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The renovated tot lot on Ironwood Drive in Autumn Woods.





## MEET THE EDITOR:

Hello! My name is Judy Grosch. My husband, Leo, and I lived in Neighborhood 1 for 20 years. While living there, I served on The Jonathan Association Board of Directors for 5 years. It was such a privilege to be on the board; to see the inner workings of the association, especially with the new management company. While living in Jonathan, there were good memories. The trails, trees, and variety were so pleasing! Though we recently moved to Carver, I enjoy remaining connected to the association and volunteering as editor of Jonathan's biannual newsletter. I can be reached at [jgrosch@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:jgrosch@jonathaninchaska.com)



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope this message finds you and your family in good health. It has been an incredibly busy summer season at The Jonathan Association. We have completed the monument projects in the heritage neighborhoods, replaced playground equipment in two tot lots, and completed numerous maintenance projects throughout the association. We also welcomed over a dozen new member households with the continued development in Clover Field additions!

Just as the leaves are turning, the board of directors is also beginning to shift our focus to the coming year. Priorities for the coming year include updating the reserve study that guides our capital projects. The board will approve the 2022 budget at the October meeting. This is also the time of the year when the nominating committee begins to meet with prospective applicants

for the upcoming election of directors. We are also looking for committee members to volunteer their voice and talents to improve our community. Our on-site management team has more information if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities.

In closing, I'd like to recognize our partners at FirstService Residential for an incredible first year, serving our association. I also want to thank the board members for the opportunity to serve a second term as president. I look forward to a strong close to the year and seeing you, all, at the annual meeting in 2022.

Warmest Regards,

Jeremy Landkammer Ely  
*President, Jonathan Association Board of Directors*

# ONE YEAR IN REVIEW

by Traci Gannon, FirstService Residential

I am fortunate to be a part of the awesome management team from FirstService Residential, in collaboration with Jonathan's Board of Directors, committees and, most importantly, you, the members of Jonathan.

As we continue to navigate through the challenges of Covid, I am proud of the work that we have accomplished in 2021 and look forward to the completion of many projects, still in progress.

Material shortages, labor shortages and vendor availability posed some challenges in the projects currently being executed.

Together with the management team, board of directors and vendors, we continue to accomplish the goals set forth for Jonathan in 2021:

1. Capital improvement projects
2. Member compliance audits
3. Best-in-class customer care

The entire management team at FirstService Residential & I continue to enjoy the opportunity to contribute to the success of Minnesota's largest homeowners association.

Please reach out to me, directly, if I can be of assistance. Email: [traci.gannon@fsresidential.com](mailto:traci.gannon@fsresidential.com)

## 2021 PROJECT UPDATES

### MONUMENT SIGNS

The heritage neighborhoods received updated monument signs constructed of quality stone and surrounded by new landscaping to complement the signs. The idea of removing the old wooden signs and replacing them with a more modern look was meant to make the entrances more aesthetically appealing and welcoming.

### TOT LOTS

Autumn Woods received a new tot lot, in the fall of 2021.

The pea gravel did not meet ADA recommendations and was replaced with ADA-approved hardwood chips. A new park bench and equipment with accessibility features were added.

The Tuscany Hills tot lot is currently under construction with an expected completion by November 1, 2021. The plastic edging was removed, a new concrete surround was added and pea gravel was replaced with ADA-approved wood chips. One tree was replaced and a new park bench was added.

### MAIL PAVILIONS

The old mail station pavilions in Neighborhood 8 were removed and new, roadside mailboxes were installed. The asphalt was removed and will be replaced with landscaping and seating.

USPS has approved transitioning to new mail pavilion locations in Neighborhoods 4, 5 and 7. Mail stations will be roadside and will be conveniently located, to better serve residents. All remaining mail pavilions are scheduled to be replaced by end of 2023.



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jonathan Association is looking for members to get involved with making positive changes in our community. Three director seats will be open in February 2021. As a director, you could help improve The Jonathan Association with valuable input. The board seats are voluntary positions. Members gain satisfaction, knowing that they are making this a better place to live. If you have 4-10 hours per month available to help make a difference in your community, please call (952) 448-4700 or email [info@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:info@jonathaninchaska.com) for more information.

