

The O·C·E·O·A Enforcer

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HVAC

Brian Rose, from the City of Fairfield, will be our 11:00 speaker. Brian will be teaching us everything we need to know about Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning.

Brian has been the HVAC Inspector for the City of Fairfield for the past 8 years. He is state licensed in Ohio for building, electrical, mechanical, and residential building inspections. He is a licensed HVAC contractor, electrical contractor, and fire alarm installer in the State of Ohio. Prior to the City of Fairfield, Brian worked for 15 years in the commercial HVAC industry.

Brian graduated from Miami University with an Associates degree in Electro-Mechanical Engineering. He also worked on classes to complete a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Also at Miami University, Brian completed a full time night program in heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Studies afforded him a thorough knowledge of refrigeration cycle, superheating, sub-cooling, system troubleshooting, ACCA residential and commercial load calculating, ductwork design, psychometrics and building codes.

Land Banking

The practice of acquiring land and holding it for future use.

Many cities and municipalities are considering developing land banking programs. The goal, even though it varies from situation to situation, is to gain control of what are usually unused, under used or foreclosed properties to turn them around and make them useful properties.

Often the goal of land banking is to gain control over several small contiguous parcels and banking them until you have control of enough to make it worth while to combine all of the smaller parcels into one larger parcel worth marketing to a developer or developing yourself for use by your organization.

Imagine an area of a city experiencing Urban Blight, where nearly 1/2 of the structures in a block are missing because

They were too unsafe to leave standing.

The city could obtain these empty parcels and hold them until a better use can be found for them. Or the city could be more pro-active and purchase the rest of the derelict buildings on the block so they have control of the entire block. Then they may have a piece of property that will be easier to adapt for a more profitable or viable use.

As a part of a Land Banking Project, it is possible to gain control of properties that are abandoned or used for illegal purposes by exercising receivership rights. Then the property can be rehabbed or demolished to make way for more desirable uses.

Regrettably, Fees Are Increasing

None of us like fee increases. For several years we have held off all rate hikes, but find the amounts charged last year to be insufficient to cover our expenses. Currently, it costs us a couple bucks more per person to run our quarterly meetings than the \$25.00 we charge. The new meeting registration fee, starting in February 2007, will be \$30.00 for each meeting.

Likewise, due to increases in printing and postage fees and the general cost of running the organization, the 2007 annual individual membership fees will increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per person. Agency memberships will increase to \$250.00 for the year. This increase will be reflected in the 2007 renewal notices and in the February 2007 meeting flier.

Our membership year begins February 1 of each year. By mid-January 2007, you should be receiving a renewal notice in a separate mailing or incorporated into the Enforcer newsletter and meeting flier for February 2007.

Any concerns with the rate increases should be addressed to Don Tate at don.tate@ketteringoh.org or 937-296-2423. Membership status or renewal questions may be directed to Denver Williams at denver.williams@ci.dayton.oh.us or 937-333-3916.

EMERALD ASH BORER

In the summer of 2002 scientists discovered a new exotic insect in several Michigan counties. The tree killing pest, known as the Emerald Ash Borer, is an invasive species originally from Asia and previously unknown in North America that attacks ash trees. To date, it has killed millions of ash trees throughout Michigan and is now showing up in Ohio, Indiana, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.



Larvae



Map of Affected Ohio Counties

2006 & 2007 OCEOA Meeting Dates

- November 16, 2006 •
- February 22, 2007 •
- May 17, 2007 •
- August 16, 2007 •
- November 22, 2007 •

All meetings will be held at the Midwest Hotel & Conference Center on Sinclair Road in Columbus, Toll Free Phone No. 1-877-609-6086

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Since the Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered in Ohio in 2003, they have been identified in 21 counties: Auglaize, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Defiance, Erie, Franklin, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lorain, Lucas, Marion, Miami, Sandusky, Seneca, Ottawa, Warren, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties. All or parts of these counties have been quarantined to stop the movement of firewood and ash logs, which are the largest contributors to the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Ash trees infested with the Emerald Ash Borer typically die within four or five years. The pest belongs to a group of metallic wood-boring beetles. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length and one-eighth inch wide, and fly only from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees, and when they emerge as adults, they leave D-shaped exit holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide.

Cindy Burskey , Community Relations Manager for the Emerald Ash Borer will update us on the current situation.



Damage beneath the bark of an Ash Tree

For more information on EAB or for the latest quarantine map, go to www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab, or call 1-888-OHIO-EAB.

You can now download the meeting registration form and copies of the Enforcer by typing **meetings.oceoa.org** where you would normally enter a URL address. Notice you do **not** need to include a www, doing so will prevent you from reaching the files. Need help? Call 937-333-3916.

Fire Safety

Captain Walter Babb, from the City of Kettering will be back with us to get us all fired up about Fire Safety. Captain Babb has been a guest speaker a number of times over the years and is always interesting to listen to.

Besides Fire Safety in general, Captain Babb will educate us on the proper use and maintenance of Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers are a great tool, but if you don't know how to use one properly you can do more harm than good.

Walter will also give us some tips on what and where to look for some serious fire safety problems that are just waiting to happen.

I know I have personally learned some safety tips from Walter's presentations that have helped me to make my home a safer place.

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