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CITY TO SPRAY FOR “WOOLY WORMS” ON MARCH 11

ROCKPORT, TX – The City will undertake pesticide spraying for the prevention and eradication of “wooly worms” at Rockport Fulton Community Pool, Memorial Park, Mathis Park, and Zachary Taylor Park on Monday, March 11, 2024. These parks will be closed to the public until the spraying is completed, approximately from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm. While the spray is not toxic to humans, their pets, birds and other insects, park patrons may wish to make other arrangements during the spraying to avoid inhalation or skin contamination. In case of rain, the spraying will be rescheduled for March 18, 2024.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Gene Camargo, the pesticide, which contains Bifenthrin, is government approved and is being administered by certified professionals. “We’ve been very fortunate to not have had any major damage from these insects over the last two decades. What really makes them ‘pests’ are their sheer numbers and how they cover the benches, sidewalks, playground equipment and other park facilities.”

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If an individual comes into contact with the insecticide, either while at a park or other parts of the city where spraying is taking place, the following precautions should be followed:

- If inhaled, move to fresh air. Should respiratory distress occur, call a doctor or poison control (800-222-1222) for treatment advice.
- If swallowed, drink a glass of fresh water. Call a doctor or poison control for treatment advice.
- If in eye(s). Hold each eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.
- If on skin or clothing. Remove contaminated clothing. Rinse skin thoroughly for 15-20 minutes.

Persons with questions are encouraged to contact the Parks Office at (361) 790-1136.