Abatement districts take a bite out of mosquitoes

Mosquito abatement is actively underway in both the North Shore and Northwest Mosquito Abatement Districts.

Both districts have already begun larviciding, the process that involves using insecticides to prevent larval mosquitoes from reaching their adult forms. Recent heavy rains have also raised concerns about mosquito breeding, which can occur in any water that stands for seven days.

"The rains have picked up and that’s a concern," said Mike Szyska, director of the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District, that covers part of Niles and Park Ridge. "We’re entering a wet spring and when the ground is saturated there can be a lot of standing water."

This standing water provides the perfect breeding ground for nuisance mosquitoes, which are mostly harmless and also for the more dangerous Culex mosquito, carrier of the West Nile Virus.

"Culex mosquitoes are primarily容器-breeding," said Szyska. "That means that they’ll breed in wheelbarrows, watering cans, gutters, children’s toys, bird baths, and even pools."

Concerns about West Nile were raised early this year, after infected birds and mosquitoes were found in DuPage County. Those mosquitoes were a specific variety that are not known to transmit to humans.

"It’s not unusual to find bird this early in the season," said Szyska. "But finding infected mosquitoes this early is not a good sign."

Bob Barry, director of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District that covers Morton Grove and the remaining portion of Niles, said that larviciding in his district began in April and that they are conducting a variety of out-reach programs to educate residents on what they can do to mitigate the risks of contracting West Nile.

"We have a 20-minute information video available through municipalities and libraries," said Barry. "It tells residents how to get rid of standing water in their yards and provide other tips to make themselves safer."

Both Barry and Szyska agreed that not much was known about West Nile until recently.

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West Nile, since it's a comparison between warm weather and a virus and even that is still in the theory phase.

"You should wear repellent, and to reduce the risk of exposure great deal that residents can do if we are vigilant, there is a problem that is likely to go away. But said, citing evidence of the first incidence of West Nile in Pennsylvania in 2001. "In 2002 the rate of West Nile went down," he said. "But then, in 2003, it rose again. I think this is a problem that is going to go away.

While the Abatement Districts are vigilant, there is a great deal that residents can do to reduce the risk of the spread of the disease. The program is designed to control mosquitoes, and the department is compelled to remove about 100 trees each year that have been the victims of the disease.

"You need to be aware of the disease," said Noreiga. "You should wear repellent, avoid being outside during peak times, especially at dawn and dusk."

"Wearing long pants and sleeves is probably also a good idea," said Noreiga.

Information on mitigation efforts can be found on the Districts websites, www.nswmd.org, and also be appearing at the Morton Grove Park District office, Wednesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Civil War.

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Niles continues work towards an urban forest

Green, leafy town just around the corner

By Andrew Schneider

Niles Public Works employees will plant 200 trees in this year's planting program according to Andrew Noreiga. Half of these trees will go to replace trees that were planted last year and the other half will be planted in new areas. The program is designed to control urban forests.

Noreiga said the Niles Public Works Department is compelled to remove about 100 trees each year that have been the victims of the disease. He added that control of the disease of an urban forest requires a long-term commitment and patience.

"It takes at least ten years for new trees to become mature," he said. "If we don't add mature trees every year then we'll lose progress towards urban forest.

Noreiga noted that if there were enough funds it would be more efficient to continue planting trees. According to the current planting schedule it will take about a decade to plant trees to all of the planned sites.

"We need more than 1000 trees," said Noreiga. "Since we're limited to 200 per year it will take ten years. But if I could get additional trees then I could finish soon. The urban forest is very important.

"Choosing the varieties of trees to plant each year is also a challenge, for Public Works. The maple tree is the most common in Niles so if we lose this plant then we'll spend this year. Several cities are using the ginko tree and the ginko tree has an advantage in the cold because it tolerates freezing conditions including snowstorms and global warming.

"The ginko is a big tree and it grows," said Noreiga. "It's called that many communities are using the ginko tree because of its growth and durability. "I can count the number of ginko trees in Niles on my fingers and toes," said Noreiga. "They're very nice and hardly trees that handle terrible conditions."

The resistance to(Bitmap) is important for the disease to spread, and the disease is another advantage of the ginko. Niles has already made significant progress towards urban forest.

"Ginko has already made significant progress towards urban forest, Noreiga said. "But we still need to improve all of the ginko trees.

"You don't have to go to Door County or in a trailer towed by one. Restraint seat attached to a bicycle is still required if you have a child resting on a bicycle.

