

BRANDON BUZZ or REPORTS (#6 7-12-2019 V1.0)

The rain finally let up and the area enjoyed four of the finest days in memory. The fields are drying and the Otter Creek is receding. Larvae counts during early and mid-June were low. Beginning June 22nd and continuing into July several "hot spots" appeared in several towns. In Leicester (Depot Station and Jerusalem Rd), Brandon (Syndicate Rd, Champlain St), Salisbury (Swamp Rd) and Pittsford (Pomainville Wildlife Management Area, Depot Hill Rd) where they were very high. Those areas were treated by hand with larvicide. While the dry weather has reduce the wet nesting and hatching areas, the warmer temperatures are likely to make the remaining wetland edges and swamps more attractive and efficient for the mosquitoes.

As we move into the end of July and August we will begin to see an increase in Culista, Culex and Anopheles mosquitoes. These species are known to carry European Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). In the last two weeks, adult mosquito traps were placed throughout the District in twenty five locations. High counts occurred in four locations around Lake Dunmore area and the Western edge of Brandon. This prompted immediate spraying on several routes. Since July 1 spraying has occurred on three nights in July including routes ranging from Proctor to Leicester/Salisbury area. Call volume requesting spraying have been moderate for the 4th of July holiday period. For advance notice of spraying go to the BLSG website (www.BLSGmosquito.com) and look at the Public Notice tab.

You are reminded to remove or change standing water (clogged gutters, old tires, bird baths and even kiddie pools) on your property frequently. Every little bit truly helps.