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Legislative Policy Committee (Utah League of Cities and Towns)

A record bill volume (over 1,100 drafted, about 540 passed), but with many “mega-bills” that rolled multiple concepts together. ULCT’s message of partnership rather than preemption showed up in several final bills: large housing/infrastructure packages delivered funding and tools, while avoiding some of the worst local authority take-aways that were on the table early in the session. Interesting that HB 597, the annual alcohol omnibus, finally gives local governments the ability—after a public hearing—to waive certain proximity restrictions (parks, playgrounds, libraries) for restaurants/hotels, which ULCT has pushed as a key redevelopment tool.

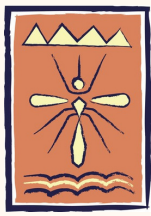
Of note: HB 236 – Truth in Taxation Amendments: If Springdale ever proposes to exceed the certified tax rate, the Town will have to give a preliminary statement in a public meeting that the Town is considering a tax increase, present a “property tax impact schedule,” and adopt a tentative budget that initially excludes the new-revenue portion, holding it in a restricted account until the final rate is adopted.

SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & CONTROL DISTRICT

See attached newsletter.

Emergency Management

An Incident Command System training and refresher session for Town managers and Staff is planned for August 6, 2026. A tabletop exercise will follow a few weeks later, with a facilitated, discussion-based simulation where key personnel meet in a low-stress, conference-room setting to walk through a scripted emergency scenario. Washington County Emergency Operations will be conducting the training.



SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT & CONTROL DISTRICT

MARCH 2026

BOARD MEMBER NEWSLETTER

The weather is finally warming up, and February was a busy month here at the District. We hope you are doing well and enjoying the beautiful weather. Our team has been working both in the office and out in the field preparing for the upcoming mosquito season.

IN THE FIELD



Our Mosquito Surveillance Technicians have been clearing trails and creating better access to areas where water collects so they can more easily monitor and treat mosquito breeding sites. There is also a limited window for completing this work in areas of critical habitat for endangered birds, so our technicians have been working hard to finish trail clearing before the end of the month when seasonal restrictions begin. Now that the weather has warmed up, they are also actively treating mosquito breeding areas to help reduce populations before the peak season.

Aedes Aegypti: EDUCATION UPDATES

Aedes aegypti control efforts are continuing this spring, with technicians actively checking previously identified areas where the species has been found. They are treating sites and reducing potential breeding sources now in hopes of lowering the number of adult mosquitoes later in the season.

Kirk, Public Education Admin, has several STEM events planned at different schools this month and will also be attending STEM Night at George Washington Academy, where several hundred students are expected to participate.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

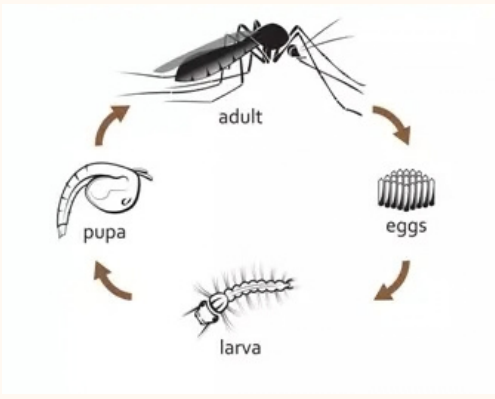
- 3/18/26: Crimson View Elementary- mosquito class
- 3/19/26: George Washington Academy- STEM night
- 3/20/26: Panorama Elementary- mosquito class
- 3/23/26 - 3/27/26: AMCA Conference
- 4/8/26: SLCMAD RahpVec meeting



Mosquitoes don't gossip, they just buzz in and leave everyone itching to talk about it.

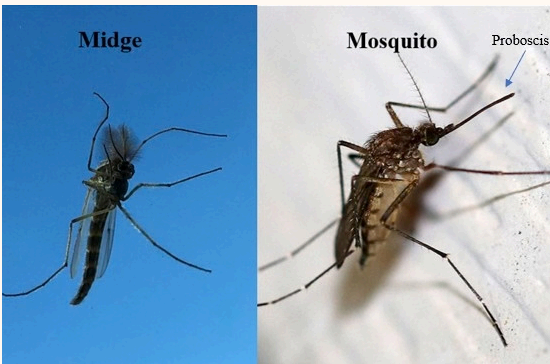
LIFE CYCLE OF A MOSQUITO

When water temperatures reach around 50° F, mosquito eggs begin to hatch. These tiny eggs become wriggly larvae, or “wrigglers,” that feed on bacteria in the water before transforming into pupae, called “tumbler.” After a few days, the adult mosquito emerges, ready to mate and continue the cycle. From egg to adult, this process can happen in as little as 3 days, which is why removing standing water from your property is so important—stop the cycle before it starts!



MIDGES VS. MOSQUITOES

This time of year, every year, we get call from residents who think “mosquitoes are swarming,” but often these are actually midges. While they may look similar, midges and mosquitoes are quite different. Mosquitoes have long, thin legs, narrow bodies, and a needle-like mouthpart that females use to feed on blood. Midges are smaller, more delicate, and feed on nectar—they do not bite. Mosquito larvae live near the water’s surface and use a breathing tube, while midge larvae usually burrow in mud or organic material. Midges often gather in large, harmless swarms near water, but mosquitoes don’t swarm—they focus on finding hosts to feed on. Knowing the difference helps residents recognize harmless midges and take steps to control mosquitoes around their homes.



Grant County Mosquito Control Dist #1



COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Just a reminder, our next Board meeting is May 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at our District office. You will be able to join us in person or online through Google Meet. We should have a lot to catch up on then. As always, thank you for your service to the Board.



THEN & NOW

From our early days in 2002 to now, we’ve grown stronger, smarter, and more dedicated than ever to protecting our community from mosquitoes.

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