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Facilities planning and management staff set aside year-end funds for its emerald ash borer readiness plan. This winter, 30-40 ash trees will be removed within an inner campus area as part of the 10-year plan, which aims toward whittling the campus ash population down to a healthy 8 percent of the campus canopy.



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University photographer Bob Elbert caught the November late afternoon sun casting long shadows across the run between corrals at the horse barns on the north side of campus.

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Union Drive to close Nov. 22

by Erin Rosacker

For two weeks, beginning Nov. 22, the stretch of Union Drive between Sheldon Avenue and Bissell Road will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Construction crews will fabricate the steel structure for a skywalk between Beyer Hall and the new recreation addition on the west side of State Gym.

Robert Ebel, construction manager in facilities planning and management, said the project should take two weeks to complete, allowing Union Drive to reopen Dec. 6.

Fencing will close off the area, including the north and south sidewalks along Beyer. The south doors of the Thielen Student Health Center will be open, but

pedestrian access will be available only from the north and west. The southeast entrance to Beyer also will be accessible.

Access to the parking area near Thielen (Lot 2) is available from Sheldon Avenue. The parking area at the Union Drive Community Center (Lot 59B) is open on Union Drive from the east.

CyRide rerouted

The road closure will impact CyRide service on the Red (No. 1), Green (No. 2) and Purple (No. 7) routes -- including bus stop closures on Bissell Road and Union Drive.

The reroutes will close all bus stops on Union between Sheldon and Bissell, the Green and Purple stops along Bissell (south of Osborn Drive), and the Red stops on Union from Bissell to Lincoln Way. The Red route will be redirected along Sheldon and Lincoln Way. A temporary westbound Red route stop will be set up south of Friley Hall on Lincoln Way. The Purple and Green routes will be diverted from Bissell to Sheldon and Pammel Drive.



Nov. 11, 2010

Winter weather primer

by Diana Pounds

It's time to put an ice scraper in the glove compartment and brush up on the university's winter weather procedures and policies. Here's what you need to know:

Cancellations and closures

For information on cancellations and closures, look to the:

- University homepage (www.iastate.edu)
- Campus information center, 4-4357
- Local radio and TV news



Where to park

If your usual parking lot hasn't been cleared of snow by 7:30 a.m., you can park at:

- Iowa State Center (lots A3, A4, B5 and B6); CyRide will shuttle drivers to campus via the free orange route
- Lots 29 and 30, north of Molecular Biology
- Lot 41, north of General Services Building

If classes are canceled, but the university is *not* closed

- University offices will remain open
- Employees who can't make it to work should contact their immediate supervisors
- Employees may request to make up the time, use vacation, or take leave without pay
- Staff covered by collective bargaining agreements should refer to language in the severe weather part of the contract

If the university is officially closed

- Classes are canceled and most university offices are closed
- Vital operational areas (for example, security, food service, power plant, animal care, critical maintenance or snow removal) generally are not closed; employees will follow specific policies established for those areas
- Some staff members whose offices are closed may elect to work regular hours, with supervisor approval

Detailed severe weather policies and info

- [Winter Weather FAQ](#)
- ISU Policy Library: "[Severe Weather and Emergency Closings](#)"
- [Collective Bargaining Agreement \(AFSCME\) \(PDF\)](#): See Article XI, Section 6, "Severe

Weather/Emergency Closings"

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18th annual phonebook recycling is Dec. 13-17

by Anne Krapfl

Old phonebooks -- such as the ISU directory, Qwest and Yellowbook -- will be collected for recycling the week of Dec 13. Building supervisors and custodial staff have been alerted. Employees are encouraged to check their workspaces for outdated phonebooks that are good candidates for recycling.

Start collecting now

The directory companies will be delivering fall 2010 phonebooks in the next couple weeks. Iowa State stopped printing a campus directory this fall; the most up-to-date contact information is in the [online directory](#). Departments can start collecting and boxing phonebooks anytime. Signs for the collection boxes can be printed from the [phonebook recycling website](#) (see "posters" in the left column).

