



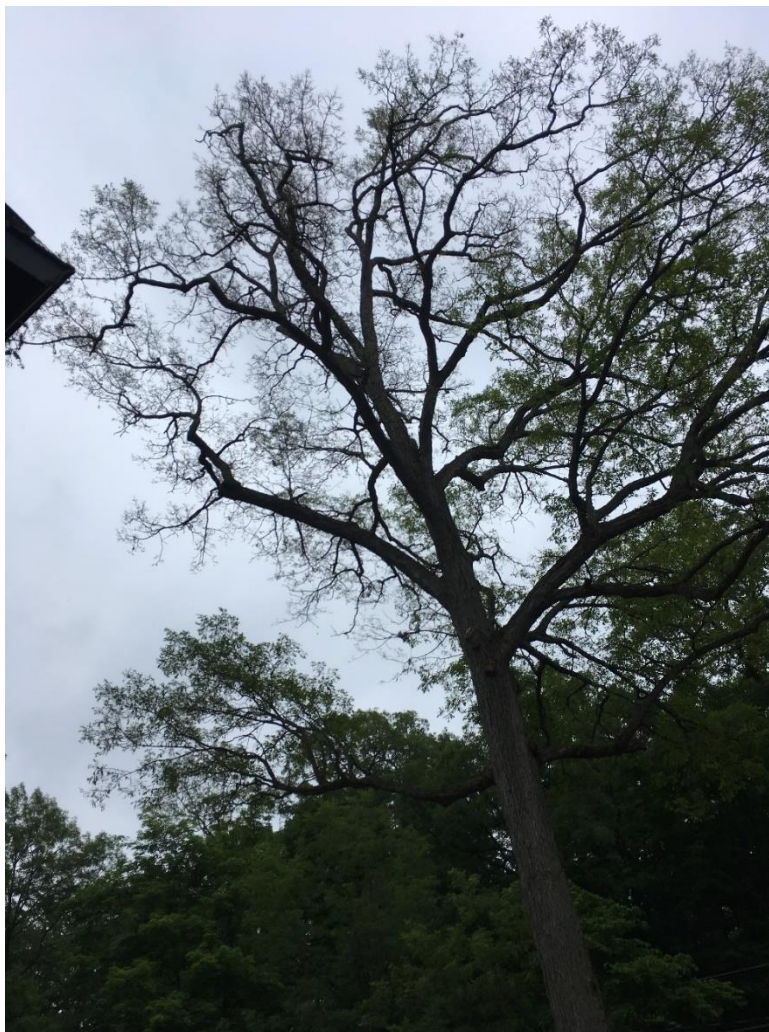
WLA July Meeting

The Winans Lake Association July meeting will be held on 7/12 at 6:30 at the beach.

Gypsy Moth Infestation

Gypsy Moth caterpillars have infested the southwestern corner of Winans Lake, affecting neighbors on Community Drive and Winans Drive. These highly invasive and destructive pests have defoliated many oak trees, created significant mess with the frass (caterpillar poop) and leaf litter that results from their perpetual feeding, and have threatened the health and life of the oak trees that they feed on.

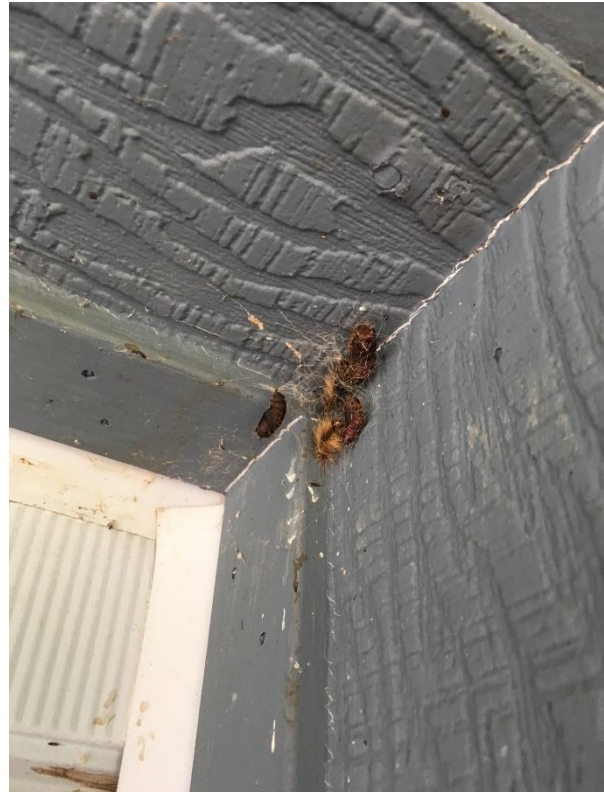
When you are walking in this area you will notice oak trees that have been totally or partially stripped of leaves. You can hear the caterpillars eating and the frass falling, it sounds like rain. The frass looks like small black seeds.





