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Press Release

Aerial Spraying to Combat Gypsy Moths to Start in May

Oak Brook, Illinois (May 21, 2009) – In order to manage the Gypsy Moth population the Village of Oak Brook will be conducting aerial sprays over a 1,000 acre area. The treatment consists of a fine aerial spray application of Bacillus Thuringiensis, subspecies kurstaki or BTK. BTK is a naturally occurring, soil dwelling bacterium that is highly effective in controlling Gypsy moth populations but is not harmful to people, pets, livestock, migrating birds, bees or the environment.

The initial application is scheduled for May 21st, weather depending. However, to insure the best possible results, a second aerial application will follow about a week later. The applications will be conducted by relatively low flying helicopters utilizing a global positioning system (GPS) for precise navigation and spray application.

Should you have any questions regarding the aerial spraying, please contact the Village of Oak Brook at (630) 368-5270.

About the Village of Oak Brook:

Founded in 1958, the Village of Oak Brook is located 20 miles west of downtown Chicago and is in proximity to the junction of Interstates 88, 294, and 290. The Village consists mostly of residential subdivisions, with the exception of the Oak Brook Center shopping mall, other retail and office properties along 22nd Street and Interstate 88. Oak Brook is the home of many corporate offices, most notably, the world headquarters of McDonald's Corporation.