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Our Good Neighbor Grant applications reached an all time high this year with almost 90 neighbors looking for the chance to win! Our curb appeal grant is one of the easiest grant application processes in the city of Oshkosh. One of our previous recipients, Carmen Leal, stated "We applied for and got the Good Neighbor Grant in 2019 and it was such an easy process. We hired a contractor to relocate peonies that were not thriving and replace them with boxwood plants. They did such a great job that the peonies bloomed the first year! We also added a new rock bed and a hydrangea to balance out the large one already in front of the house. The grant process was easy and we got approval quickly. This grant allowed us to add so much beauty to our home and we can't thank Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods enough for all they do to provide these grants to homeowners." This program is generously supported by the City of Oshkosh, the JEK Foundation, and the Otto Bremer Trust. We are looking forward to what next year's grant season will look like and hopefully we can continue to increase the number of grants we have available from 50 to 75 or more! Who knows, but we can dream.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

The free Block Party Trailer is open for neighborhood residence to use this summer for all their party needs. Apply online at gohni.org

PARTNER UPDATES

Nominate a hero for our Neighborhood Hero Event on October 19th. We are recognizing neighbors for their amazing efforts to strengthen Oshkosh Neighborhoods. Contact us for more information.

GOOD TO KNOW

You can enjoy FREE live music in Opera House Square from local artists every Thursday from 12-1pm as well as Wednesdays from 5:30-7pm for Music on Main!





Ash Trees

You may be familiar with the Ash tree as many Oshkosh residents are having to remove these infected plants from their properties. If you are a resident with a potentially impacted Ash tree or one that has not been properly treated, the city of Oshkosh suggest early removal of the plant. There are some things you may want to know about the problem and how to properly manage and address it. The Ash tree can be infected with the insect, Emerald Ash Borer. When the plant has become effected the trunk starts to dry out, which leads to a very unstable base. This can cause further property damage if not addressed immediately. The city has been given authorization to remove these trees at the property owner's expense if they do not comply with a request to have the tree removed. What can you do as a property owner to hopefully deter the costs and effort of removing an infected tree?

If your Ash tree is in good condition there are some home treatments you can do to avoid the infection spreading further or altogether. The "Emerald Ash Borer Network" is a site that provides all the necessary information about this particular tree and the rapid infection that is taking over. You can also contact the USDA Emerald Ash Borer Hotline, which is toll free, at (866) 322-4512 to ask specific questions about your tree problem. If you are a "do it yourself" kind of individual there are some home treatments that you may be able to use to help the prevention of infection. The insecticides Bayer Advanced Protect and Feed II, Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control and Optrol are all soil drenching methods which should be applied early to mid spring. The Ortho and Shrub Insect Control ready to use Granules are applied mid to late spring after the trees have been "leafed out." All of the methods listed above are "do it yourself." They may be effective, but the most successful approach may be to have a professional do tree injections designed to kill the borer.

Sadly, not all the trees can be saved, but after you remove them we suggest you consider replacing them with new trees. June 22 is "World Rainforest Day," which may inspire all of us to do more to support the planting and care of healthy trees in our yards. Check out the City of Oshkosh Forestry Department webpage for some great information on the positive impact of tree planting. Visit an area nursery to purchase trees that are suitable for your yard and add beauty to our community. We ask as a group to consider keeping our tree numbers climbing for the benefit of our ecosystem and our community.



Great neighborhoods start with you!