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WEST NILE VIRUS DETECTED IN MOSQUITO POOL

Marlborough, MA – The City of Marlborough's Health Department received confirmation today from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health that a mosquito pool located with the City has tested positive for West Nile Virus. This is the first mosquito pool identified as testing positive in Marlborough this season. West Nile Virus was first identified in a bird in Marlborough on July 26th.

To reduce the risk of West Nile Virus infection, the City's Health Department recommends the following protocol:

- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and sock when outside.
- Use DEET-containing mosquito repellents when outdoors during periods of high mosquito activity. Note: Repellents should not be used on infants.
- Eliminate standing pools of water where mosquitoes breed.

Expanded spraying will be conducted from sunset through midnight on August 1st in the area of Locke Drive specifically bounded by Boundary, Bigelow, Berlin, Robin Hill and Elms streets and Route 495. This is a continuation of the seasonal spraying that has been ongoing this year. The Department of Public Health recommends reapplying the spray two and four days after the initial application – on Friday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 5th.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this activity, please contact the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project at 508.393.3055 or through its website at www.cmmcp.org.

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