



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.

July is here and so is the heat of summer. June had a mix of high and low mosquito population levels. City mosquito control employees have been steadily looking for and treating all mosquito breeding habitats to help reduce adult populations.

The City of Portsmouth continues its cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers in an effort to manage mosquito population levels on Craney Island and the surrounding neighborhoods. In June, we completed the first aerial adult mosquito control spray flight, more flights will be scheduled as needed.

Observations at the end of the month noted dry weather conditions going into July. This will possibly help reduce conditions for mosquito breeding throughout the city, but rest assured that city employees will be keeping an eye on those habitats.



The Asian Tiger Mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*. This pesky pest is found around the home in artificial containers such as toys, buckets, flower pots, etc. It is very aggressive all times during the day, but very easy to control. Dumping out water found in your yard once a week will make a huge difference at your next outdoor event.

Image via bugguide.net



Remember to Dress & Defend

Enjoy the Summer, but also be mindful that mosquitoes can carry many diseases. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, and should be considered if you and your family are outdoors in an area with mosquito activity. Just be sure to check the label for directions!

For more information, check out CDC's website on steps to avoid mosquito and tick-borne diseases at

www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/index.html

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