



## **Town of Highland Park**

### **News Release**

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### **Mosquito Sample in Highland Park Tests Positive for West Nile Virus**

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The Town of Highland Park has confirmed a positive test for West Nile Virus from a Mosquito sample taken from the south west portion of Highland Park. In response, The Town of Highland Park will begin ground spraying measures on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following Saturday morning, weather permitting. Winds in excess of 10 miles per hour or rainfall would postpone the ground spraying in the area.

West Nile 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.

We encourage residents to be mindful of stagnant or standing water, like 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. Residents are encouraged to visit the Town website Mosquito Control page at [www.hptx.org](http://www.hptx.org) for additional information.

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