

# COVINGTON ESTATES

COVINGTON ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2010

## Welcome to our Quarterly Newsletter

We hope all is well for everyone in our community! This is our very first quarterly newsletter of the year! Our goal for the neighborhood newsletter is to share important and useful information with all of our neighbors. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please email Jana Kane at [janalee.kane@gmail.com](mailto:janalee.kane@gmail.com).



## BEING NEIGHBORLY

The dictionary defines a neighbor as “a person living near or next door to another person”.

It also defines a neighbor as “any person in need of one’s help or kindness.”

Below are the requests of kindness most often voiced by your neighbors.

Please be neighborly by....

1. Picking up after your dog.
2. Avoiding street parking.
3. Shoveling sidewalks - including school bus stop corners.

## Purpose of CEHOA

The Covington Estates Neighborhood Association is entirely made up by neighborhood volunteers. Their purpose is to help protect the value of your home and the quality of our neighborhood. CEHOA helps to manage the common areas including the swimming pool, tennis, and basketball courts. Without these volunteers, the neighborhood would have to hire a property management company. Hiring such a company would **dramatically increase** annual homeowners fees. As a Covington Estates Homeowner, you are a member of the Homeowners Association. The CEHOA meets the 3rd Thursday of every month.

## WHAT DO YOUR DUES DO?

Annual Homeowner’s Dues decreased by 3% this year. Your dues help to pay for Trash removal, landscaping of common areas, pool maintenance and operation, and more. Over the last two years, Covington Estates has made improvements to common areas that have helped to maintain the quality and desirability of our neighborhood. These improvements include: new playground equipment, new fencing around play ground, resurfacing of basketball and tennis courts, new basketball hoops and tennis net, and a security system for the pool.

# Save Your Ash!

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a devastating exotic insect pest of North American ash trees. EAB has been found in Indiana including Clay & Delaware Townships in Hamilton County.

If EAB is not managed, it could eliminate ash trees as a species in North America. All native North American ash trees are vulnerable to attack by EAB without exception. No resistant varieties have been found in North America and the mortality rate of ash trees attacked by the insect is 100%.

Encore Landscape will be treating trees in the common areas of Covington Estates for EAB.

Encore is also offering a discounted rate to Covington Estates residents to treat their ash trees. Pricing will be dependent upon the size of the tree, but will be a 15% discount on any estimated treatment price (typically, \$65-\$80 per application.) Treatments are made one time per year and should be done in the spring. Contact an Encore representative at 317-937-2872 for a consultation and recommendation.

## What to Watch For

There have been a small number of reports of vandalism to home exteriors over the last few months. Homes and cars have been vandalized with eggs, toilet paper, excrement, and more. Please be alert to suspicious activity and turn on your outside lights EVERY night!

As a reminder, Covington Estates is part of the Town of Fishers Crime Watch Program. The Crime Watch Program is a defensive strategy rather than an offensive strategy. Where neighbors look out for neighbors. For more information and to receive Crime Watch updates, please email Karen Palmer at [Kjpill@aol.com](mailto:Kjpill@aol.com).



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: Damage from Emerald Ash :  
: Borer. Initial damage appears :  
: as thinning and dieback in the :  
: upper canopy. Infected trees :  
: will be dead within two years. :  
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## CEHOA

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## Code Corner

The Architectural Review Committee is made up of neighborhood volunteers who help maintain and enhance Covington Estates. They are a good resource for homeowners who are looking for reliable contractors. As a reminder, homeowners need to submit an Architectural Control Request Form before making any changes or improvements to their home. The form is located at [www.covingtonestates.com](http://www.covingtonestates.com)