 and ask for the Code Red Coordinator.

To ensure your numbers are listed with CodeRed, go online to:

<http://login.coderedweb.com/codereddataentry/index.cfm?GroupId=1196>

Calendar

Residents are encouraged to attend Village Board and Committee meetings. Upcoming meetings follow with dates subject to change. Check the website (www.villageofkenilworth.org) or call Village Hall to confirm. Meetings are generally held at Village Hall unless otherwise noted.

September 2006

- 9/6 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 9/7 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- 9/11 - Village Board Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- 9/12 - Plan Commission—7:30 p.m.
- 9/16 - Village Beach Clean-Up Day—8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 9/18 - Zoning Board of Appeals—7:30 p.m.
- 9/20 - Building Review Commission—7:30 p.m.
- 9/26 - Building, Planning & Zoning Committee—7:30 p.m.
- 9/27 - Community Affairs Meeting—7:30 p.m.

October 2006

- 10/3 - Building, Planning & Zoning Committee—7:30 p.m.
- 10/4 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 10/5 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- 10/10 - Village Board Meeting— 7:30 p.m.
- 10/11 - Plan Commission —7:30 p.m.

November 2006

- 11/1 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 11/2 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- 11/6 - Plan Commission —7:30 p.m.
- 11/13 - Village Board Meeting— 7:30 p.m.

December 2006

- 12/4 - Plan Commission Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- 12/6 - Finance Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m.
- 12/7 - Park District Board Meeting—5:00 p.m.
- 12/11 - Village Board Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Want to avoid a high water bill? Send in that meter card!

If no one is home when the meter reader comes, he will leave a postage paid card with instructions on how to read your meter. The Water Department asks that you fill out and return the card promptly. The card can be mailed or dropped off at Village Hall. Also, meter readings can simply be called in to the Water Department. If we are unable to get a meter reading by the end of the month, your water usage will be estimated.

Usually, the first indication of a

water leak to the homeowner is from an abnormally high water bill. Since your meter is read every 4 months, one estimate will create a period of 8 months without an actual reading. **This means a leak could go undetected for 8 months resulting in a cost to the homeowner of hundreds of dollars in wasted water!**

Send in that meter card or call your meter reading in to the Water Department at (847) 251- 1094.

Village Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village of Kenilworth is accepting requests for the inspection of the public sidewalk in front of your property for replacement only if it is cracked, deteriorated or offset.

The Village has offered this program for a number of years. This year the Village Board budgeted \$15,000 for the cooperative program. If you are not familiar with the program, this program allows property owners the opportunity to have the cost of sidewalk replacement shared on a 50/50 basis with the Village. Only sidewalk panels that are eligible for replacement will be replaced with this program.

The Village is undertaking a competitive bidding process at this time to determine the exact cost of replacement. We do, however, anticipate the cost will be approximately \$ 3.75 per square foot. For reference, a typical sidewalk panel is twenty – five (25) square feet. Therefore, the “per panel” total cost should be approximately \$ 93.75. Of that, the Village would pay 50%, and the homeowner would pay 50%.

Please consider participating in this program.

If you elect to participate, we will inform you as to the exact cost prior to you making a final commitment.

If you have any questions , please do not hesitate to contact Public Works Superintendent Iggy Fiorentino at (847) 251-9210.

Thank you for your consideration.

Historical Society Annual Dinner

The Kenilworth Historical Society biennial dinner is scheduled for Thurs., Oct 19, 2006 at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall. To better acquaint villagers with KHS, all residents will receive invitations.

The traditional autumn event will honor the Village's Centennial Houses. Bill Hinchliff, Kenilworth, native and celebrated local

historian, will tell us about "The Architecture of the North Shore". Watch the mail in September for your invitation.

Our exhibit, "The Suburban Ideal Revisited" continues to show the various styles of architecture in the village and information about the architects. Perhaps your house is included.

Chicago Architecture Foundation Walking Tours of Kenilworth

The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) has been giving tours of east Kenilworth on various Sundays, meeting at the Kenilworth Train Station at 1:00 p.m.. The early homes are discussed in great detail.



Learn about our Village history by knowledgeable docents with fascinating information! Tours are free to CAF members. The

South of Kenilworth Avenue tour date for the fall is September 24th. North of Kenilworth Avenue tour date for the fall is October 22nd.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is

pleased to inform you of this information and encourages you to take a tour!



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Mary Cole, Office Coordinator
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847-251-2141 – Non-Emergency
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