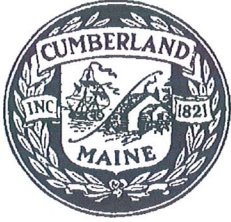


ITEM

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To hear a presentation re: Brown Tail
Moth spraying program for 2018.



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April 4, 2018

RE: Brown Tail Moth Tree Spraying Program 2018

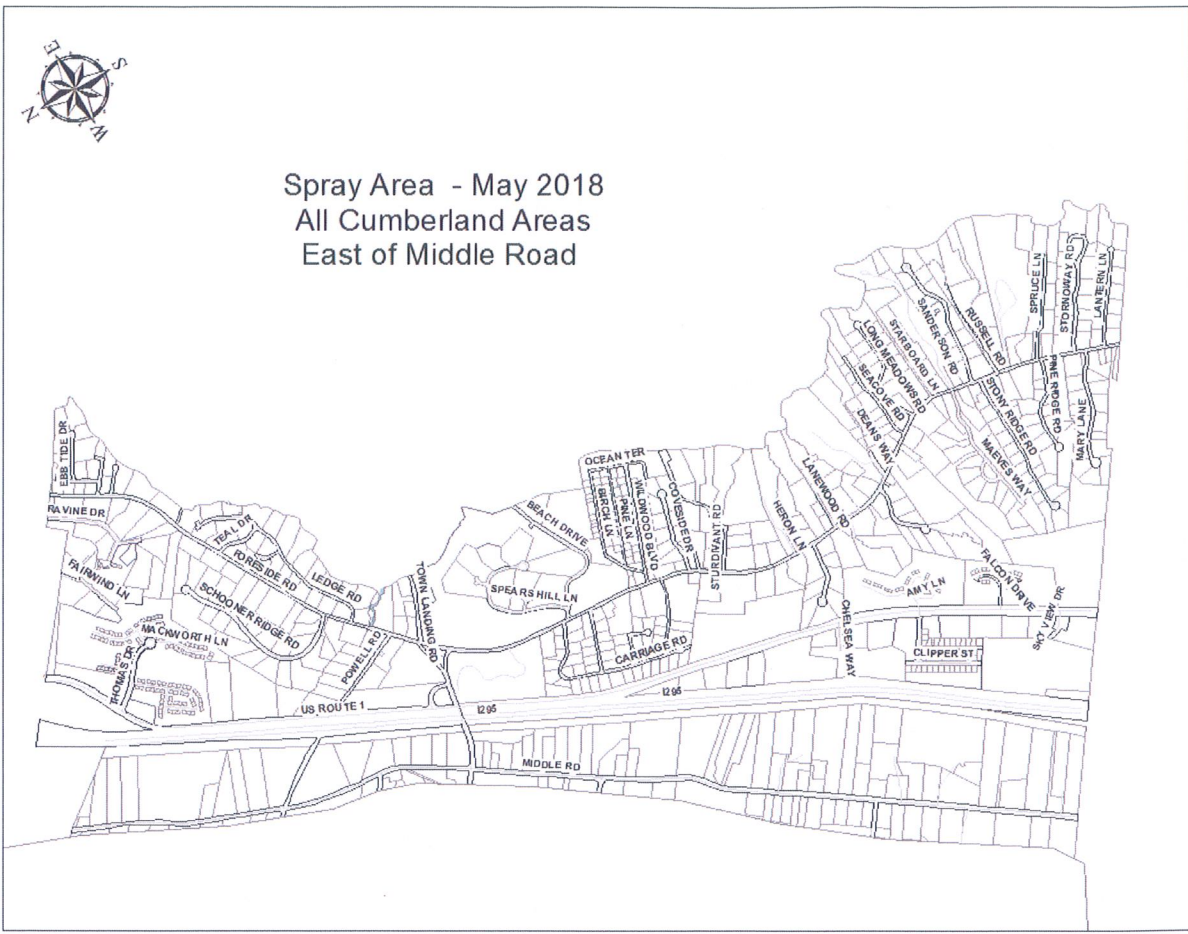
Dear Cumberland Foreside & Middle Road Residents:

The Town is spraying for Brown Tail Moth's beginning in early May depending on weather conditions. We are asking for your permission to allow Whitney Tree Service to spray from the roadway in front of your home with a truck mounted sprayer. The truck will be traveling along the road at about 2.5 miles per hour while applying the spray. The chemical used this year will be the same as last year – Conserve (brand name) or Spinosyn. The chemical safety sheet for this organic insecticide is available on our website www.cumberlandmaine.com. As we are spraying from the street and not the air, this is becoming more of a street tree preservation program versus a brown tail moth eradication program. Our hope is that this will help with the melting of hairs from these caterpillars which can cause rashes, and in some cases, respiratory issues.

If the majority of residents choose to participate on your street, the spray application program will occur in early May. The spray application begins in the **morning around 4:30 AM and is typically completed by 7:00 AM.**

If you do not want to participate in this program, please return the attached refusal form as soon as possible, but no later than April 26, 2018. If too many homes opt out of the spray program, the effectiveness is greatly diminished and your street may be skipped over for this year. Failure to return this refusal form will be deemed consent to spray.

2018 Streets Eligible for Spray Program



Additional information can be found on the Town's website at www.cumberlandmaine.com. If you have any questions, please call 207-558-9137 and leave a message on the Brown Tail Moth dedicated line. A Town Hall employee will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

William R. Shane
Town Manager