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A LETTER FROM MAYOR JUSTIN BROOKS


Hello Town of Erie Residents!



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I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to serve as the next Mayor of our great community. Leading the Board of Trustees and Town government is a charge that I take seriously, so I thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. As the new configuration of the Board of Trustees settles into our roles and we look forward to the summer season, we anticipate an increase in both work on your behalf at Town Hall as well as an increase in our attendance at outdoor community activities. We look forward to seeing the community enjoying the new expansion at the Erie Community Park as well as the many concerts, festivals, fairs, and markets planned throughout the season.

Here are a handful of the items that I look forward to tackling over my administration:

- Continuing the Small Business/Community partnership programs
- Addressing Housing Affordability
- Completing major commercial center projects at Nine Mile Corner and Town Center
- Updating the Town Comprehensive Plan
- Supporting cultural and interactive events to restore neighborly/civil sense of community
- Working with regional entities to improve public transit service
- Supporting environmental conservation/public health efforts such as water and air quality

To remain engaged with the public and keep in touch with evolving topics of interest, we will soon be announcing "Listening Sessions with the Mayor", which will be a Happy Hour format to discuss topics of interest and provide informal updates about ongoing initiatives. Keep an eye out for those announcements, and if you see me out and about in town, please say "Hi!"

Mayor Justin Brooks

Emerald Ash Borer - EAB

The Facts

- EAB was found in Erie in 2021.

- As of 2022, EAB is presumed present in low levels throughout Erie. EAB populations will exponentially increase in Erie until all Ash trees are either dead or protected with a pesticide.

- Now is the appropriate time for residents to MAKE A PLAN for their Ash trees.

Step 1 - Inventory your trees

Survey the tree species on your property and in the public Right-of-Way adjacent to your property. Do you have any Ash trees? Emerald Ash Borer only kills Ash trees.

Step 2 - Evaluate your Ash trees

Mature, healthy Ash trees growing in a good location with plenty of room to grow are good candidates for preservation. Unhealthy Ash trees growing in confined areas without room to mature are not good candidates for preservation.

Step 3 - Chemical Treatment

Pesticides can prevent EAB from killing valuable ash trees. EAB pesticides must be reapplied every 1-3 years based on specific manufacturer's recommendations. The most effective pesticides must be applied by licensed pesticide applicators and are most effective when applied prior to a particular tree becoming infested. As early EAB detection can be difficult, now is the appropriate time to begin preventative EAB treatments in the Town of Erie.



Step 4 - Plan for Removal

Untreated Ash trees will be killed by EAB. Get tree removal estimates from local licensed Arborists and budget for this future expense.

Step 5- Plant diversity!

Species and age diversity are the keys to a resilient urban forest. Please consider replacing unhealthy Ash trees with diverse species to ensure the health of Erie's future tree canopy.

More information and resources to help with each step can be found at erieco.gov/EAB.

A Proactive Approach -

Residential Tree Planting Program

Receive a credit on your utility bill for qualifying tree purchases!

The Town of Erie has three tree planting programs that are offered to Erie residents, HOA's, and non-profit agencies.

To be eligible for the Residential Tree Program, tree must be purchased during the optimal planting period: spring: March 15-June 15 or fall: September 1-October 15.

Submission of an application does not guarantee a rebate. Rebates are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Qualify for a \$200 Residential Tree Rebate:

- Must purchase from an approved nursery.
 - Must be current Town of Erie utilities customer with non-delinquent account.
 - Tree is an approved tree species, as determined by the Town Forester.
 - Call 811 for locates prior to digging.
 - If you are not planting the tree yourself, use a Town of Erie Licensed Arborist
 - Trees must be planted in accordance with Tree Planting Specifications.
 - Tree Work Permit required for planting in a Right of Way area.
 - Accept all planting and ongoing care of the tree.
- * Residential Tree Rebate Program is limited to one rebate per year, per household.*



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