



## Town of Highland Park

### News Release

#### For Immediate Release

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### **Town of Highland Park Notified of Positive Mosquito Sample for WNV**

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**July 14, 2016 (Highland Park, Texas)** - Dallas County Health and Human Services has confirmed a positive test for West Nile Virus (WNV) from a mosquito sample taken from the both the west side and east side of Highland Park. In response to this positive sample for WNV, the Town of Highland Park will conduct ground spraying measures in accordance with the Town's Mosquito Control Policy. The areas for ground spraying in Highland Park will be town wide, and will be conducted Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ground spraying measures include public rights-of-way and the Town's tennis courts: ground spraying will begin at 10:00 p.m. and conclude by 6:00 a.m. In the event of rain or winds in excess of 10 miles per hour, the ground spraying will be rescheduled.

West Nile Virus is a disease that is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitos become infected when they feed upon the blood of an infected bird. The infected mosquitos can transmit the virus to other humans and animals. Mosquitoes are known to be most active in the dawn and dusk periods of the day. The use of insect repellent is recommended. Follow manufacturer's directions when using mosquito repellent. Commercial products for yard applications are available at local home improvement stores. Mosquito dunks are available at no cost to residents at Town Hall.

We encourage residents to inspect their property for standing water, such as in flower pot basins, bird baths, wading pools and pet dishes. Change out the water several times per week in these areas or eliminate standing water altogether to prevent mosquitos from laying eggs. Areas where water is circulating, like swimming pools and outdoor fountains, should be maintained on a regular basis. We recommend that people and pets stay indoors during ground spraying. Any pet water dishes that are left outside during spraying should be cleaned.

Town personnel are available for free home inspections of yard areas to identify potential locations of mosquito breeding grounds. Residents may call 214-521-4161 to arrange a free inspection of their property, or report standing water. Link for information – [www.hptx.org/MosquitoControl](http://www.hptx.org/MosquitoControl).