



## Town of Highland Park

### News Release – For Immediate Release

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### Highland Park to Conduct Mosquito Ground Spraying

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**August 31, 2017 (Highland Park, Texas)** – The Parks Department for the Town of Highland Park and Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) monitors several mosquito traps within the town limits. Mosquito samples from each trap are tested on a weekly basis for: 1) total number of adult mosquitoes in each trap; and 2) the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV). DCHHS confirmed a positive mosquito sample for WNV from a mosquito trap located on the east side of Highland Park. Per the Town’s Mosquito Control Policy, the Parks Department will conduct ground spraying measures for three consecutive nights: 1) Thursday, August 31st; 2) Friday, September 1st; and 3) Saturday, September 2nd. Note: The mosquito ground spraying measures will take place on the **East** side of town only (Preston Road east to the Town limits. Quadrants C and D on the attached map), beginning at 10:00 p.m. and concluding by 5:00 a.m.. In the event of rain or wind speeds in excess of 10 m.p.h., the spraying will be rescheduled.

The Town’s decision to use adulticide is based on the Centers for Disease Control’s recommendations that surveillance data, when combined with established thresholds, indicates a necessity to reduce the density of adult mosquito populations quickly to lower the risk of WNV. Ground spraying measures will include the public rights-of-way and the Town’s tennis courts. Highland Park residents should remain inside and protect pets during the time the sprayers are in your area. Any pet water dishes left outside should be cleaned after spraying.

Individuals are encouraged to survey their yard for any areas with standing water. Drain collected/standing water from areas such as flower pot basins, open trash bins, and replace the water in bird baths regularly. Shrubbery and landscaping near the foundation is also a popular area for mosquitoes, and individuals are encouraged not to over irrigate their lawns. Mosquitoes are known to be most active in the dawn and dusk periods of the day. Dress in long sleeves and pants to prevent mosquito bites. The use of insect repellent is recommended, and follow the manufacturer’s recommendations. Commercial products for yard applications are available at local home improvement stores. Mosquito dunks are available at no cost at Town Hall.

Town personnel are available for free home/property inspections to identify potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Residents may call 214-521-4161 to arrange a free inspection of their property. Link for information – [www.hptx.org/MosquitoControl](http://www.hptx.org/MosquitoControl)