



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.

May has come and passed and we even saw temperatures soar near 100 for a few days towards the end of the month, which becons the question, where did our spring go? With the hot and dry weather, came a reprieve from mosquitoes, which was in sharp contrast to early in May where mosquitoes were extremely active. City workers scoured the area looking for juvenile mosquitoes throughout the month, and have been hard at work to eliminate as much of the mosquitoes as we can. Over 19,000 acres were treated via ULV truck spraying in May, and most neighborhoods have been treated for juvenile mosquitoes.

Only two weeks into June, we have seen a deluge of rain bringing even more mosquitoes out to light. Our city workers are working hard to keep mosquito populations in check, but we have a long road ahead of us. Please be sure to look around your home and work and tip over containers that are holding water. Doing this weekly will eliminate the majority of mosquitoes that are bothersome in the evenings.



A view of Craney Island, showing the moon-like surface. These cracks will flood after a heavy rainfall and can produce thousands of mosquitoes.



Mosquito Control Awareness Week

June 23rd – June 28th is Mosquito Control Awareness Week, and Portsmouth is looking to have multiple functions throughout the week for citizens to come see and gather information. No locations are set in stone, but please keep an eye on our website (www.portsmouthva.gov/438/Mosquito-Control) for details of upcoming outreach opportunities.

Have a safe summer and remember to wear protection when you are outdoors!