



## 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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**September 17, 2015 (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 east side of Highland Park. In response to this positive mosquito sample for WNV, the Town of Highland Park will conduct ground spraying measures in accordance to the Town's Mosquito Control Policy. The areas for ground spraying in Highland Park are east of Preston Road to the Town limits (Refer to the attached map: the areas of Highland Park to be sprayed are Quadrants C and D).

Ground spraying measures will be town wide for public rights-of-way on the east side of town only and are scheduled to begin at 10:00 p.m. and conclude by 6:00 a.m. Localized ground spraying will include the Town's tennis courts. Ground spraying will not take place in the event of rain or winds in excess of 10 miles per hour.

- Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>: Truck mounted ground spraying east of Preston Road to Town limits
- Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: Truck mounted ground spraying east of Preston Road to Town limits
- Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: Truck mounted ground spraying east of Preston Road to Town limits

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.

We encourage residents inspect their property and 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. We recommend that people and pets stay indoors during ground spraying. Any pet water dishes left outside should be cleaned after spraying.

For additional information about Mosquito Control specific to Highland Park, please visit our website at [www.hptx.org](http://www.hptx.org). Any standing or stagnant water in public areas within the Town should be reported to the Town at 214-521-4161, or online at [www.hptx.org](http://www.hptx.org) under "HP4U Resident Connection." Information from Dallas County Health and Human Services can be found on their website at <http://www.dallascounty.org/westnilevirus>, or call 214-819-2100.