

Haywood County “Toeprints”

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What’s Happening?

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform Haywood County Taxpayers of what transpires at the bi-monthly County Commission Meetings. This newsletter will be written from the perspective of a casual observer, myself. Any opinions expressed will be mine.

Concerned Citizens of Haywood.

There have been three (3) relatively earth-shaking events recently, none of which have been reported (at least correctly) in either the mountaineer or the smn tabloid.

- Spraying for the Gypsy Moth in Cruso,
- \$75,735 Grant for Covid-19 “Choices” - Sarah Banks,
- The Greenway.

versus

Concerned Citizens of Haywood.

In each of these instances, concerned citizens have been involved in focusing attention on these issues, calling upon citizens to participate, all with having significant impact.

Spraying for the Gypsy Moth in Cruso.

The problem with the NC Department of Agriculture spraying for the Gypsy Moth in Cruso **is not** related to delays in public notification, it **is** with the chemical ingredients of Splat GM-O, and the inability of Joy Goforth to adequately address citizens concerns relating to the adverse effects of this insecticide.

In each of the two hastily called meetings by Joy Goforth, no one was able to adequately address concerns to specific questions related to the 83% of “inert” chemicals in Splat GM-O. A third meeting, would have brought the house down. Here is the email from Joy Goforth, moving the spraying effort to sometime in 2024. My bet is it is not going to happen. Score 1 for the Concerned Citizens of Haywood.

From: "Goforth, Joy A" <joy.goforth@ncagr.gov>
Date: March 29, 2023 at 5:01:34 PM EDT
Subject: Cruso Gypsy (Spongy) Moth Survey/Treatment Update

Good afternoon,

You are receiving this email because you have either added your email address to the Cruso Treatment notification list or contacted us directly with questions regarding the planned treatment for the invasive gypsy (spongy) moth in Haywood County. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the USDA Forest Service have decided not to treat the Cruso spray block in 2023 due to the delays in public notifications. We will continue monitoring the gypsy (spongy) moth

populations in the area for the 2023 survey season and reevaluate the data for next year. We anticipate the gypsy (spongy) moth populations will persist and possibly expand to additional uninfested areas. Should this occur, we will proceed with eradicating the gypsy (spongy) moth in the summer of 2024. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and receive additional information about the gypsy (spongy) moth and the treatment in person or by contacting our office. All residents in the treatment block will receive notification by mail prior to the treatment. Public notices will also be distributed through press releases. Since no treatment is planned for this year, we will not be conducting an additional public meeting in Haywood County at this time.

We have heard resident concerns and are committed to thoroughly answering your questions. In addition, I understand the frustration recent communication issues have caused and will ensure they are resolved. I can be reached at this email or the number below. If you submitted a question and have not received a response, please let me know. Below are some resources you may find useful.

NCDA&CS – Gypsy (Spongy) Moth site: [Gypsy Moth Program Home \(ncagr.gov\)](http://GypsyMothProgramHome.ncagr.gov)

Slow the Spread (STS) Program: [Slow the Spread Program](http://SlowtheSpreadProgram.com)

Splat GM-O (disparlure) Mating disruption. Information here: [https://www.in.gov/dnr/entomology/files ... MO_FAQ.pdf](https://www.in.gov/dnr/entomology/files/...MO_FAQ.pdf) Mating disruption is a spongy (gypsy) moth-specific control tactic that is effective against low- to moderate-density populations of spongy (gypsy) moth (generally less than 10 egg masses per acre). SPLAT GM-O is applied just before adult moths emerge. In nature, disparlure is given off by female spongy (gypsy) moths to attract male spongy (gypsy) moths to mate. The treated area is saturated with this pheromone during the 6 to 8-week period when adult moths are active. The invisible cloud of applied pheromone disrupts the normal communication between these moths and prevents the males from finding and mating with the flightless females. Mating disruption is only effective in very low population densities because the chance of random encounters between the sexes is high in denser populations.

Thank You

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\$75, 735 Grant for Covid-19 “Choices” - Sarah Banks

The county commission meeting held on 2/6/2023 was mind bending. There were thirty (30) speakers during the public comment period. I don't remember anything like that. This was due to Concerned Citizens of Haywood asking common people to get involved and be heard at the county commission meeting. Commissioners approved the \$75K grant, because there has never been a grant commissioners will not approve. The result was a commitment by **Sarah (Henderson) Banks** and **Mark Jabben** to hold an informal meeting with Terry Ramey and some other folks to have a friendly discussion about “choices” people make regarding about being vaccinated. **Sarah Banks** bailed out of the first scheduled meeting, and neither **Sarah Banks/Mark Jabben/Ira Dove** have been able to coordinate their busy schedules to come up with a new date for this meeting.

Score 2 for the Concerned Citizens of Haywood.

The Greenway.

Greenway activity is being brought to the attention of Haywood County Citizens, of what is really happening here. See the following on www.haywoodtp.net for an original 20 year old agreement with the Town of Waynesville, which they have not fulfilled, and a summary of the most recent Greenway Advisory Council Meeting, again with participants alerted to this meeting by the Concerned Citizens of Haywood.

[Original Greenways Agreement between NCDOT, The Town of Waynesville, and Haywood County, 4/23/2002. Town of Waynesville responsible, but failing, to keep Greenways path maintained. 4/23/2002. 3/24/2023...](http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230324WaynesvilleHaywoodNCDOT-GreenwayAgreement.pdf)

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[Greenway, a.k.a. Needleway, Advisory Council Meeting - Greenway path now on GIS. 3/28/2023. 3/29/2023...](http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230329NeedlewayAdvisoryCouncilMeeting.pdf)

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[Haywood Greenway Advisory Council \(Updated March 21 2023\). 4/3/2023...](http://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230403GreenwayAdvisoryCouncilRoster2023.pdf)

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230403GreenwayAdvisoryCouncilRoster2023.pdf>

Score 3 for the Concerned Citizens of Haywood.

Scorecard of Lawsuits Against Haywood County.

There are multiple lawsuits against Haywood County, none of which the county has volunteered any information. Here is a short summary. Updates will be posted periodically on www.haywoodtp.net.

[22CVS2094 \(Buncombe\). Eugene "Gene" Blankenship v. SMOKY MOUNTAIN EVENT CENTER lawsuit. Tommy Long and Ben Wilder, along with all other Board Members getting their \[expletive deleted\] sued off. 3/21/2023...](https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/230322-22CVS2094Buncombe.pdf)

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[20CVS828, Part \(1\), Burnette Doyle Sutton v. COUNTY OF HAYWOOD, acting by and through its Development Services Department and Board of Commissioners. Seven \(7\) parts, part \(1\) is the latest, part \(7\) is the oldest. 12/19/2022...](https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/221219-20CVS828(1).pdf)

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[22CVS854. Update. Town of Waynesville suing ... \(get ready for this\) ... Sherri Rogers, Haywood County Register of Deeds, + David and Janice Hall, + Douglas and Melissa Gosnell, by Martha Sharpe Bradley. Jury Trial, that ought to be fun. Are these people out of their \[expletive deleted\] minds? 8/26/2022 10/13/2022...](https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/221215-22CVS854TOW-suingSherriRogers.pdf)

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[Editor's Note: It is not easy to obtain information on these lawsuits. General searches with the Clerk of Superior Court records are not successful. One has to have prior knowledge of the actual case file number as the only way to obtain information about these lawsuits. There may be more...]

If any name is in **bold**, it can't be a good thing.

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