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No burning permits were issued during March.

Attended Weed Inspector Meeting in Farmington on March 5th for Dakota County Weed Inspectors. Topics included an update on state weed laws, changes to listed weed species and how to report infestations of particular weed species.

The Welcome Committee met on March 12th at the Heartland Credit Union.

On March 7 and 25 surveyed the City and adjacent areas of Mendota Heights and Inver Grove Heights for emerald ash borer (EAB). The western half of the City is generally infested with EAB now and that probably means that the insects have advanced significantly further than that. A map and photos will be on display at the City Council Meeting.

The Arbor Day newsletter has been written and will soon be ready for mailing. The Arbor Day Green Fair will be on Saturday, May 4th, from 10 am to 1 pm. We will plant trees, sell baby trees, have information on mosquito and tick-borne diseases, plus have coffee and treats.

Street weight limit signs were put up on March 15th.

Attended various tree seminars and invasive species control/management seminars on March 19, 20, 21.

Met with Wilderness in the City Board Member, Holly Jenkins, regarding "Friends of Musser Park" project on March 22nd.

A resident called on March 17th regarding damage to Charlton Road and one driveway entrance due to excess water washing gravel away. In consultation with City Engineer agreed to install several sandbags to limit water flow out of Sunfish Lake until most snow has melted. Partially reopened outlet on March 25th.

Led Tree Board meeting on March 27th at the Heartland Credit Union. Meeting topics included: Arbor Day Green Fair, EAB, lake water levels, deer and rabbit issues, "Friends of Musser Park" project, invasive species vs. aggressive species, weed control, and other topics.

Look for Treeways articles on the Sunfish Lake website.

No additional debris has appeared near the end of 55th Street. I remain in contact with the West St. Paul police department on this issue. Two old tires were dumped on 60th Street and they will be recycled as soon as possible.

Spring is finally here, all lake outlets are running, the trees are budding, and life is good!

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