

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SHINGLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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SCNA Invites Guest Speakers to Neighborhood Meeting
 January 13, 6:30-8:30pm at Creekview Park

Shingle Creek Community Connections Bingo!

MetroTransit: PENN AVENUE CORRIDOR Arterial Bus Rapid Transit
 And Hennepin County: Penn Ave N Community Works



SCNA invites you to join us Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30pm at Creekview Park for a fun evening of getting to know new neighbors and learning more about improvements coming to the community. Come early and get your bingo card and play a quick game of Shingle Creek Community Bingo! A fun way to learn about the history of the neighborhood! Prizes for the winners! Doorprize too! Gift certificate to the Goddess of Glass! Free hot cocoa and cookies to boot!



Plan to attend to also learn more about this important package of transit enhancements that adds up to a faster trip and an improved experience on Metro Transit's busiest bus routes. MetroTransit Katie Roth will be joining us to explain the improved BRT and how you can help shape it in the future.



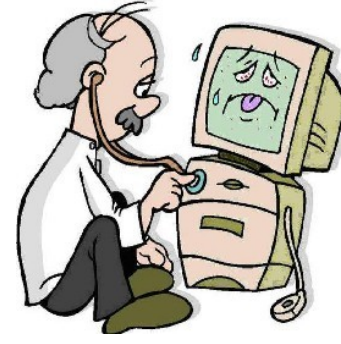
Also joining us will be Kelsey Dawson-Walton from Hennepin County to talk about the progress of the Penn Ave Community Works project.

Come and ask questions and give your input on these important projects. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next SCNA Meeting is:
 Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 pm at
 Creekview Park, 5001 Humboldt Ave N
 Minneapolis, 55430
 All meetings are free and open to the public.
 Any requests for special accommodations are welcome.
 Contact SCNA staff seven days prior to meeting:
 Mpls.scna@gmail.com
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Get free computer repair, support at upcoming "Fix-It Tech" events

The City of Minneapolis and many community partners will soon be offering free computer repair and technology support at three upcoming "Fix-It Tech" events.

If folks have a computer or laptop that is running slow, not working or appears to have a virus, they are encouraged to bring it in (with power cords) for free tech support. Volunteers at these events will teach valuable repair skills, answer questions, and give technical advice about computers and laptops. Computers and laptops will be looked at on a first-come, first-served basis. The consultation and labor are free but parts will be available for purchase. Volunteers may be able to help with smartphones and tablets depending on capacity.

Why "Fix-It Tech" events?

The City of Minneapolis developed the Fix-It Tech events with community partners in response to the Minneapolis Community Technology survey results and our experiences working with residents on their technology needs. The [2014 survey results](#) show that residents overall are not very comfortable trouble shooting computer problems, installing software or backing up files, or protecting themselves online.

Through these events the City and its partners are offering hands-on technical experience that will help residents get their items fixed, provide a place to get tech questions answered and get tips on how to maintain and protect personal devices.

Upcoming Fix-It Tech events

Friday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Takoda Institute – AIOIC
 1845 East Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, 55404

Friday, Feb. 27, 3 – 7 p.m.
 Oak Park Center – Pillsbury United Communities

1701 Oak Park Ave N., Minneapolis 55411

Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Waite House – Pillsbury United Communities
 2323 11th Ave S., Minneapolis, 55404

DEED Awards \$6.5 Million in Pollution Cleanup Funding

According to an article posted December 23, 2104 by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) by Madeline Koch, it awarded \$6.5 million in grants to clean up or investigate pollution at 17 redevelopment sites. The projects are expected to create 498 jobs and retain another 898 jobs.

Sites in Blue Earth County, Brooklyn Center, Duluth, Fridley, Hastings, Mankato, Minneapolis, New Ulm, St. Paul, South St. Paul, Vadnais Heights and White Bear Lake were approved for funding from the agency's Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grant Program.

Planned projects include a new children's museum, light-industrial building, residential and office buildings, a daycare center, senior housing complex, hotel and dock facility.

DEED cleanup and investigation grants, which are awarded twice a year, account for about 75 percent of funding used for reclaiming polluted sites and brownfields statewide. The remaining 25 percent comes from the Metropolitan Council, cities, counties, other local units of government, private landowners and developers.

Among the 17 sites Contaminated Sites for Cleanup and Investigation Grant Awards was the site on the southwest corner of the intersection at 49th Ave N and Brooklyn Boulevard, in Brooklyn Center. The Howe Fertilizer site will receive \$610,000. Funding will help pay for cleaning up pollutants on this 28-acre site, which contained a grain elevator, sawmill and laydown yard. A planned dock facility will create seven new jobs. The Duluth Port Authority will pay matching costs.



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FAMILY
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**Carl Kroening Inter-
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4900 Mississippi
Court N
Mpls, MN 55430**

January 4 Feed Me!
January 11 Snow and
Ice Art
January 18 Story
Walking-
Someone walks by
January 25 Tales of
Scales

at
**Kroening
Interpretive
Center**
Sundays—all ages.
**Drop in anytime from
1 to 3 p.m.**

How Can you Get Involved with Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association?

- *Volunteer for an upcoming event or activity
 - *Provide photos or stories for our monthly newsletter
 - *Volunteer to serve on the Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association Board and help make decisions about planning, promoting and connecting the community!
- Got questions?
Contact us at Facebook: Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association, or email us at mpls.scna@gmail.com

Ash Canopy Replacement Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

Remove. Replace. Respect the environment.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle that attacks and kills ash trees. As North American ash trees have no immunity to EAB, it will eventually kill all ash trees in Minneapolis. To lessen the impact, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is proactively removing ash trees and replacing them with other species.

