

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Tag - that Schaumburg Park District tree is it!**

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Staff arborists identify trees by leaves, bug scars, and bark and branching patterns. The inventory of the trees allows staff to keep track of the species ratio in each park, know what to plant in order to diversify species, examine the health of trees especially those affected by last summer’s drought and identify evidence of the Emerald Ash Borer, the invasive beetle from Asia that destroys ash trees.



Thoughtful planning is the key to curbing damage from harmful species like the Emerald Ash Borer.

“We thrive to have no more than 20 percent of one species in a park in case of an outbreak,” said King. “It would hurt the District to lose many trees in a single park.”

As the parks team tags and identifies trees, they also keep spring cleaning in mind by making note of trees in need of trimming and removal once the snow melts.

The parks team hopes to finish a few more parks before spring blossoms and park beautification for the summer months begins. The tagging project is an ongoing task.

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*Submitted by Schaumburg Park District*

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