



# THE BUZZ

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The Buzz is a monthly newsletter used to disseminate important information about mosquito control in the City of Portsmouth.

Spring is here with warmer temperatures, more rainfall, and more mosquitoes. Juvenile mosquitoes were found throughout the city by the middle of April, and our crews have been hard at work to eliminate as much of the mosquitoes as we can. Weekly surveillance has shown a sharp increase in mosquito populations in the Churchland area, as well as southern parts of Portsmouth close to the Chesapeake border. Over 8000 acres have been treated via ULV truck spraying, and just over 2 acres have been treated for juvenile mosquitoes.

It is still too early to predict summer populations as the mosquitoes life cycle is heavily affected by weather patterns (rain, temperatures, etc.), but we are geared up in case the mosquitoes are in it for the long haul.



Picture of a mosquito egg raft. Certain mosquitoes can lay up to 300 eggs per raft. These mosquitoes will hatch simultaneously.



## **Free Interactive Workshop**

There is a free mosquito control workshop coming up at Paradise Creek Park on June 8, 2019 for citizens. This workshop will contain information on what you can do around your home, as well as general information about mosquitoes, their life cycle, and many other interesting facts about those pesky pests. Sign up via Paradise Creeks website:

<http://paradisecreek.elizabethriver.org/public-programs>

## **Outreach and Education**

Civic Leagues: If you are interested in having someone from Mosquito Control Division to present and take questions about the upcoming season, please call us at 757-393-8666.