

# Rowlett

## News Release



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### **City to hold emergency City Council meeting to discuss Dallas County aerial spraying program State of Texas extends the deadline for participation to Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 2:00 P.M.**

**ROWLETT, TX.** The Rowlett City Council will hold an emergency meeting on Monday, August 20, 6:00 P.M. at Rowlett City Hall (4000 Main Street) to discuss and act on the City's participation in the Dallas County Aerial Spraying Program to control mosquitoes potentially carrying the West Nile Virus. The State of Texas has extended the deadline for cities to opt into this program until Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. This emergency City Council meeting will be in lieu of the Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the regularly scheduled Council meeting in order to meet the State's participation deadline.

While the City appreciates the level of concern for the number of West Nile Virus cases in Dallas County, we want to make an informed decision on whether to participate in their proposed aerial spraying of insecticides. We are committed to an open and transparent process that includes opportunities for citizens of this community to be educated and offer input. Therefore this subject and the possible long term ramifications to our citizens and the environment will be discussed during this emergency meeting and a decision whether or not to participate will be finalized at that time.

For additional information on West Nile disease or mosquito breeding please contact the Dallas County Health Department at 214-819-2115.

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