Building pickups

Facilities planning and management crews will collect the boxes from nearly 90 buildings -- on central campus, the student apartment neighborhoods, research park and Vet Med campus -- beginning Monday, Dec. 13. If the weather cooperates, their task could be completed by the middle of that week. The [building list \(PDF\)](#) is online. It focuses on large buildings with many occupants. Employees in buildings not on the list who want to recycle are invited to take their phonebooks to a neighboring building.

Boxes should be brought to the designated building pickup location -- many times the loading dock -- either Friday, Dec 10, or first thing on Dec 13.

Destination: Des Moines

The phonebooks become part of the "mixed paper" supply the university recycles at International Paper in Des Moines. While the university has received a small cash-per-ton payment in the past, the current rate is \$0. Perhaps more important is the \$70/ton disposal fee Iowa State avoids by not treating the books as trash.

The university community recycled six tons of used phonebooks a year ago, down from 16 tons in 2008. FPM program coordinator Kelly McCool said that one reason for the decline is that university offices requested about 40 percent fewer phonebooks from the outside directory companies last fall. This fall, that ratio dropped to about 60 percent fewer outside directories requested than in 2008.

Got a question?

Questions about this year's phonebook recycling effort can be directed to Sue Mallas, recycling coordinator, 4-0692.

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Ashes to ashes: FPM taking steps to lessen EAB impact

by Erin Rosacker

Although it's an estimated 10 years away, the imminent arrival of the devastating emerald ash borer (EAB) prompted facilities planning and management to develop a readiness plan to help minimize the cost and impact of losing the campus ash tree population all at once. At the close of the last fiscal year, FPM staff earmarked about \$30,000 in unused funds and invested it in the EAB plan.

"We want to ease ourselves into this -- financially and aesthetically," said Rhonda Martin, campus landscape architect in FPM.

As part of the FPM readiness plan, every ash tree (1,260) on campus was cataloged and rated on a scale of one to five. The weakest ash trees (28), many of them dying, were removed over the last two years. Still, approximately 20 percent of the ISU campus tree population consists of ash trees, which come in four varieties -- black, green, white and blue. FPM's plan is to gradually cut back to a healthier 8 percent (about 500).

The year-end money will help achieve that ratio within an inner campus area (see map below) through removal of 30 to 40 ash trees. Tree removal will take place over winter break -- an optimal time for two reasons: Heavy equipment does less damage to firm ground, and pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be lighter. For each ash that is removed, a replacement tree will be planted. Replanting will begin next spring with a diverse selection of varieties, Martin said.

Part of the plan

FPM staff worked with several departments, such as forestry, horticulture and landscape architecture, to identify which ash trees are important to outdoor teaching lab activities. Once the emerald ash borer arrives in the area, every effort will be made to save those trees. Currently, the best method is a root injection of pesticides, an annual process that will be required for the life of the tree.

Early steps in the EAB readiness plan already were implemented. Ash trees have not been planted on campus since 2005, and FPM has not required construction and utility crews to protect ash trees near their projects. As budgets allow, ash trees will be removed in other



Adult emerald ash borer. *Photo courtesy of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

What about my trees?

Homeowners are not being encouraged to remove all of their ash trees. Damaged or dying trees could be taken down initially (they attract infestation), but healthy ash trees still can be enjoyed for the next several years. If you have several ash trees, think about planting and establishing a replacement variety

areas of campus in the years leading up to the insect's arrival.