What is the status of Emerald Ash Borer in Minneapolis? Since being first discovered in Minneapolis in 2010, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed in multiple locations, including park properties and boulevard trees.

How many ash trees are there in Minneapolis? More than 30,000 boulevard ash trees line Minneapolis streets in addition to approximately 10,000 ash trees located on park properties. There are also an estimated 200,000 ash trees on private property. Whether on public or private land, all ash trees are destined for infestation by EAB.

What is the MPRB's plan for managing the inevitable loss of ash trees due to EAB?

It's important to remember that all ash trees will become infested with EAB and die. At present, there is no way to stop the spread of EAB, so the issue becomes not if an ash tree will die but when. The MPRB has chosen an approach that removes and replaces boulevard and park ash trees over time in a manageable, proactive and thoughtful manner. This phased approach will be accomplished through our Ash Canopy Replacement Plan.

How many boulevard ash trees on a block will be removed each year?

Although a block's canopy may consist of more than one tree type, only ash trees will be removed. The MPRB plans to remove no more than 20 percent of the existing tree canopy on a block during a single season. To put that in context, if a city block has 25 boulevard trees of any species, no more than five ash trees will be removed in a single season.

(Note: boulevard ash trees that are confirmed or suspected of being infested are marked for removal and taken down as soon as possible and are not counted toward the 20 percent above.)

- 30,000 Boulevard ash trees
- 10,000 Ash trees on park properties
- 4,700 Ash trees removed since 2010
- 21,800 New trees planted since 2010
- 7,800 Trees to be planted in 2014

For more information on Emerald Ash Borer:
www.minneapolisparcs.org/EAB

To see maps of boulevard ash trees by neighborhood:
<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1220>

Some cities are choosing to treat ash trees with insecticides. Why isn't the Park Board chemically treating ash trees?

The MPRB takes its role as stewards of Minneapolis' natural resources very seriously. Not only do we work to protect our urban forest, but also the soil, water bodies, and other environmental elements that support it. Certain insecticides used to kill EAB are known to be partially responsible for the decline of bees. Since the long-term impacts to birds, pollinators and other species that ingest the insecticides used to kill EAB are unknown, the MPRB has chosen to use the most environmentally sound, insecticide-free approach possible.

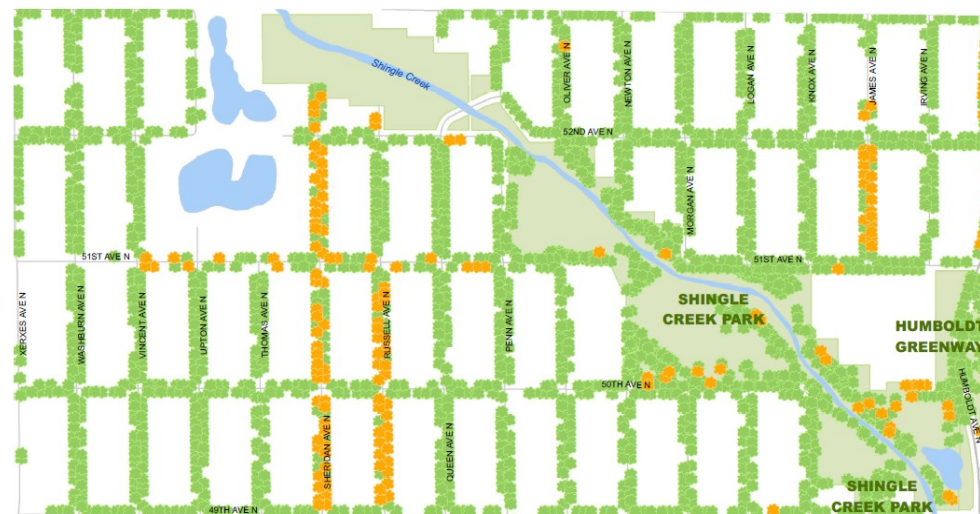
The current level of infestation of EAB in Minneapolis has not yet reached the point where large numbers of ash trees are dying and posing a hazard to the public and surrounding properties. Cities treating ash trees are essentially buying time to safely manage removal of trees according to their own schedule. By proactively replacing ash trees now the MPRB can avoid the need for chemical treatment.

Insecticide manufacturers are heavily marketing their products and services to cities, neighborhood groups and homeowners using aggressive marketing tactics. Unfortunately, what they often fail to mention is that ash tree insecticide treatments are only effective against EAB infestations for a limited time. For continued protection against EAB, treatments are required every one to two years for the life of tree. The estimated one-time cost to treat all 40,000 MPRB ash trees would be more than \$5.5 million. That cost would need to be repeated every one to two years for the life of the tree.

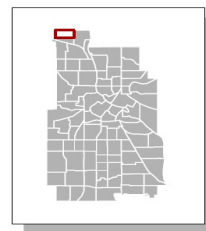
Can homeowners treat the boulevard ash tree in front of their home with insecticides?

The MPRB's plan is to replace boulevard ash trees and replant a different species tree. However, homeowners may choose to treat a boulevard ash tree adjacent to their property with insecticide that adheres to state and local regulations. Since restricted-use insecticides are used, homeowners are required to hire a licensed and permitted tree care company. (Visit <http://bit.ly/1ewZ4XE> for list.) Homeowners are required to pay for any and all treatments.

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Interested in learning more about the Emerald Ash Borer and the ongoing efforts in our neighborhood? Contact us to find out more about what SCNA is doing to help at mpls.scna@gmail.com or www.shinglecreekmpls.org



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Legend
● Public Ash Trees
● Other Public Trees



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