If you are interested in volunteering, but do not want to run for a board position, please consider sharing your time and talents by joining one of the committees. Make your voice heard.

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The goal of the activities committee is to bring residents together by organizing events that build a sense of community among Jonathan neighbors. The committee strongly encourages all Jonathan residents to get involved and share their ideas, thereby making events happen.

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The "ARC" oversees standards and covenants that guide external property maintenance and improvements. It helps ensure a neat, well-kept, and harmonious neighborhood, while considering the well-being of all residents in Jonathan. ARC decisions are guided by neighborhood covenants, the ARC Guidelines, and directives of The Jonathan Association Board of Directors.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

It is the responsibility of the communications committee to facilitate the flow and content of information from The Jonathan Association Board of Directors to Jonathan residents and, when necessary, outside organizations.

## ELECTION COMMITTEE

The purpose of the election committee is to fairly and legally administer all board of directors elections in accordance with applicable Jonathan Association by-laws. The election committee is granted the powers and authority to carry out the task of nominating individuals to The Jonathan Association Board of Directors. As such, they are tasked with the administration of all aspects of the election process.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The responsibility of the executive committee is to act on behalf of the full board of directors, between meetings and when the board is not in session.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The main responsibility of the finance committee is to consider financial issues, such as the management of money and other assets of The Jonathan Association. They also provide ongoing forecasts of financial position, operations and cash flow, based upon expected conditions.

## HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the heritage committee is to procure, protect, perpetuate, and promote the history and amenities of The Jonathan Association; for the benefit of all its residents – current and future.



# A NEIGHBOR'S STORY

by Sarah Anderson

My name is Sarah Anderson. I have lived in neighborhood 4 with my boyfriend, Brian, and our five children (Kyle- 16, Rachel- 16, Emma- 13, Lauren- 11 and Chloe- 8) for over 9 years, now. I have lived in Jonathan since I was 5 years old. I remember walking to the Jonathan General to buy Tootsie Rolls for a penny, riding my bike and going off of jumps in the woods (now, Hwy 212 and Bavaria Road). I used to ride my bike to downtown Chaska, to see a movie. I also rode my bike to Lake Grace; to go swimming, jump off of the dock or play ping pong in the pavilion.

What I like most about our neighborhood, now, is our neighbors. A lot of the kids are the same ages as our kids. We can always tell when school is over, for the day or for the year. It gets very busy around here!



I am an administrative assistant/full-time firefighter for the Chaska Fire Department, Monday-Friday. After hours, I am an on-call volunteer for the department. I have been on with the department, as a volunteer, for five years. I have been full-time for about three years, now. Things that I love about my job: each day is different, I get to help people in from all walks of life, and I get to work in the community where I live.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Jonathan Association held its 54<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at The Karen House. The event featured Norm the Magician, The Tuxedo Band, a 5K fun run, kiddie parade, and a picnic.







# EITEL HOUSE

Kay Rothe

The Eitel House committee held an open forum, this last July, concerning the future of the Eitel House, in Neighborhood 8.

The forum was well-attended, with good input from all. Participants, along with the committee members, decided to put the property up for sale.

RE/MAX Advisors West was contacted and is moving forward with the property listing and future sales. The land that on which the house is located will be replotted. The existing tot lot will remain. Hopefully, this information will be presented, in November, for the city approval.



Any members who have questions or an interest in the Eitel House may contact Kevin Fafinski at [kfafinski@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:kfafinski@jonathaninchaska.com).

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# EMERALD ASH BORER

by Traci Gannon, FirstService Residential

The association is following the progression of emerald ash borer with Jonathan. Qualified arborists are working to lay out the best strategic plan to tackle the disease.

If you have ash trees on your property, it is recommended to have them assessed by a qualified arborist.

