



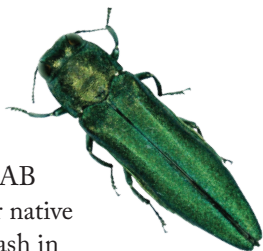
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EMERALD ASH BORER KILLING LYNCHBURG'S ASH TREES

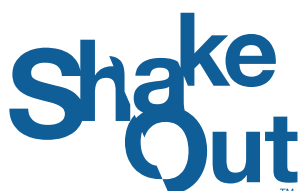


Central Virginia has a problem and it's named *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire, the Emerald Ash borer (EAB). EAB is a destructive and invasive pest from Asia that kills our native ash trees. Many trees have already died and virtually all ash in Virginia are infested with the beetles. As a result, you may notice many ash being removed around Lynchburg. If the ash tree is on a City right-of-way, the Department of Public Works will remove the tree and stump. At the appropriate time, the ash will be replaced with another type of tree.

However, many ash trees are on private property. As these privately owned trees die, the property owner will be responsible for the removal of the tree. While we strongly encourage property owners to replace the dying trees, the replacement is a the property owner's discretion. In some cases, the privately owned, dead tree(s) may present a hazard to the public right-of-way. If so, the property owner will be contacted by mail and informed of the potential hazard. Per City ordinance, the owner will be required to remove the tree at their expense. The City does not recommend private tree companies but a listing if ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) certified arborists may be found on their website.

If you would like more information on EAB related to privately owned trees, please contact your local extension office (the City of Lynchburg does not provide consultation services for privately owned trees) or visit the Emerald Ash Borer Information Network website: emeraldashborer.info

GET READY TO SHAKEOUT!



On Thursday, October 18 at 10:18 a.m., join the staff of the City of Lynchburg's Department of Emergency Services and thousands of other people who will **DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON** during the multi-state **Great SouthEast ShakeOut** earthquake drill! Wherever you are - home, school, work or play, practice what you should do if an earthquake strikes so you and your family will be better prepared.

Many Virginians do not know the safe response to an earthquake. Emergency management and preparedness experts agree that **DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON** is what we in the U.S. should do to reduce injuries and deaths during earthquakes. **DROP** to the ground, Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table and **HOLD ON** to it until the shaking stops.

Learn more and register you, your family, school, office and/or organization for the ShakeOut drill at www.shakeout.org/southeast or www.vaemergency.gov.

Help Fill the Bins for Toys for Tots!

It's that time of the year again, and the Department of Human Services and the U.S. Marines need your help. Local Toys for Tots Campaigns are the heart and soul of the Marine Toys for Tots Program managed by dedicated United States Marines and local volunteers. Locally, the Department of Human Services partners with the U. S. Marines in collecting toys for children from throughout the area. Last year, they served over 900 children for Christmas.



Donation bins for new and unwrapped toys are located in the following City facilities and will be accepted through November 26:

- City Hall Lobby, 900 Church Street
- Department of Human Services, 99 Ninth Street

Won't you take part in this worthwhile effort? *Every Child Deserves a Little Christmas!* For more information contact Nancy Arthur, Human Services Department at (434) 455-5773.

LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 29



Loose leaf collection begins October 29 for all Wards. Please rake leaves curbside but do not place in street. Leaf piles should be free of sticks, rocks and pine cones. City crews will vacuum leaves as promptly as possible. There is no charge for this service and **no phone call is necessary.**

Please Note: Bagged leaves may be placed at curbside for pick up during regular trash collection; however, you must use a prepaid City of Lynchburg Blue Bag.

★ **FIRST** ★
Real Estate Tax Installment
Due November 15, 2018



Real estate property owners are reminded that the first installment for real estate taxes is due by Thursday, November 15, 2018. NOTE: A 10% penalty will be assessed if the November 15 deadline is not met.

If you have not received a real estate tax bill or have questions concerning your bill, please contact the Billings and Collections Division at 455-3850. For questions regarding real estate assessments, please call the Assessor's Office at 455-3830.

