

NOTICE TO RIVER OAKS RESIDENTS OF A POSITIVE SAMPLE FOR WNV



Please be advised that the City of River Oaks was notified BY Tarrant County Health Department that two of the 10 mosquito traps we had sampled in the City of River Oaks tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). With a positive test of mosquitoes, the city pursuant to Resolution # 552-03 shall conduct a survey AROUND THE POSITIVE SAMPLE SITES to identify locations in need of mosquito source or habitat reduction. **West Nile is an entirely preventable disease.**

WHAT IS WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV)? WNV is a potentially serious illness. Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in summer and continues into fall.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF WEST NILE VIRUS?

- **Serious Symptoms in a Few People.** About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.
- **Milder Symptoms in Some People.** Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected have symptoms such as fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks.
- **No Symptoms in Most People.** Approximately 80 percent of people (about 4 out of 5) who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all.

WHAT ACTION IS THE CITY TAKING TO AVOID THE SPREAD OF WNV?

- larvaciding public right of ways containing mosquito larvae
- On-going Code Enforcement investigations in order to eliminate breeding sources.
- Continuing Education of the public
- Continue actions under Response Plan as High Level Risk through remainder of Mosquito Season.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT WNV? **The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.**

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing DEET. Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change water in pet dishes; replace water in bird baths weekly; Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out and keep wading pools empty and on their sides when not being used.
- **For more information see the enclosed video link from Tarrant County Public Health**

FOR MORE INFO GO TO CITY'S WEBSITE AT www.riveroakstx.com or call 817-476-0362.