

The building is rented to private individuals and groups. Several non-profit organizations hold their meetings at the Vic Geary, including the Knights of Pythians and the Plaistow Lions. Rental income is used for improvements to the building as well as contributing to the recent increases for fuel and electricity.

Wal-Mart, Home Depot, the Plaistow Lions and various caring individuals all deserve a big round of thanks for the support and donations of time and materials that they give to the Vic Geary Senior Center and its seniors.

#### Organization Purpose

The purpose of the Vic Geary Center is to provide a pleasant, comfortable, safe gathering place for all senior citizens to congregate, share a nutritious noon meal, participate in recreational and social activities, to provide necessary services such as blood pressure, foot & flu clinics, and distribute surplus food stuffs.

The Vic Geary Center is a non-profit organization, operating under the auspices of a Volunteer Board of Directors. Board Members include:

Jack McSheehy - President, Plaistow

Bob Choolijian - Vice President, Plaistow Lions

Carol Simpson - Secretary, Kingston

Ted Kennedy - Member, Atkinson

Doreen Tufts - Treasurer, Danville

Tom Tufts - Asst. Treasurer, Danville

Bob Walsh - Member, Hampstead

George Moore - Member, Newton

The Vic Geary Board of Directors sincerely appreciates Newton's assistance to help us maintain this valuable senior resource enjoyed by many of our area seniors every day.  
(Telephone: 603-382-9276)

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack McSheehy, President  
Vic Geary Board of Directors

## **WEST NILE VIRUS**

The 2010 mosquito season was quiet and rather uneventful but I'm not complaining. It was nice to have a season where Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) wasn't ruining the summer. Dry conditions helped to keep the mosquito population down. New Hampshire didn't escape the year without some arboviral activity. There was one EEE horse in Freedom, one West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito sample in Manchester and a human case of WNV in Mason, NH. Over the border, Massachusetts was experiencing record levels of disease activity prompting the State to conduct aerial spraying in some counties.

Dragon has identified 153 larval mosquito habitats in the Town of Newton. Crews checked freshwater sites over 355 times throughout the season. There were 73 sites treated to eliminate mosquito larvae. In addition, 194 catch basin treatments were made to combat disease carrying mosquitoes. Adult mosquitoes were monitored at four locations throughout town. The mosquitoes were collected in light traps, identified to species, and sent to the State Lab to be tested for diseases. None of the mosquitoes collected in town tested positive for disease. Spraying to control adult mosquitoes was not conducted last season since no EEE or WNV was found in Newton.

The proposed 2011 Mosquito Control plan for Newton includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, ditches, and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in July. The mosquito control program ends in late September or early October when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yard by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water such as buckets, trash barrels, and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two or three days.

If you're new in town and do not want your property treated for mosquitoes, then a written request is needed. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, and a description of your property with boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Anyone who sent a written request in 2010 may call the office to reaffirm your request. Our phone number is 964-8400. You may call our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, the insecticides we use, the spray dates, or questions about EEE or WNV.

For more information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, visit the NH Department of Health and Human Services online at [www.dhhs.state.nh.us](http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us) or the Centers for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) (Telephone: 603-964-8400)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah MacGregor, President  
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.