The Park District presents a new building

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Niles residents walk in Chicago for MS

Philip and Claudia Broni of Niles, right, standing with Team Auto Leaders, Jerry and Maureen Edkins, of Glenview, left, after having completed the 3 mile walk for the MS Foundation. The walk took place Sunday May 22, starting at Grant Park, passing in front Museum Campus, continuing along the lake front and back to Grant Park. The weather was sunny, the wind chilly, but all walkers wore a good mood and energetic.

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Niles Police launch 'Click-It or Ticket' mobilization

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According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the second will be a fine of $10 and each additional violation will be a fine of $25. The parent or legal guardian having control or custody of an un-}

Forest Preserve passes bicycle helmet ordinance

The Forest Preserve Board passed an ordinance on Wednesday, May 5 requiring children under age 14 to wear a protective helmet while riding a bicycle on Forest Preserve property. The law also applies to children riding as a remaining not attached to a bicycle or in a similar toy vehicle. The ordinance will take effect on

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*By Fredy Groves*

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ans, as well as a number of media reports, have prompted the Department of Veterans Affairs’ health systems, to be alert to the possibility that they may face a notable wave of patients. In order to be ready for any surge, the VA is hiring additional staff to ensure that it can respond promptly to any new influx. The VA is also working with local hospitals to ensure that it can provide seamless care to veterans.

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"CASH DASH - DO YOU HAVE ANY UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?" Allison Forc, Representative from the Illinois Treasurer's Office will describe how individuals may be unknown beneficiaries of unclaimed property or assets. The session will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. She will answer questions on how they can contact a computer search for their names. The Treasurer's Office appears on a database of unclaimed property. Unclaimed property can come in the form of savings and checking accounts, proceeds from life insurance policies, money orders, gift certificates, unclaimed stock or bonds, and depositors and nominee. Register for this program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847-870-2223.

DIABETES SCREENING
Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed, because they are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs include frequent urination, extreme hunger, unusual thirst, and uncontrollable weight loss. Call 847-870-2223 to reserve a seat on the Senior Line. Home screening is also available. The screening begins at 10 a.m. with arrival at Gil Mill at 11 a.m. Tips are free for Senior center members and $5 for all others.

THE SHOOTIST
In honor of the film's 90th anniversary, Morton Grove Senior Center will show, "The Shootist" at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 27 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost is $2.50. Prepayment and prepayment are accepted by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847-870-3227.

CHOLESTEROL TESTING
The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1 in Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a fast test profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations are required. Call 847-870-2223, or register for the screening. The fee will also be required but will be refunded if the test is abnormal. The fee is $10 for seniors age 65 and $15 for non-senior residents and members age 65.

CASH DASH OR CASH DASH?
Call the Morton Grove Senior Center Hot Line at 847-870-3223 to sign up. How to ENHANCE YOUR HOME CARE OVERVIEW of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans: What Do You Need to Know." The speaker will be Krista Sadler, Outreach Program Specialist from the Suburban Ophthalmology Group. The lecture will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 16 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost is $5 for Senior Center Members and $15 for non-members. Please register in person at the reception desk of the Senior Center.
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In 2003, a new coach, Mike Martz, took over the team. Martz's version of how to play the game was not well-received by the players. But once things started going well, the fans began to lose interest. By 2005, Warner was out of the picture in St. Louis.

Most teams looking for a quarterback in the draft are interested in him mostly as a backup. The general consensus is that Warner will have to evaluate if he can still make a contribution on the field.

But it is to say that past actions on and off the field will clearly make teams think twice about teams that might want him.
Prevent Mosquitoes Now To Protect Yourself Later

(Please)

Flowers aren't the only things blooming in the warmer weather. The beauty of them also brings a nuisance for anyone who likes to spend time outside—mosquitoes. These pesky insects, which can be found nearly everywhere, begin breeding now to cause problems all summer.

Fortunately, a few control measures can reduce the number of mosquitoes in your yard all year long. Take the following steps to lower mosquito populations and protect yourself and your family:

- Eliminate breeding sites. Remove objects that may collect rain water where mosquitoes breed. Common breeding areas include clogged rain gutters, bower in crawlspaces, standing water in flower pots, swimming pool covers, old tires and trees. Mosquitoes need only a thin film of water to breed.
- Trap and repair windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out. Make sure that your window and door screens are "bug tight" to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

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