



**PRESS RELEASE — Sept. 25, 2014**

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## **Positive West Nile mosquito tests reported**

THE COLONY, Texas — As the City continues its preventative control efforts to combat West Nile virus, ongoing trapping and testing of mosquitoes 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:

- Strickland drainage ditch (Strickland and Blair Oaks)

A truck-mounted adult mosquito treatment will be conducted in the area between **south of Nash, east of Main, north of South Colony, and west of the electric power line easement** for two consecutive nights (weather permitting), beginning Saturday, Sept. 27, and concluding on Sunday, Sept. 28. 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.

Residents may 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://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](mailto:pnelson@thecolonytx.gov), or visit [www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html](http://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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