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Information Meeting on Mosquitoes, May 24 in Bowie

Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Entomologist and mosquito expert Ms. Jeannine Dorothy will talk about mosquitoes and answer questions at a community meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Kenhill Center in Bowie.

Recent news reports about the spread of the Zika virus and the incidence of West Nile virus in Maryland over the last several years have raised mosquitoes from a nuisance to a public health concern. In an effort to educate the public about mosquitoes – from how they spread, to how they transmit diseases, and how they can be controlled, the City of Bowie has teamed up with the Maryland Department of Agriculture to host a community meeting on mosquitoes. The meeting will include a presentation by Entomologist Jeannine Dorothy on mosquito biology and habits, habitats, the differences between container-breeding mosquitoes like the tiger mosquitoes and other mosquitoes, what MDA programs entail, and what homeowners and organizations can do to control the spread of mosquitoes. There will also be a discussion of mosquito-borne diseases, such as the Zika virus. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity for residents to get their questions about mosquitoes answered.

The Kenhill Center is located at 2614 Kenhill Drive in Bowie. For more information, contact Erica Benkert in the City of Bowie Public Works Department at 301-809-2336 or email ebenkert@cityofbowie.org.

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