Treecycling

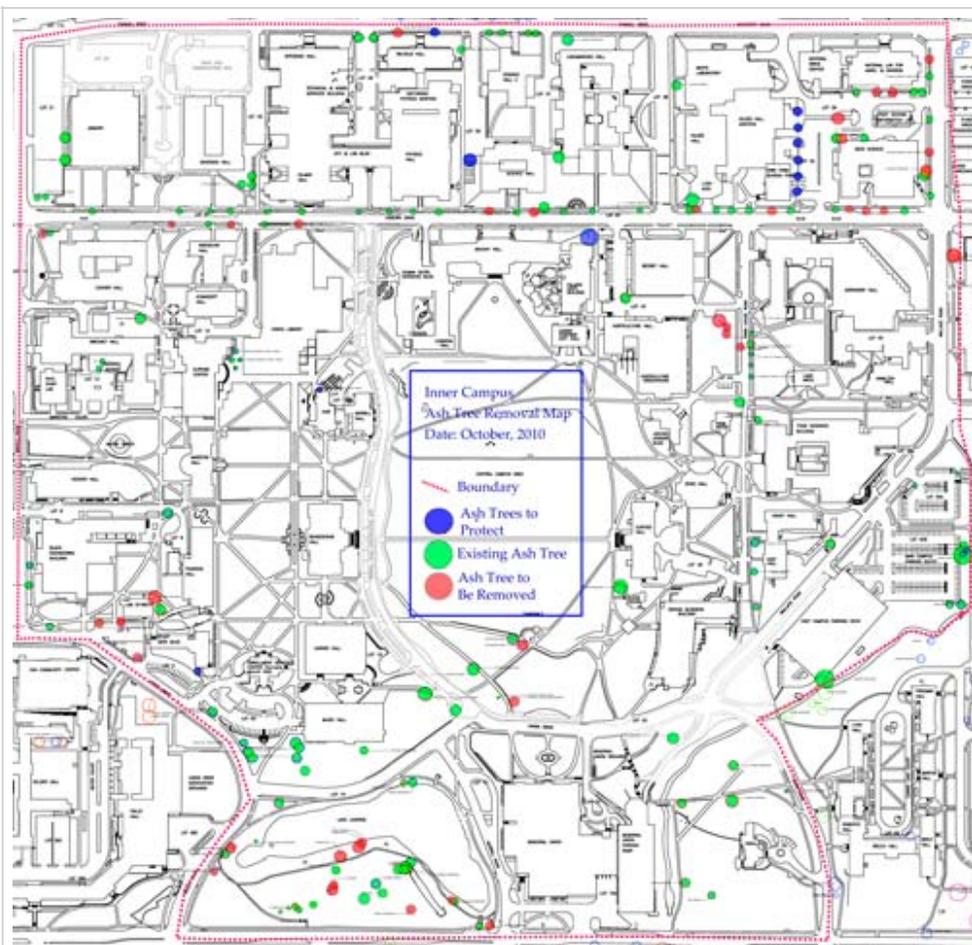
The felled ash trees will be put into FPM's "treecycle" program, which keeps nearly all of the wood for use on campus. The largest trees can be used for lumber or furniture and woodworking projects. Smaller branches and trees will be chipped into mulch, and the leftover wood will be made available to the public through the free wood program (near the coal pile on the east side of Haber Road).

About the emerald ash borer

The emerald ash borer was first discovered in Michigan, a suspected hitchhiker in wooden packaging from Asia. The "green menace" swept across portions of the upper Midwest, leaving no ash tree unaffected. The insect was found this summer on a Mississippi River island on the eastern edge of Allamakee County in northeast Iowa.

now if your landscape allows.

ISU horticulture professor and chair Jeff Iles has offered some **recommendations** for homeowners, and ISU Extension has developed an **EAB website** with additional information and resources.



Inner campus ash tree map. Click here for a [downloadable PDF](#).

