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First Positive Mosquito Test of 2013 Reported in The Colony

THE COLONY, Texas — As the City continues its preventative control efforts to combat West Nile virus, ongoing trapping and testing is taking place on a weekly basis throughout the City. This ongoing testing has resulted in a positive pool for West Nile mosquitoes in the following location:

- Ridgepointe Park, 4401 Standridge Drive

A truck mounted adult mosquito treatment treatment will be conducted in the Ridgepointe subdivision area for 2 consecutive nights (weather permitting), beginning Tuesday, 10/1 and concluding on Wednesday, 10/2. If inclement weather prevents the treatments from taking place those nights, the treatments will take place the following night(s). The treatments will begin at approximately 10pm. If you live in close proximity to this area please plan to keep all people and pets indoors overnight, and cover any ponds or pet watering bowls.

The City will continue its proactive approach in prevention of mosquito-borne disease sources on public property. However, **the best prevention for everyone in the community is through education and personal protection**, especially for the elderly and those with health issues, by following the 4 D's listed below:

- Dress to protect: wear long sleeves and long pants.
- Dusk and Dawn: avoid being outside at these times if possible.
- DEET: wear insect repellent with DEET or an effective alternative.
- Drain standing water: eliminate any water that stands for longer than 5 days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

Citizens can go to the following websites for more information about West Nile virus:

City of The Colony: <http://www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services: <http://bit.ly/NDuEtq>

Denton County Health Department: <http://www.dentoncounty.com/heart/wmv>

For additional information regarding mosquitoes and the City's mosquito treatment plan, contact Community Services Director Pam Nelson at 972-624-3958, via email at pnelson@thecolonytx.gov or Chemical Applicator Shane Bartel at 469-853-1222, via email at sbartel@thecolonytx.gov, or visit www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html. If you notice standing water on private property, please contact The Colony Community Image Department at 972-624-3160.

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