Because the Gypsy Moth is a true invasive, it has no natural predators. Several of the neighbors in the area had their trees inoculated by the Arborist at Family Tree Doctor in Howell. Though many of the caterpillars died, the infestation is so massive, according to the arborist, that caterpillars from untreated trees continued to pillage the oaks in an expanding area.

Please check your oak trees for evidence of the caterpillars. It is vital that we track the invasion so that we can successfully stop it next spring. The danger for the Winans Lake community is that the infestation will increase and the affected area will grow. As caterpillars, the gypsy moths move from tree to tree either over land or from tree canopy to tree canopy. However, the caterpillars will transition to cocoons and then hatch into moths over the summer months. The moths can travel further distances, laying zillions of eggs masses that will hatch the next spring, repeating the destructive cycle that is in process while involving more trees. This article provides more detailed information on the gypsy moth life cycle. <https://www.roscommoncounty.net/221/Gypsy-Moth-Life-Cycle>.



Currently the caterpillars are transitioning to the cocoon stage. Homeowners can look for and destroy cocoons now, and later in the summer it can be helpful to destroy the egg masses. These links provide information on techniques and



products: <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/2811/2811-1021/2811-1021.html> and <https://www.planetnatural.com/pest-problem-solver/tree-pests/gypsy-moth-control/>

If you are interested in working together to manage the infestation or to coordinate efforts to control the gypsy moths next spring, please contact Mary Anderson at maryanderson888 at msn dot com. She has been in contact with Hamburg Township and the MSU County Extension service to inform them of the infestation and to discuss possible intervention options.

Gypsy Moth Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting on the gypsy moth infestation presented by expert Gretchen Voyle on Sunday, July 15 at 1 pm at the Lakeland Clubhouse. Gretchen was a major player in Livingston County's efforts to control the gypsy moth during the last massive outbreak 15-20 years ago.

Winans Lake Beach Hours

June 1st through Labor Day:

- Sunday-Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday-Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Note: Beach may close at any time due to poor weather. Check current status at 810 dash 231dash 9820 or 810 dash 231 dash 3000.

July Beach Activities

July 14 from 2 pm - 4 pm is the next Fun Day. This month's fun activity is a Field Day with popsicles.

July 27th is the next Friday evening grilling and BigFoot Bob will be returning for another evening of toe tapping music. Bring your own food and beverages and join your neighbors for a very special evening.

WLA Social Media

Stay up to date with all the beach news. You can find the latest information either on the WLA webpage [WinansLake dot org](http://WinansLake.org) or the [WLA Beach Facebook](#) page.

Lake Life

Once again the Fourth of July was well attended this year, in spite of the very hot weather, and proved to be memorable. There were about 30 participants for the 8 am swim, bike, run relay at the beach which was won by Brennan Killom. Thank you to the Kramer family for running this event as the Larwas were out of town.



Next up was the annual parade. As always, the parade participants of all ages were decked out in their 4th finery.



The parade participants and watchers ended at the flag pole for the flag raising ceremony. Martha thinks it might have been the largest group to participate in this part of the day. She read from the Declaration of Independence, then Mason and Simon Killom raised the flag, everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance, sang one verse of American the Beautiful. The ceremony ended with the recognition of those in our families that have served in the Military.



Everyone then drifted down to the Pelky's for the continental breakfast and the games. Thanks again to the Pelkys for hosting us in their front yard, and thanks to Carrie Dygert for helping Martha with the games. The "First in the Lake" trophies were given to Samantha and Carina Dygert. There were several past winners of this contest present so we gathered for a group photo, giving a visual history.



The day finished with the annual all lake potluck at the beach. The picnic at the beach took place at 5:00. Thank you to Lee and Simon Ren and Ken Martenka for grilling, to Eric Loehr for purchasing and setting up the drinks, to Mary Evergreen for purchasing the food and blocking the road for the morning parade, and the Hallstroms for dismantling the drinks at the end of the picnic.





This is our biggest event of the year, and we had a lot of families with three generations present. It's an old school type of event which makes memories for many of the folks around the lake. Thanks to all of you who attend and all of you who help. Much appreciated. (Martha Leabu)

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Correction - typos do happen (to me) all the time.

Allison Birndorf's fiance is Jacob Denzer. The email address is jdenzer at gmail dot com.

Newsletter

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