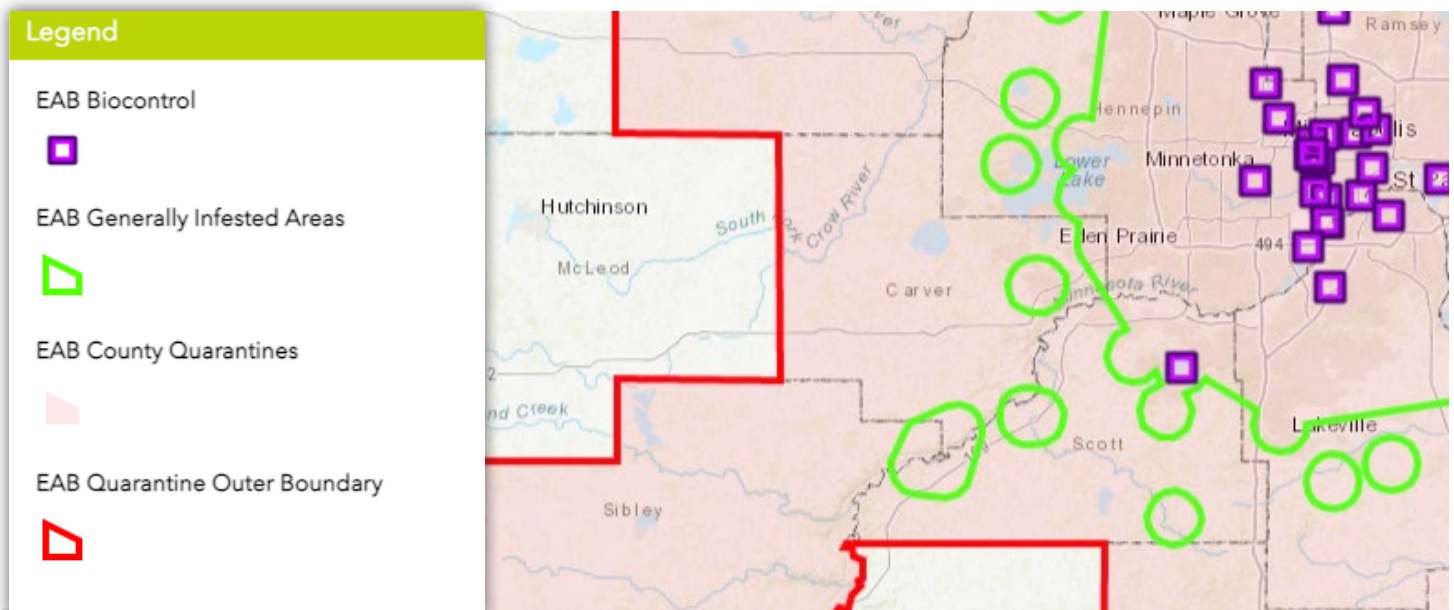
## WHAT IS EMERALD ASH BORER?

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive forest insect, from Asia. It is responsible for the deaths of millions of ash trees, throughout the eastern half of the US and southeastern Canada. EAB infests and kills weak and healthy ash trees, alike. All species of ash that are native to North America are vulnerable to EAB attack. Most of the EAB life cycle takes place below the bark.

Woodpeckers readily feed on EAB larvae and often reveal infested trees during the winter months. These trees become covered in light-colored "flecking" as woodpeckers remove the outer bark. As tunnels from feeding larvae accumulate, trees begin to show signs and symptoms of EAB infestation. Once trees have started to show symptoms, they generally die within one to three years.

Emerging adult beetles chew characteristic 1/8-inch, D-shaped exit holes. These can be useful in confirming infested ash trees, although the holes can be difficult to find because of their small size and because they are frequently located high in the tree.

The map, below, shows the emerald ash borer status in Minnesota. Become knowledgeable about recognizing EAB and remain vigilant to the condition of your ash trees.



The above map and *What is Emerald ash borer?* are from the Minnesota DNR website.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

### Fall Clean-Up Day

The Jonathan Association will have crews making a **one-time pass through each neighborhood**, picking up yard waste. All waste must be in biodegradable bags. All brush must be smaller than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. To ensure your yard waste is collected, have your bags sitting curbside by 8am on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> and it will be picked up by 3pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

### Cocoa & Coasting

2:30 – 4:00 pm

It's the special return of the cocoa & coasting event! Come and warm up with a hot cup of cocoa, coffee or cider. Have some holiday cookies and grab a goodie bag. Enjoy a special visit from Santa! We are looking for a volunteer(s) to chair this event. Please email [traci.gannon@fsresidential](mailto:traci.gannon@fsresidential) for information or to volunteer.



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