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They're Ba—ack.....

Brood X Cicadas

What are they:

There are many types of cicadas, Brood X is the larger version that visits the Ohio Valley west of Cincinnati every 17 years.



This year you can expect to hear them make their mating calls and see their molted brown shell hanging onto vertical surfaces from late April through June. Mostly harmless (but annoyingly noisy) to humans and pets, Brood X can do some serious damage to smaller trees and woody bushes. After mating, the females make slits in woody branches 1/4 to 1/2" in diameter and lay batches of eggs. Twigs break at these weak spots and are left to dangle, turn brown and die. This "pruning" is not a serious problem for large trees but can adversely affect the developing structure of small trees or woody bushes. Also, eggs inserted in the slit will remain in the twigs for six to 10 weeks before hatching. The tiny nymphs then fall to the ground and burrow into the soil in search of tree roots. They use their piercing-sucking mouthparts to take sap from tree roots, which can also adversely affect young trees for years to come. Cicadas are not drawn to pine trees, or any tree that has a gummy sap.

What do you need to do:

Insecticides are fairly ineffective in protecting a tree, but it is recommended young trees be covered with 1/4" netting or cheesecloth. As soon as the first mating calls are heard, secure the covering around the trunk to prevent cicadas from climbing up to the limbs. The netting should be removed at the end of June or when cicada activity stops.

Home improvement stores such as Lowe's or Home Depot have 1/4" netting, and craft stores such as Hobby Lobby have cheesecloth. You can buy either online. If you need help securing the netting/cloth, contact:

Info@CityofKingsley.org

Junkyard Easements—Not

Clean Disposal of Your Big Stuff

If you're cleaning out your home and have furniture, mattresses, appliances, or any large item that won't fit in your trash can, you have several options for getting rid of the stuff:

1-Take a picture of your item and post it on Next Door under FREE ITEMS. You keep the item in your home or garage and people contact you to arrange a date and time for pick up in your driveway. If the pickup doesn't happen, move the item back to your home or garage. This has been a great tool for many of us to unload stuff from our homes....or get free stuff we think we need. If you're not familiar with posting on Next Door, contact us and we'll help you:

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2-Call Waste Management for a large item pickup and bring the item to the city easement on Monday. Ideally, make the call by Friday to give them time to schedule the pickup. Tell them you are calling for **City of Kingsley**, then give them your name and street address. If it's anything with cloth, like a mattress, box springs, couch, ottoman, etc, you have to cover it with plastic and tape up all the seams. (This is a recent requirement to protect the haulers from bedbugs. We don't have bedbugs, but they don't know that.) WM will pick up one item per week if you call them. If you have additional items, they will charge you \$75 for every 15 minutes the pickup men are at your easement. You can get plastic paint drop cloths at any home improvement or paint store. DO NOT put a large item in the city easement until you have scheduled WM or a private pick up service date. The number for Waste Management is:

502-966-0117

If you leave large items in your easement, any time other than Monday evenings through Tuesday evenings, you will be fined. The first violation is \$100, follow up violations start at \$500. Don't risk it!

Your Elected City Officials		Kingsley Calendar	
Mayor:	Rebecca Beld502-452-6478	All City Council & Tree Board meetings are held via Zoom meetings until further notice. The website will have the details.	
Commissioners:		May 6	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00 pm
Aliki Royalty (Trash collection, other Special Events)	502-445-4900	June 3	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00 pm
Lesa Ferguson (Picnic, sidewalks).....	502-681-5570	July 1	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00pm
George Burns (Streets, street signs)	206-225-1532	August 5	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00pm
Stephanie Rosenik (Public Info, Landscaping):	502-753-9476	September 2	City meeting 7:00pm Tree Board 6:00pm
When calling be sure to unblock your caller ID.			
Other Contacts			
City Clerk:	Marilyn Whisler502-262-2760		
Treasurer:	Tom Schlindwein502-548-1834		
Tree Board:	Phyl Breuer502-452-2515		
	Susan Melcher.....502-459-0802		
Police:	Emergency.....911		
	Non-Emergency 574-2111 option 5		

Kingsley Flag Contest

Clever Young Artists

Many thanks to Meredith Elder and Ophelia Lorenz for submitting their winning Kingsley flag design concepts this past January. Our new Kingsley flag took inspiration from both of their designs. We expect to have the finished flag this fall hanging from the flagpole in Kingsley Green Park.

PS...One Last Comment....

The pandemic is hopefully coming to an end, but we've decided to cancel the yard sale and September picnic to be on the safe side. We're so sad.