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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS/PROPERTY OWNERS BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE ASIAN LONGHORN BEETLE!

Asian Longhorn Beetle has spread to our area!

The Asian Longhorn Beetle has arrived Plainfield

On behalf of the Shade Tree Commission and the Planning Division, we ask that Plainfield residents accept this note as an advisory to pay very close attention to the Asian Longhorn Beetle, shown in the photo to the right.

- Unlike the ash borer, it likes more than ash trees. The insect has a penchant for 13 different types of trees, including maple, birch and sycamore.
- One promising facet is that adults are not good fliers and tend to stay in a confined area during their yearlong life.

Because the larvae take an entire winter to incubate inside a tree trunk, the reproductive progress of the bug can be halted by removing an infested tree.



- The damage on trees that is caused by the Asian Longhorn Beetle resembles the look of swiss cheese. The insects gouge many round holes in the trees and the photo to the left shows the damage caused by the beetle along with the approximate size of the holes they can make.
- The beetles will colonize a tree until it is so riddled with tunnels/holes that it becomes dangerous, as limbs and branches may fall onto passersby. Once a tree is infested, no

pesticide treatment is effective and the tree must be taken down. In addition, any nearby host trees must also be removed to ensure that the beetle has not infested them as well.

Reporting

If you find the Asian Longhorn Beetle on your property, or think you may have spotted it somewhere else, here's what you should do, contact your local arborist or tree expert to develop a plan of action. Or contact New Jersey Department of Agriculture at 1-609-406-6939. If you have any shade tree related questions, you can also contact the Planning Division, which serves as the liaison to the City Shade Tree Commission, at 908-753-3421.