
Blue Heron Woods Property Owners Association



3/12/2023

To: Blue Heron Woods Property Owners

The BHW Board has decided to be proactive against any damage to our trees caused by another infestation of Spongy Moths (formerly known as Gypsy Moths) as witnessed last year. The Forest District for Pike County has advised us to spray this year, as the Density Measurement of the egg masses in nearby areas has indicated another year of Spongy Moth infestation. The Board felt it necessary to hire a company to spray our trees. The cost for this year's spraying will be absorbed by the POA.

The Blue Heron Woods POA Board has contracted with Helicopters Applicators, based in Gettysburg, PA, to do the work.

The spray, Foray 48B, being used is a biological insecticide of the naturally occurring bacteria *Bacillus thuringiensis*. It is commonly used by organic gardeners. It is nontoxic and will not harm people, animals, birds, fish or insects such as butterflies, bees or ladybugs.

The following precautions are advised:

- People and animals should stay indoors during the actual spray period and for one hour afterwards (the length of time the spray needs to dry)
- Pull vehicles indoors or cover with a large tarp. If your vehicle does get sprayed, simply wash it with soap and water within a day or two to remove the residue.
- Wash residue from outdoor furniture that wasn't covered.

Close windows and doors during and for one hour after the spray period, as it has a slight odor. The smell dissipates after it dries.

The spraying will take place sometime in May, depending on caterpillar hatch and development, tree leaf budding and growth and weather conditions. The spraying will take place on a week day, after the buses have completed their morning pick up.

Additional communications will be sent as we get closer to May.

Because the spraying depends on weather conditions, the spraying company can only give us a 24-48hr notification of the exact date and time they will spray. ***This notification will only be able to go out via email. If you would like us to inform you of that date and time, please provide your email address to the BHW Board at board@blueheronwoodspoa.com***

Sincerely,

Blue Heron Woods Property Association Board of Directors
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