Don't forget that you can pay online at www.lynchburgva.gov/citylink.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED TO RESTORE CREEKSIDE TRAIL

Help Parks and Recreation restore Creekside Trail. Eight miles of the trail are still closed due to flash flood damage. Once the College Lake Dam overtopped, all of the City parks and trails downstream suffered major damage. The Creekside Trail System took 45 years to fund and build, and took only two hours to wash away.



Three bridges were washed out along with over 300 downed trees, 40 new sandbars, 45 areas of stream bank erosion and tons of debris. It is going to be a long road back to prestorm conditions. Over 64,000 people use these parks and trails, and hundreds use Creekside Trail daily for both runner training and nature respite.

The damage was estimated at \$5.3 million, and FEMA funding is no longer an option. Capital Improvement Project funds will be limited as well. This leaves Lynchburg to foot the bill for the Creekside Trail restoration efforts. A GoFundMe account has been established through Friends of Lynchburg Parks and Recreation, a 501(c)(3) organization, for this purpose.

On a monthly basis, Parks and Recreation will assess the restoration progress and apply GoFundMe donations to trail restoration until all segments of Creekside Trail are restored. The next focus will be rebuilding suspension bridges and restoring stream banks.

The iconic trail infrastructure has provided thousands of hours of both passive and active recreation opportunities. The trails are often cited as a major City asset. Financially supporting the Creekside Trail Restoration will mean keeping alive the trails for everyone to enjoy and create many great memories.

Your tax deductible contributions will be greatly appreciated. Help continue to make Lynchburg a great place to play! To donate, visit: www.gofundme.com/creekside-trail-restoration

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Lynchburg is a great place to live, work and play. One important way for citizens to become engaged in their community is to volunteer to serve on a City Council appointed board or commission.

In October 2018, there will be anticipated vacancies noted below. Residents who are interested in being considered to fill one of the vacancies are invited to complete an application available online at www.lynchburgva.gov. An application may also be obtained from the Clerk of Council Office, City Hall, 900 Church Street, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The following boards and commissions will have vacancies when terms end in October 2018:

- **Transit Company Board**
3 vacancies (all eligible to serve again)
- **Lynchburg Parking Authority**
2 vacancies (1 eligible to serve again)

Please note: Although some individuals are eligible to serve another term, there is no guarantee that the individual will be reappointed.

For more information, contact Valeria Chambers, Clerk of Council at (434) 455-3983, or send an email to valeria.chambers@lynchburgva.gov.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

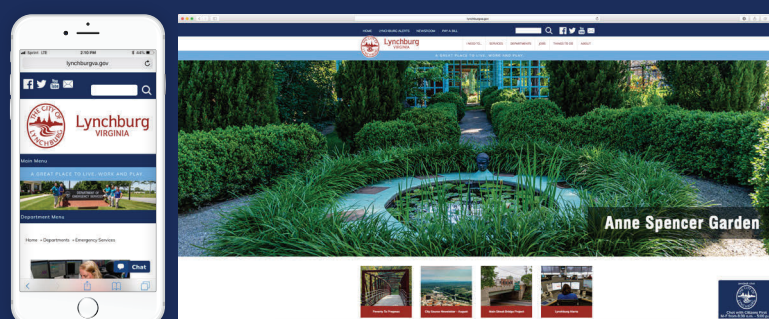
LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY



"The Lingering Garden of Suzhou, China: Harmony of the Spiritual, Natural, and Man-Made Worlds," with Master Gardener, Susan Timmons

Thursday, October 18, 4:00 p.m.
Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue
Community Meeting Room
Free and open to the public

Come learn about the Lingering Garden, one of China's most famous gardens and how it has become a cultural relic of national importance. The garden is celebrated for its artistic mastery of combining plant material with architectural forms, and it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Every area is compelling for its magnificent design, construction, symbolism, and historic significance. It is a richly informative feast for the eyes.



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