



WLA Board Meeting

There will **not** be a December Winans Lake Association board meeting. The next board meeting will be held on January 10th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakelands Golf and Country Club.

Gypsy Moth Update

The Gypsy Moth Eradication Committee is making progress in our fight against the gypsy moths. Close to fifty percent of the neighbors who received a letter Thanksgiving week detailing plans to spray our trees in the spring have returned their payment and permission slip.

In order for our efforts to proceed and succeed, the participation of every neighbor is critical. A second mailing is going out the week of December 9, 2018.

- If you haven't, please send in your permission form and payment. Residents are being asked to cover the cost of spraying their property, \$195 per lot.
- Please talk with your neighbors to make sure that they have received a letter and have signed and returned the enclosed permission form with their check.
- If you or your neighbors have questions or concerns, please contact Nicola Rooney by email: nmr5925@gmail.com or Mary Anderson by phone: 734-217-1567
- If you would like to help our efforts financially or as an advocate, please contact us!

Neighbors living in a 15-acre parcel including Community Dr, Winans Dr to Keystone, and Winans Lake Rd to the east and west side of Chilson Rd from Cattail Pointe to Club House Dr received the letters.

Committee members found egg masses in trees throughout this area. Each egg mass contains 1000-1500 future caterpillars. The egg masses are a harbinger of the havoc to come in the spring, though many times it is impossible to see the masses. Even trees with no visible egg masses were infested and defoliated last summer. The gypsy moth caterpillars create mess, defoliation, and threat to infested trees, all of which affect property value and quality of life. To fight back, the committee explored many options, and determined that the safest, most effective, and least expensive course is to spray the tree canopy with *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (Bt) early in May.



Bt is a *naturally occurring soil bacteria* that is not dangerous to humans, pets, or the environment. Bt is even approved for use on certified organic farms. After the trees are sprayed, the Bt stays on the leaves for 5-7 days. Ultimately, Bt is either rinsed off of the leaves by rain and returns to the soil where it originates, or the bacteria is destroyed by the rays of the sun. Bt will *not* kill birds, insects, fish or affect water quality. Bt is deadly for the gypsy moth caterpillars because they cannot digest it in the early stages of their development.

The committee wants to work with all neighbors to make it possible to participate and to protect our trees. Again, if you have questions or concerns, please contact us to find a solution!

Defoliated Trees





Egg Masses



Caterpillar (Larval)



Gypsy Moth





Christmas Caroling

Don't forget, Christmas Caroling is December 21st at 7:00 pm. Call Martha Leabu (810-923-0535) for further details.

Lake Life

This year there have been some really exciting migrators visiting Winans Lake on their way south! Mary Ida Yost reports that some especially exciting visitors were a flock of some 14 tundra swans on November 15, flocks of hooded mergansers that came through on two successive days--November 18 and 19, some 200 each day (but the largest numbers came in after dusk), and finally--December 5--a bald eagle who came to drink/fish from one of the few patches of open water left on the lake.

Carl Yost managed to get some photos and sent them to be shared.



Tundra Swans



Hooded Mergansers

Bald Eagle





Newsletter

Please send any articles or pictures you'd like included in the newsletter to Terre Voegeli (voegelit@gmail.com).

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