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West Nile Virus Detected in Plano Mosquito Sampling

The City of Plano Health Department received notification today from the Texas Department of State Health Services that a sample of mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus. The samples were collected August 14, 2007 near the 3800 block of E. Park Boulevard in Plano's 75074 zip code and 3800 Block of Roman Court in Plano's 75023 zip code.

This is the third notification this month that collected samples have tested positive. The first notification was for a positive collection on July 24, 2007 near the 3700 block of Interlaken Drive in Plano's 75075 zip code. The second notification was for a positive collection on August 7, 2007 near the 800 block of Cambridge Drive in Plano's 75023 zip code; the 900 block of Medalist Circle in Plano's 75023 zip code; and the 3500 block of Wildwood Circle in Plano's 75074 zip code.

The Health Department will be fogging the area within a ½-mile radius of the positive mosquito sample, weather permitting in the near future. Door hangers will be distributed in the neighborhood notifying residents of the confirmed positive sample. Additional information will be added to the City's Web site, www.plano.gov and the Health Department's hotline, (972) 941-7180.

Residents are encouraged to help reduce mosquito in their area by practicing these guidelines:

1. Get rid of all standing water.
2. Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any container that will hold standing water (bottles, tires, cans, flower pots, buckets, etc.).
3. Change water in pet dishes, wading pools and bird baths several times a week.
4. Cover trash cans so they will not collect water.
5. Repair leaking plumbing, hoses and outside faucets.
6. Keep doors, porches and window screens in good condition to help keep mosquitoes out of the house.
7. Avoid mosquito bites while outside by wearing long sleeves and pants.
8. Repellants with "DEET" are recommended, but directions must be followed carefully.