



ATTENTION PARK PATRONS

The Glenview Park District would like to inform you about the presence of the relatively harmless wasps called “Cicada Killer” (*Sphecius speciosus*), which are primarily found in the dry sand areas (sandboxes, ballfields, etc).

Cicada Killer Wasps



- ◆ Up to 1 ½” in length.
- ◆ Active only in July and August
- ◆ Feed on cicadas
- ◆ Make burrows in the sand for nesting
- ◆ Males don’t sting.
- ◆ Females are rarely aggressive unless provoked and have relatively minor stinging abilities compared to other wasps

Controlling the Cicada Killer Wasp population is difficult... because “cicada killers” dig countless deep nests (6 -12” deep) in the sand, spraying insecticide is usually ineffective.

Also, the Glenview Park District would like to avoid spraying large quantities of insecticides in high-use playground and park areas.

What you can do... though the wasps are relatively harmless, it is best to stay clear of the Cicada Killer Wasps and do not try to catch them.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in taking this environmentally-friendly approach.