



DURHAM NEWS NOTES

Summer 2023



Emerald Ash Borer in Washington County: Traps Placed in Durham City Park



Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a serious invasive pest that has killed tens of millions of ash trees since it was first found in the United States in 2002. Oregon took steps to prepare for EAB, developing a statewide readiness and response plan in 2019, which it revised in 2021. In June 2022, EAB was found in Forest Grove in Washington County. This was the first discovery of this pest on the West Coast. EAB likely arrived in Oregon in firewood, which is the most common way the insect has spread from one state to another. Numerous common ash species, including Oregon's native ash species (*Fraxinus latifolia*), are especially vulnerable to this pest.



Led by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), an EAB task force of more than 40 participating agencies was created within weeks of EAB being found in Oregon. A number of subcommittees were formed to address specific aspects of the EAB response. To slow the spread of EAB to other parts of the state, ODA placed Washington County under an EAB quarantine, which restricts the movement of ash and white fringe tree materials out of the county.

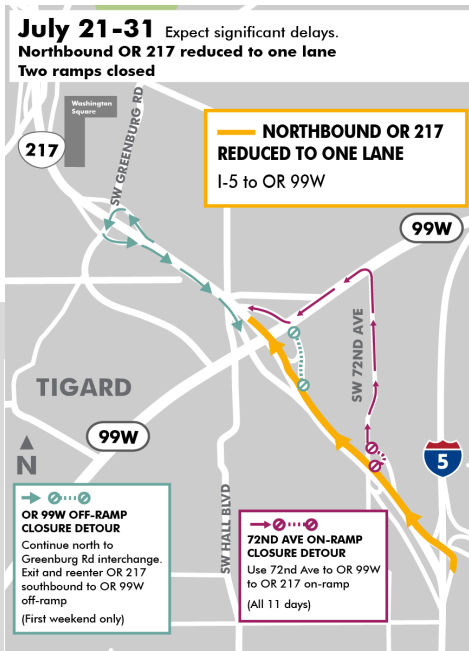
Oregon Department of Forestry staff were in Durham Park on June 20 to hang purple EAB traps. These traps are for monitoring purposes only. **No EAB has yet been found outside of the Forest Grove area.** For more information on the statewide EAB response, visit the Oregon Invasive Species Council website or the ODF Forest Health website. (Cont'd on page 2)

Be Aware:

11-Day lane and ramp closure on 217 north starting July 21st, 2023

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Expect major delays:
I-5 in both directions (Wilsonville to Tigard) & OR 217 north

July 21 – 31

Plan ahead. Shift trips. hwy217.org

Oregon Department of Transportation

OR 217
AUXILIARY LANES

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You can prepare for EAB and help prevent its spread by taking a few important steps:

- ◆ **Don't move firewood.** Buy firewood where you burn it and burn it where you buy it.
- ◆ Don't move ash or white fringe trees outside of areas known to be infested with emerald ash borer. This includes wood, live plants or plant parts.
- ◆ Dispose of ash or white fringe tree material locally by 1) chipping into very small pieces no greater than 1" by 1", 2) burying at least 18" deep, 3) burning, 4) heating in a kiln to at least 170 degrees Fahrenheit for at least an hour, or 5) processing it into a finished product such as pulp for paper or furniture, bowls or boxes with the bark and sapwood removed down to 1".
- ◆ Learn if any trees on your property are ash or white fringe trees – all are susceptible to EAB. Online guides for how to identify ash trees and common look-alikes have been created by Oregon State University (OSU) and Oregon Department of Forestry..
- ◆ Learn to identify EAB to tell it apart from common look-alikes. ODA has a helpful online guide.
- ◆ Learn to spot signs of EAB infestation. *Note: It can be hard to confirm if EAB is present so it may take a trained person to confirm if a tree has EAB.*
- ◆ Report if you see EAB adults (they start emerging in late May and continue to emerge throughout the summer) or tell-tale signs of EAB damage on an ash tree outside areas already known to be infested. You can do so on the Oregon Invasive Species Council EAB web page. <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/eab>

Summer is Heating Up with Juanita Pohl!

The Juanita Pohl Center invites you to join in on the summer fun with fitness, social, and educational programs and trips!

Exciting new activities include:

- ◇ **Conversations on Aging:** Adult Children: How's it Going? (Thursday, July 20 | 2-2:30pm | FREE)
- ◇ **Gentle Yoga** (Mondays, July 24-August 21 | 9:45-10:45am | \$35 Resident/\$44 Non-Resident | Drop-in: \$9 Resident/\$11 Non-Resident)
- ◇ **Day Trip:** The Oregon Garden (Monday, July 24 | 10am-3pm | \$53 Resident/\$67 Non-Resident)
- ◇ **Day Trip:** Kayaking on the Tualatin River (Friday, August 4 | 9-11am | \$62 Resident/\$78 Non-Resident)
- ◇ **Lunch & Learn:** Home Health vs. In Home Care, What's the Difference? (Tuesday, August 15 | 12-1pm | FREE for residents)

Looking for more ways to get outside and get active? Join the **FREE JPC Walking Group** every Monday at 9am as they walk the local trails starting from the meeting point at the Juanita Pohl Center.

