



THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE *Star of Kansas*

Public Works Department

May 27, 2015

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

The Emerald Ash Borer(EAB) will affect approximately 700 ash trees located on City owned right of way and parks. EAB has been identified to be present in Prairie Village and will have a significant presence in the near future and will eventually kill all Ash trees. Your street has been identified to have a significant number of Ash trees and all residents on the street are being sent this letter so everyone understands how we are handling the EAB issue on your street.

This year is the second of a city wide multi-year plan for removal, replacement, and treatment of Ash trees. This proactive approach will spread the impacts over multiple years and prevent a situation where all the ash trees are dead at one time.

Ash trees on your street will be removed or treated this year. Some removals might not happen until 2016 as budget allows. The treatment process is being used as a way to manage the removal of the Ash trees without having significant visual impacts due to removing all the trees in just a few years time. We anticipate treating these trees for about 10 years while the other Ash trees on those streets that will be removed this year can grow thus minimizing the visual impact of the Ash tree removals. Thorough consideration has been given to the impacts of removal and treatment to minimize the visual impacts on your street. Where trees are selected for removal the physical environment, including other trees, were considered before being selected for removal. City staff will perform the treatment of the Ash Trees. Trees selected for removal will happen later this summer. Separate letters will be sent to property owners with removals including information about the selection of replacement trees.

The enclosed drawing shows all the Ash trees on your street that are planned for treatment as well as the Ash trees that are planned for removal. Treatment will begin on or after May 29, 2015. Please call at 913-385-4647 or email at pvkansas@pvkansas.com with questions or comments related to the plan on your street. If you are currently treating an Ash tree please let us know.

Sincerely,

Keith Bredehoeft
Public Works Director
Prairie Village Public Works

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