



## **News Release – 8/9/12**

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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. A recent test has indicated a positive pool for West Nile mosquitoes in two locations:

- At the far east end of the drainage area adjacent to Baker Drive
- Ridgepointe Park

An adult mosquito treatment will be conducted in both of these areas for 3 consecutive nights, beginning in the next few days. Signs will be posted in the area to notify residents of the dates and times of the treatments. If you live in close proximity to either of these areas 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.

On Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00pm, The Colony will host a public forum on West Nile virus at The Colony Community Center, 5151 North Colony Blvd. The speaker will be a local entomologist, Mr. Patrick Prather of Rid All Pest Control, and he will talk about what The Colony is doing to battle the West Nile virus and the steps that you can take at home to protect

yourself and your family and to help the City fight the battle. This session is FREE and open to all residents of The Colony.

Citizens can go to the following websites for more information:

**Sign up for the City email subscription list for up to date notifications:**

**[http://mygovhelpadmin.us/THECOLONYTX/ cs/MCOptInOut.aspx?sSessionID=EB8A91CB5FD C40FBA3E70D3AEA16A803VEXZFVAS](http://mygovhelpadmin.us/THECOLONYTX/cs/MCOptInOut.aspx?sSessionID=EB8A91CB5FD C40FBA3E70D3AEA16A803VEXZFVAS)**

**<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/wnv>**