

Forester's Report 3 30 2015

No burning permits were issued during March. No additional burning permits will be issued for the near future until spring green up occurs and reduces the risk of wildfire from last years' dry leaves, grass and weeds.

Horseshoe Lake was ice-free on Sunday, March 22nd.

As of March 25th Anoka County joined Dakota and five other counties with known EAB infestations.

The Parks and Public Lands 5-Year Plan Committee met on March 10th and will be meeting again on April 8th to confirm recommendations relating to future Parks and Public Lands management that they plan to share at the May City Council meeting.

The Firewise Committee met on March 11th and decided to postpone the fire truck drive through event due to road weight restrictions and soft muddy conditions. A new date of Saturday, May 16th was chosen with a backup date of May 30th if weather causes another delay.

Buckthorn cutting and firewood harvesting were occurring at a property along Acorn Drive leading to an investigation, phone calls, letters, and we hope final resolution following a meeting including the Mayor, City Councilman, Contractor, and Forester.

The deer herd aerial count apparently will not occur this year due to lack of sufficient snow, so I recommend retaining the dollars allocated for the count for use next winter.

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City Forester