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First positive West Nile mosquito test of 2014 reported

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 community. This ongoing testing has resulted in a positive pool for West Nile mosquitoes at the following location:

- Strickland drainage ditch (Strickland and Blair Oaks)

A truck-mounted adult mosquito treatment will be conducted in the area between **south of Nash Drive, east of Main Street, north of South Colony Boulevard, and west of the electric power line easement** for two consecutive nights (weather permitting), beginning Sunday, Aug. 24 and concluding on Monday, Aug. 25. 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 10 p.m. 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 Ds” listed below:

- **Dress to protect:** Wear long sleeves and long pants.
- **Dusk and dawn:** Avoid being outside at these times if possible.
- **Defend:** Wear insect repellent with DEET or an effective alternative.
- **Drain standing water:** Eliminate any water that stands for longer than five days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

For more information about West Nile virus, residents are encouraged to visit the following websites:

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://tinyurl.com/ng23knj>

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 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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