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Emerald Ash Borer Detected In SE Missouri

Although it has not been discovered in Oklahoma yet, the emerald ash borer (EAB) was detected in SE Missouri this July by USDA scientists at the Greenville Recreation area in Wayne County, MO. This area is less than 500 miles from Oklahoma City.

The EAB is a small, metallic green beetle native to Asia that has killed millions of ash trees in the United States since the 1990s.

Its larvae burrow into the bark of ash trees, causing trees to starve and die. The EAB does not pose any direct risk to public health, but it does threaten ash tree populations, since no ash trees in North America are known to be resistant to the pest.

Missouri is the ninth state to have a confirmed EAB infestation. The pest was first found in Michigan in 2002. Since that time, seven other states (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia) have confirmed infestations.

Apache Foundation Donates Trees to Yukon

The Apache Foundation of Houston, Texas recently donated 100 trees to The Yukon Parks and Recreation Department. The Tree Bank partnered with Apache to distribute these trees and Yukon Parks benefitted.

Yukon received four different tree varieties trees: Loblolly Pines,

Missouri is the farthest south and west of any other known EAB infestation.

Although adult EABs are strong fliers, they are less likely to travel long distances when plenty of host trees are available nearby. However, they can move long distances on fire-wood and nursery stock.

There are three easy ways to slow the spread of EAB:

1. Don't move firewood. EAB travels in firewood. Avoid buying firewood that comes from more than 50 miles from the place it was cut.
2. Don't plant ash trees. The EAB feeds exclusively on ash trees. If you deprive them of food, they can't survive.
3. Learn to identify infestations, then report them. Many factors can stress ash trees, and lots of little green bugs look like the EAB. Please try to make sure you've discovered emerald ash borer before you report them.

Crabapples, Bald Cypress and Shumard Oaks.

"We plant trees every year and consider it very important in our overall plan to make the parks more attractive," said Jan Scott, Yukon Parks and Recreation Department. Diseased or damaged trees are also replaced.

Yukon Parks Benefit From Apache Foundation Tree Donation



Remembering Bob Empie...

by Pendleton Woods

The Tree Bank Foundation lost one of its greatest supporters and board members in the death, at age 88, of Robert Empie.

Bob Empie was for many years treasurer of our organization and served as a member of the Financial Committee.

A master gardener, Bob was a believer and strong supporter of programs and projects benefiting our environment and beautification. Bob was a regular supporter of the Tree Bank endowment fund in the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

At times, Bob helped host the tree bank exhibit which was brought to meetings and conventions of other organizations.

In his business and professional career, Bob was heavily involved early in life in aviation. He was commissioned as a pilot in World War II. He was called again to active military duty during the Korean War.

Long involved in banking, Bob has been president of the Stock Yards Bank, later Union Bank and Trust Company. He has also been president of the Oklahoma

Bankers Association and of the Association of State Banks, and was on the board of directors of the American Bankers Association.

Under Governor Nigh, Bob served eight years as State Bank Commissioner and was a member of the Consumer Credit Board and the Securities Commission.

In civic life Bob has been president of the Stockyards City Lions Club and the Industrial Kiwanis Club, and was active in many other community organizations and projects, in addition to the Tree Bank Foundation.

Yes! I want to add trees to the Oklahoma landscape.
Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of:
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Kingfisher Benefits From Apache Foundation Tree Donation



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Welcome to new Board Members
Jason Martinek, First Enterprise Bank &
Dana Childress, Community Volunteer.

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Apache Foundation Tree Giveaway in Moore

As part of a partnership with the Tree Bank and the Apache Foundation, trees were given away in Moore to help repair the damage to the urban forest caused by the December 2007 ice storm.



For Your Convenience...

You will now find an envelope enclosed with each newsletter. We get many requests asking how to send donations for special tree plantings for birthdays, memorials, anniversaries and other endowments. Please use this convenient envelope and tell us what type of

donation you are making and the person you would like to honor.

The Tree Bank will send a letter explaining that a tree was planted to honor that person for the appropriate occasion.

Remember, all gifts are tax deductible.

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Tree Bank Advocates Oklahoma City Urban Forester Position

by Bill Kopplin

The Tree Bank Foundation has officially requested the establishment of the position of Urban Forester for Oklahoma City. In a letter to the City Manager, Mary Gilmore Caffrey, Executive Director, outlined the need for the new position.

Essentially, the natural disasters that regularly befall Oklahoma City are reducing the tree canopy to a point where both public and residential areas require substantial replacement. A major tree replacement effort like this needs guidance and coordination.

Also, the recent bond issues approved by citizens will require landscaping. To derive the full benefit of these capital outlays, coordination between state, county and city efforts should be supervised by a professional Forester.

The environmental concerns which face the city will require the best technical knowledge to meet these future demands, both economically and esthetically.

Caffrey emphasized the need for an Urban Forester in city government to coordinate the Parks and Recreation Department, Planning Department and Public Works

Department to maximize their best efforts. Groups such as The Tree Bank, Oklahoma City Beautiful and others will benefit by having an Urban Forester as a main contact person when dealing with City government on tree planting projects and other landscaping efforts.

Caffrey further emphasized that a city the size of Oklahoma City needs a determined and continuing effort to establish and maintain its tree canopy. The Tree Bank stands ready to use its network and capabilities to assist in accomplishing that goal.

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