

Mosquito Open House

At the Mosquito open house on June 21, the Town brought together residents, Colorado Mosquito Control, Dr. Boris Kondratieff and Dr. Chet Moore of Colorado State University for an open discussion regarding the Town's Mosquito Management Policy and a look into the world of mosquitoes

In 2004, the Town of Timnath responded to the health risks and nuisance associated with mosquitoes through implementation of a Mosquito Management Policy. The Town of Timnath maintains a full scale Integrated Mosquito Management. The program boundaries have grown as the Town has annexed new properties into the Town limits.

The Town's Program is a prevention-focused management program that includes public information and education, larval mosquito control in and around the town limits (also known as larviciding), adult mosquito population monitoring through a surveillance trapping network, and mosquito sample testing for West Nile Virus.

The control program currently encompasses 7 square miles of larval control. Adult mosquito spraying is implemented when adult mosquito numbers have hit a determined threshold and is targeted to areas of town with at-risk human populations. Areas that currently receive adult mosquito control, based on weekly mosquito trapping data include Old Town Timnath, Summerfields, Timnath Ranch and Harmony.

Therefore, the Town of Timnath employs a proactive response to keeping mosquito counts and risks low. The Town has budgeted for adult mosquito control applications when mosquito counts surpass 50 Culex vector (carrying)

mosquitoes or 100 nuisance mosquitoes in an evening.

Spraying is conducted two days after a trap exceeds the control limit. During these two days, town staff posts signs throughout Town to notify residents of the spraying.

These signs are posted northbound Main Street at the roundabout, southbound Main Street just south of County Road 40, southbound Threebell Parkway (County road 3) just north of River Pass Road and northbound Club Drive directly north of Harmony Road.

Spraying notices are also posted on www.timnathcolorado.org, the Post Office, Town Hall and residents can be notified via e-mail of when a spray is going to take place. To sign up for e-mail notifications please contact Timnath's Public Information Officer, Kyle Boyd at (970) 224-3211 or pio@timnathcolorado.org.

Despite extensive public education programs, source reduction and larval control work, there will always be mosquitoes which will fly into the community from adjacent uncontrolled areas. Although the Colorado Department of Health and Environment tests some mosquitoes collected from Timnath for West Nile, the funding does not allow samples to be tested on a weekly basis throughout the duration of an entire season.

For more information regarding the Timnath Mosquito Management Policy please contact Town Engineer Abra Geissler at (970) 224-3211.

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Panhandling Concerns

Town Staff has received numerous questions regarding the panhandlers at the intersection of Harmony and I-25.

There are jurisdictional issues associated with this intersection. The area frequented by the panhandlers is in unincorporated Larimer County, and therefore not in Timnath town limits. Timnath police officers have no authority to enforce municipal laws at the location. There are no federal or county laws that apply to panhandling. State Patrol and Larimer County deputies can enforce an "obstruction of highway" violation if the panhandler steps into the roadway or uses signs that obstruct driver vision.

Panhandlers are allowed on public property. This is an element of "free speech" and a constitutional right. Their behavior, obstruction of sidewalks or doorways, and time of day within Timnath is controlled by Town Ordinance 82-2009.

Wal-Mart is private property, but Chapter 10.1 general definitions of the Timnath municipal code, defines a public place to include any place commonly or usually

open to the general public, or accessible to members of the general public, whether it is privately or publicly owned. Therefore, this definition makes the Wal-Mart parking lot and sidewalks public property and the constitutional right of free speech applies to this property. Panhandling is not considered a crime; there must be other criminal elements for police officers to make contact with panhandlers at Wal-Mart.

Should offensive language, blockage of sidewalks or doorways occur, then call 970-416-1985 to report the incident. It would be advisable not to provide monies or encourage support.

Please see this website for the panhandling ordinance:

<http://timnathco.govoffice2.com/vertical/Sites/%7B930DF643-A4C1-4F27-951C-3C3038AD4461%7D/uploads/%7B1B8D7AD7-A09E-426E-ACF9-D5AAA126A3C6%7D.PDF>

Bats Test Positive For Rabies

Three bats captured in Larimer County the week of July 12th were recently confirmed as positive for rabies. As beneficial as bats may be for pollination and pest control, there are some precautions that people need to take to avoid human/bat encounters that could transmit rabies, a deadly disease in humans and pets.

There are steps we all can take to help prevent a human/bat rabies exposure:

- First, never touch a wild bat or any other wild animal. A healthy bat will likely not come near enough to you to be touched, so a bat that is slow, lying on the ground or who lands on a person could be showing signs of illness. If you can touch it, chances are it is sick. If you find a group of baby bats, they too should not be touched.

- Keep your doors and windows covered with intact screens. Do not leave screen less doors or windows open in the evening.

- If you have bats in your house, try to find the source of their entrance and seal it.

- If you find a dead bat, do not pick it up with your hands, even if you're wearing gloves. Use a shovel.

- Teach your children that they should never touch a bat. If they find one, they should leave it where it is and tell an adult.

- If you are bitten by a bat or if you suspect you've been exposed to its saliva, try to contain the bat without touching it, and call the Larimer Humane Society.

To report a dead bat or bat encounter, call the Larimer Humane Society at 226-3647, Ext. 5 or the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment at 498-6775.

Courtesy Larimer County Health Department

Swetsville Zoo Fish Returns

The fish, a part of the "National Sport" sculpture from the Swetsville Zoo (located on the east end of the Harmony Bridge) has been reattached.

High winds experienced recently had caused the fish to become dislocated.

Town staff created a solution to make the sculpture more secure during high winds. As part of this installation, the town also has completed the installation of the sculpture with the fishing man being placed next to the fishing pole.

For more information, please contact Timnath's Public Information Officer Kyle Boyd at (970) 224-3211 or pio@timnathcolorado.org.



Parks, Recreation, Open Space And Trails Master Plan

The Town of Timnath has received a grant in the amount of \$90,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to create a Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan (P.R.O.S.T.). This money is funded from the Colorado Lottery.

As part of this grant, the Town will look at all recreational opportunities, including athletic fields, recreation centers, recreation leagues, parks, trails and open spaces.

AECOM has been selected as the consultant to create the Master Plan. With their familiarity of Northern Colorado, based out of Fort Collins, they will be able to identify

and prioritize parks, trails, open space, etc. based on residential needs and fiscal availability.

Your opinion is important! Focus groups made up of residents throughout Timnath are now being formed to gather your insight, ideas and thoughts regarding the recreational future of Timnath.

If you are interested in participating as a member of a focus group throughout this endeavor, contact Town Planner T.J. Dlubac at (970) 224-3211.