

Bayside Tree Committee Agenda

08/01/20

Beginning Bayview Park

1. Update of Brown Tail Moth by Vicky/Decision to next steps.
 - Vicky Matthews, Tree Warden, gave an update on brown tail impact this year.
 - Sadia, with a master Application License from Hawkes, discussed treatment options: clip, inject and spray
 - It is believed to be the 3rd year of the brown tail moth out of a 5 year cycle. 3rd and 4th year are heaviest. Hairs are toxic up to 3 years
 - Pruning is good for smaller areas (i.e. smaller apple trees in Ruggles); in larger trees it is easy to miss all the cocoons, thus not being as effective
 - Injecting is for trees closer to the water; more costly. They drill holes into the trunk of the trees by the roots. The holes heal within 2 years. Once the hole is drilled, they insert a capsule. They use a tree IV system wherein the lines are attached to a bottle and then chemical is pushed up by pressure into the tree.
 - Chemicals are the last option - Spraying is the most cost effective. State has requirements when close to the water. Spinosid is typically used as long as it is 250 feet away from the water. After an application, it typically dries within 15 minutes, but can take up to 45 minutes. When/if the village sprays, we would notify you of the day/time. Owners should stay indoors, shut windows and keep pets inside. Private owners MUST notify their neighbors. Hawkes will ask for a form to be signed.
 - When Spinosid is applied it does leave the chemicals susceptible to killing other insects for the 15 minutes before it fully dries. After that it must be ingested (caterpillars eaten). However, birds and pets should not be affected due to their size. It should be ok for pets after 45 minutes.
 - Timeframe: fall (early Sept) AND Spring (May). May is very important because it is before the hairs on the caterpillar have turned toxic.
 - It is hard to judge the effectiveness
 - UV light from the sun can break it down eventually, but not rain.
2. Comments/Questions/Concerns - public and tree members
 - John Woolsey has asked that we revisit the lilac issue in Merrithew Square. He feels now it can be moved without killing the bush.
 - Mary Alpher Brown submitted 2 letters and 7 signatures of neighbors in support of the bush being moved. Mr. Alpher Brown was present at the meeting.
 - It was decided that two committee members (John Hoy and John Woolsey) will look for alternative placements for the bush. When one is decided upon (within 2 weeks), Lisa Fryer will make a list of abutting neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Alpher Brown will need to receive support/signatures from those neighbors. If that support is gathered, Mr. and Mrs. Alpher Brown will hire an arborist (approved by NVC/Tree Committee) and fully pay to have the bush moved.