

July 3, 2014

Dear Woodbine Homeowners,

For those of you who were here last summer the memory of a pest infestation from the **Elm Seed Bug** may still be fresh in your mind... especially now that it is getting hot and these pests may be starting to emerge again. Enclosed with this communication is a data sheet on this particular insect, where it comes from, what it does, how it is not harmful to human health, and what to do to minimize the disturbance at your residence.

As noted, there is no pesticide or tree treatment that is available to kill the Elm Seed Bug without killing the entire tree where it feeds. However in an attempt to reduce this insect and many others, this spring the entire property was treated with a systemic (into the roots) chemical that wards off many insects including aphids, spider mites, and other tree and shrub infecting critters. (see attached copy of the Woodbine Memo of March 18th) Does this mean living at Woodbine Condominiums will now be an **insect free experience** – **absolutely not**! But it does mean that there will clearly be less pests than there would be without any treatment.

We have a program to spray around the base of all buildings and 3 feet up the sides with an environmentally friendly chemical barrier and we will continue to notify residents when this is to occur. The most recent 'targeted insect control' and 'tree and shrub service' was performed on June 2nd. Additional treatments are scheduled during the next 3 months.

Please refer to the data sheet on **Pest Proofing Your Home.** This is not a service that the HOA will perform at HOA cost but rather suggestions that homeowners could do themselves or hire an outside company to perform. We have also included with this memo a sample of a Natural Pest Control Spray remedy that can be prepared if you so desire. We are expecting (but not guaranteeing) that these proactive measures will reduce the unpleasant insect populations in the woods of Woodbine this summer.

And just a note on another topic: Our normal office manager, Krysta, will be off this next week spending time with family. She will be replaced for the week by a familiar and friendly face from our Pro Management team, Katy Madrid, who was your office manager for more than a year. Please give her a warm one week welcome until Krysta returns.

We wish you all a great Fourth of July.

Sincerely, Your Pro Management Staff

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