

# High Point Estates HOA

Newsletter

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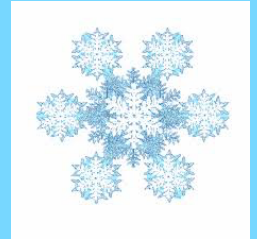
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Do you enjoy the annual HPE Garage Sale? Are you willing to coordinate it this year? Please email today:

[info@hpehoa.com](mailto:info@hpehoa.com)



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- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

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It is simple and free. Go to [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com), enter your street address and email address. It will point you to WestMadison as your neighborhood and verify that you really live there (you can simply get a phone call and enter a verification code). This is a great way to keep connected in our local community. Look for me (Claudia) on your list of neighbors!

If you have services (tutoring, voice lessons, etc.) that you want your neighbors to know about, you can email Claudia at [info@hpehoa.com](mailto:info@hpehoa.com) to have it included in the next neighborhood newsletter!

## Winter Landscaping Article Information on Tree Care and Costs

During our annual meeting, a number of residents asked about tree care options and costs for a variety of issues. High Point Estates HOA uses Buckley Tree for all of our tree care needs as they were highly recommended by the greens keeper at Blackhawk Country Club as being one of the most knowledgeable tree care groups in the Madison area. The following are Buckley Tree's recommendations and approximate pricing for three of the most difficult tree care issues in our HOA.

### Emerald Ash Borer

There are two treatment plans for EAB. The first is to spread insecticide around the base of the tree on an annual basis and this is believed to be 50-70% effective in preventing EAB. The second option is to inject insecticide directly into the tree every other year and this is believed to be 99% effective in preventing EAB. The HOA has opted for direct injection for our ash trees. The cost for direct injection is \$200 to \$250 per tree every other year. The injections will continue every other year for the duration of the infestation which Buckley felt might be up to 15 more years.

The cost per year for annually spreading insecticide around the tree is lower than direct injection, but we don't have a specific cost as we opted for the other treatment and greater chance for success.

### Spruce Tree Rhizosphaera (or Needlecast)

Needlecast is a fungus which attacks spruce trees and will gradually kill the spruce tree from the bottom up. It can be completely controlled by annual spraying of the tree (three sprayings per year for each tree). The HOA is having all spruce trees on our High Point Road berm, and our traffic circles sprayed. The cost totals \$40 to \$50 per tree for all three sprayings. Needlecast is spread throughout Madison and our HOA, so there is a good chance your trees will be impacted at some point if they aren't sprayed.

### Apple (Crabapple) Scab Fungus

Crabapple scab fungus causes your crabapple to prematurely drop leaves all summer long and is damaging to the tree. The fungus can be completely controlled by annual spraying with each tree being sprayed twice per year. The HOA is having all of its crabapple trees sprayed on both the berm and traffic circles. The annual spraying cost totals \$40 to \$50 per tree for both sprayings. The crabapple fungus is prevalent throughout Madison and our HOA and there is a good chance your trees will be impacted at some point if they aren't sprayed.

There are many good tree services which do this work. For those interested in contacting Buckley Tree please call Chris Goodwin at Buckley Tree at 608.643.6891. Please tell Chris you heard about Buckley from your High Point Estates HOA. The more work Buckley gets in our area, the greater the likelihood that we can get better scheduling or even some special favors from Buckley. We are already getting commercial client pricing.

**Happy Gardening,  
The Landscape Committee**

Greetings and Happy New Year to all High Point Estates Residents!

I would first like to extend my thanks to all 25 residents who attended our annual HOA meeting in November. I appreciated the insight and comments by all residents as it helps us to understand what is important to our residents and assists with setting our priorities for the year. I especially appreciated the number of people who approached us after the meeting to offer their assistance with various HOA activities in the future. Our District Alder, Barbara McKinney, was thankful of the opportunity to speak and meet with our residents and reminded us that she works for US and the way Barbara does that is for residents to communicate their concerns.

Establishing an account with the City of Madison (email plus password) allows you to manage emails and information provided by the city across a number of different areas (Mayor and City Council updates, info on Madison parks, snow removal, etc.). Use this link to establish an ID and access city information:

<https://my.cityofmadison.com/support/emaillists.cfm>

Barbara sends various communications out to constituents and you can subscribe to receive these by signing up for email notifications at:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district1/blog/?Id=9105>

The Board priorities for the first half of the year will be on spring landscaping projects, forming a Security Committee to discuss our current approach and alternatives for neighborhood security and working to advance a broader Neighborhood Association concept that will encompass more Associations in District 1.

One of the discussion items in our annual meeting was seeking an opportunity where our HOA might provide leverage from any of the companies that provide services to High Point. You will see in Craig Thompson's landscaping update that we are working with our contractors to extend services and pricing to our residents. Residents should pay particular attention to services associated with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). In my discussion with city Forestry Service they presented that presence of EAB is imminent and it is only a matter of time. EAB is already present in areas around Deming Way and Maple Grove Road. We will work closely with city Forestry resources to provide information as it becomes available. Use this URL to access the city site for information on EAB:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/eab/>

Prioritizing landscaping projects is an ongoing challenge as we balance the requirements of work on our entrances, islands and cul-de-sac islands, the berm along High Point Road and our budget. We will likely seek volunteers to assist with some project work this spring. Volunteering can certainly help us operate within our budget. More importantly, this is a means for residents to become invested in our community and we would welcome such an investment.

Since our annual meeting in November there have been three incidents of theft in HPE. Two of which have been theft from vehicles. The City of Madison has experienced the highest level of theft from vehicles on record. The most significant increases have been in neighborhoods in the West District. While JBM and our liaison officer still patrol our neighborhood we should pay particular attention to locking our vehicles. MPD recommendations for protecting your vehicle can be found here:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/blog/?Id=9127>

On Saturday 1/30 we participated in a Neighborhood Association discussion with Alders McKinney, Schmidt and Clear along with other representatives from the city and the Madison Police Department to discuss the mission, operations and benefits of a coalition of multiple associations in District 1. We continue to see this as a benefit to High Point Estates as we can project both a voice and leadership to activities that affect our community. Two examples of short term issues are the development of the former Griff's Restaurant on McKenna Blvd and the loss of funding for Elver Park Firework event (and possible replacement with a broader Community Event). We are looking for volunteers willing to participate in future activities associated with issues such as these.

We look forward to another productive and active year!  
Thank you.

David Handowski  
President - High Point Estates Homeowners Association