Keep Your Home Safe from Burglars!



Tips for deterring property crime:

Lock It – Lock your house, garage and vehicle doors. Many criminals simply just check to see if doors are unlocked. Don't create an easy opportunity for crime.

Light It – Whether you are home or away, leave the porch light on. Thieves thrive in the dark; keep it lit so they will keep away!

Hide It - Don't leave your garage door opener in your vehicle. That's the easiest way for a thief to get into your garage and possibly your home. Bring it into the house with you as you leave your car.

Remove It – Bring your keys, electronic devices, spare change, gym bag and all other items in the house. Valuables left in the car are easy targets.

Report It – Call 9-1-1 or non-emergency at 503-629-0111 to report anything that seems suspicious or makes you uncomfortable; communicating what you see is key to preventing or deterring crime. If it doesn't look right, it probably isn't; listen to your intuition.

Establish It - Organize a Neighborhood Watch group. Partner with the Washington County Sheriff's Office to enhance your neighborhood livability:

bit.ly/WCSO_NeighborhoodWatch

Learn More | www.wcsheriff-or.com

Durham residents pay the Resident rate!

Call or drop by to register for these programs and more! The Juanita Pohl Center is located in Tualatin Community Park at:

8513 SW Tualatin Rd.

Find us online at:

TualatinOregon.gov/Recreation

or call 503-691-3061

Free Family Fun at Bridgeport Village!

Saturdays | July 8-26 | 12-2 pm

Bring the family to enjoy Portland's top kids musicians, Saturdays on the Village Green!



July 15th | Jessa and the Saplings
 July 22nd | Aaron Nigel Smith
 July 29th | Triple Rainbow
 August 5th | Mr. Hoo
 August 12th | Ants, Ants, Ants
 August 19th | Kelli Welli
 August 26th | Joe Kye

Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday of the Month

City Council

4th Tuesday of the Month

Both meetings start at 7:30pm

at Durham City Hall.

Are You Ready for the Cascadia Subduction Zone Quake?

Did you know...

The Cascadia Subduction Zone is a 600-mile fault that runs from northern California up to British Columbia and is about 70-100 miles off the Pacific coast shoreline. There have been 43 earthquakes in the last 10,000 years within this fault. The last earthquake that occurred in this fault was on January 26, 1700, with an estimated 9.0 magnitude. The average length of time between subduction zone quakes off the Oregon coast is 246 years (it has been 323 years since the last one). Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) says that "there is about a 37 percent chance that a megathrust earthquake of 7.1+ magnitude in this fault zone will occur in the next 50 years." With the current preparedness levels of Oregon, we can anticipate being without services and assistance **for at least 2 weeks, if not longer, when the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake occurs.**

Water...

Store at least a two week supply of water in your emergency kit. This means 1 gallon of water per person per day, or 14 gallons per person. If you cannot store this much water, store as much as you can, and consider adding a water treatment method to your emergency survival supplies.

Food that is healthy, stores well, and requires minimal cooking...

Unsalted nuts
 Peanut or almond butter
 Jerky and other dehydrated meats
 Canned fruits, veggies
 A variety of canned beans/legumes
 Canned soups and stews
 Canned meats (i.e. tuna, chicken, salmon, turkey)
 Dried fruit
 Cereal
 Instant oatmeal
 Powered milk
 Granola or protein bars
 Crackers
 Freeze-dried meals

Remember to check expiration dates at least once per year. Food that is getting close to the date should be eaten or thrown away!



Learn more at

<https://www.oregon.gov/oe/m/hazardsprep/pages/2-weeks-ready.aspx>

What's That Noise?

With summer in full swing, power tools, parties and overly excited pooches can make the neighborhood a noisy place. Your consideration in maintaining neighborhood tranquility is always appreciated! Keep in mind the City's noise rules:

- Quiet hours are between 9 pm and 7 am.
- Small building projects, repairing, mowing and use of power tools for normal maintenance may occur between 7 am and 9 pm, Monday through Friday; and, 9 am to 7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Construction activities, including excavation, demolition, alteration of a building, may occur between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday; and, 9 am to 7 pm on two Saturdays per month. Construction activities are not allowed on Sundays.
- Put barking dogs inside.





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Be Ready - Tualatin Emergency Preparedness Fair August 5, 2023 at Tualatin Community Park

The fair is family-friendly, admission-free, and runs from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fair visitors will enjoy the many exhibitor booths, food carts, speaker programs, free giveaways, and activities that will teach children and adults more about emergency preparedness.

The event is sponsored by Tualatin Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a community of volunteers focused on preparing the citizens, families, neighborhoods,

and employees in the Tualatin area for emergency and disaster situations. They work to increase awareness through community events to present, demonstrate, and display information, educate attendees, and offer learning materials and aids.

Only a .5 mile walk from Durham! To learn more about this event, please visit www.tualatincert.org



Protect and help the people who protect and help you

Move over or slow down when you see flashing lights of any color from a vehicle parked on the side of the road – any vehicle from a tow truck, public works, emergency response, hazard lights on a car or semi, law enforcement or ODOT vehicles. It will save lives and **IT'S THE LAW**