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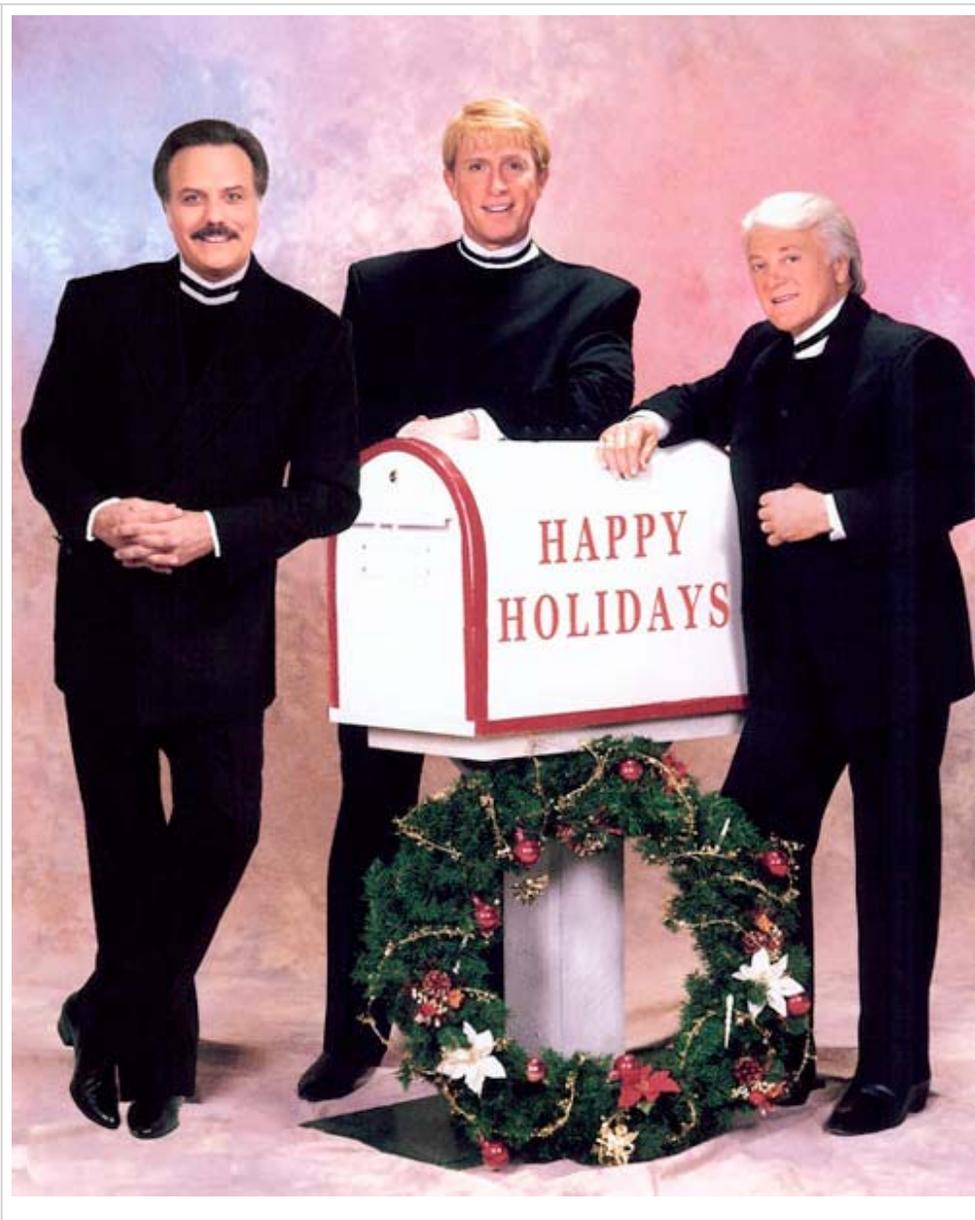
Vice president Warren Madden, athletics director Jamie Pollard and animal science department chair Maynard Hogberg are among officials who will be on hand to discuss the plans, answer questions and seek input from neighbors. Representatives from RDG Planning and Design also will attend the meeting.

ISU recently received permission from the state Board of regents to hire RDG to develop plans for the \$10.7 million sports complex that will be located in the green space east of the Towers. The complex will include practice and competition facilities for Cyclone soccer, track and softball. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.

A new pavilion for Iowa State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences received a jump-start last fall when Ames couple Marvin and Janice Walter pledged \$1.5 million to the project. About \$3.2 million in commitments have been raised for the \$7 million facility, which will include an arena, classrooms and animal holding areas. The pavilion will provide a setting where students in animal agriculture will interact with animals through courses, agricultural judging and skills competition.

The proposed location of the pavilion is the southwest corner of Mortenson Road and Gateway Hills Drive, on land currently used by the department of animal science's equine program. The design process for the facility will begin after fund raising has been completed.

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Holiday harmony with The Lettermen

Doo-wops and fa-la-la-las will combine at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 when 1960s pop stars, The Lettermen, take the stage at Stephens Auditorium for a special holiday concert.

The Lettermen launched their career in 1961 with the hit single, "The Way You Look Tonight." Other classics by the trio include "When I Fall In Love," "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" and "Goin' Out of My Head/Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

Donovan Tea and Mark Preston join the group's founder Tony Butala for this holiday concert, which will include performances of The Lettermen's pop hits, plus unique twists on classic holiday favorites.

Tickets are \$33 and \$37 (youth, \$25; ISU students, \$20), and are available [online](#) or at the Iowa State

Center ticket office (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.). *Submitted photo.*

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