

Ward Parkway Estates Homes Association Newsletter

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I hope everyone kicked off the holiday season with great food and great company. We're just getting into the swing of the hustle and bustle of the season.

You may have noticed around the neighborhood that the city has put signs on several ash trees. The emerald ash borer, a dark metallic green beetle about ½ long, is attacking all types of ash trees throughout the United States and Canada. It has now made its way to the Kansas City Metro area. The ash trees selected in our neighborhood by the city have been "stressed" to serve as a trap for the beetles. The city has removed bark from these trees to track the movement of the beetles in the city and hopefully draw them away from healthy ash trees nearby. The stressed trees will end up dying but they will hopefully save some of the over 400,000 ash trees throughout the city. This spring, the city of Kansas City will be treating the ash trees to try to prevent the further spread of the beetle. If you have an ash tree on your property that you are concerned about, you can call an arborist or the Missouri Department of Conservation (866-716-9974) to find more information and possible treatment options.

On a more positive note, to celebrate the holidays in our neighborhood, I'm happy to announce that we will be holding the first annual Ward Parkway Estates Homes Association holiday lighting contest. Before it gets too cold out there, get out and get those decorations up! Any homeowner in good standing within the neighborhood is eligible to win and we will be taking your votes throughout the month of December. To vote, you can send a message on Facebook, email hoa@wardparkwayestates.com, or call 913-593-8929. All votes will be tabulated and the home with the most votes will win a gift certificate(s). The official winner will also be recognized in our next newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing a lucky homeowner's hard work get rewarded just like the Yard of the Month winners did this summer. Good luck everyone!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Please remember to watch out for your neighbors. There have been reports of robberies in our neighborhood. Be aware and report any suspicious behavior to the police.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!!

If you're on Facebook, please "LIKE" Ward Parkway Estates to get neighborhood announcements and connect with fellow residents.

MONTHLY MEETING

We had a great turnout of residents at our last monthly meeting. Thank you to those of you that joined us. If you'd like to join in next time, our meeting will be January 8th at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Trailside Center on the corner of 99th and Holmes next to the fire station.

ASH TREES

More information can be found at <http://kcparks.org/services/emerald-ash-borer/>

Please remember to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Be courteous and pick up after your pets!