



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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ST. CLAIR DAYS FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 10th
5 pm – 8 pm
Uptown Tavern

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Beans, Pickles, Chips,
Bars and a Beverage ~ \$10.00
(\$1.00 taps all night with purchase of a meal)

Also available ... curbside to go!

ST. CLAIR DAYS JUNE 21, 22 & 23

Visit the City website or the St. Clair Days Facebook page for detailed information. A schedule of events will be included with the next Newsletter.

ST. CLAIR DAYS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Athletic Backers Raffle Drawing

BINGO

Burger Basket

Garage Sales

Firefly 5-K & Kids Race

Fireworks

Fire Dept. Steak Fry

Live Music & Beer Garden

Medallion Hunt

Miss St. Clair Pageant

Parade

Rib Cook-Off

Root Beer Floats

St. Clair American

Legion Auxiliary FOOD

Turtle Races

and lots of FAMILY FUN!



EMERALD ASH BORER COMING SOON TO YOUR BACKYARD

Emerald ash borer (EAB) has been documented in 15 counties in Minnesota with the closest population found in Martin County.

Ash trees when attacked by EAB fall apart quickly. Branches that still appear green and sound can break off causing hazards to people and houses. Insurance companies will not cover damages and liabilities caused by dead or known hazard trees.

Removing trees around homes and power lines is very expensive. A recent bid estimate from a local tree care company of seven trees in St. Clair had ranges of \$500 to \$2,000 *per tree* to cut and remove.

There is legislation pending in the Minnesota House and Senate for cities to apply for grants to help residents cover some of the costs of tree removal. To be in line for these grants St. Clair will need to complete an inventory of ash trees that will require professional removal and estimate associated costs.

The City is in the process of collecting this information. Should you see someone taking pictures of your ash trees and jotting down some numbers don't be alarmed.

Randy Schindle, local DNR Forester, has also offered to present an informational meeting on Emerald ash borer and its costs and effects on urban trees in the near future. If you are interested in attending, information will be on the St. Clair face book page and website.

An Ash Tree Identification Guide is printed on the back of this newsletter.

The adult emerald ash borer beetle is dark metallic green in color, 1/2 inch-long and 1/8 inch wide.



Enlarged to show detail.

ASH TREE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

The Common Characteristics of Ash Trees

Ash trees are deciduous with an upright, oval to rounded silhouette and a dense canopy. Foliage is dark green above and paler below.

Ash Bud and Branch Arrangement:

Branches and buds of ash trees are located directly across from each other. They are **OPPOSITE**.

YES!



Ash trees **DO NOT** display staggered or **ALTERNATE** branching pattern.

NO!



NOTE:

Buds and limbs of ash trees often die and fall off, so not every single branch or bud will have an opposite mate. Look at several examples to determine the branch arrangement.

Ash Leaves:

Ash have **COMPOUND** leaves which help make them easy to identify. Each leaf is made up of 5-11 leaflets. The leaflets are positioned opposite of each other, except for the solitary leaflet at the tip.

Green Ash



Leaflet margins may be smooth, serrated or toothed.

White Ash



Black Ash



The leaflets vary in size depending on the species.

ASH BARK:

Ash bark is usually light to dark gray with a medium to coarse ridged or furrowed appearance; as the ash tree ages, the bark looks diamond shaped. On younger trees, the bark is smooth.

ASH SEEDS:

The single winged seeds of ash trees are called **samaras**. Samaras hang in clusters.

For identification photographs and more information on ash trees and the threat that Emerald Ash Borer represents to their health please visit:



www.eabindiana.info

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