



# City of Baytown Newsletter

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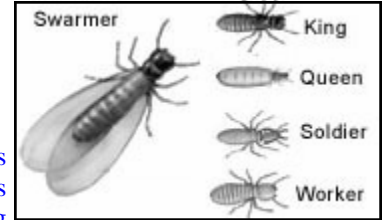
## Lower Flood Insurance Pre-



The City of Baytown was awarded an increased Community Rating System (CRS) classification in March 2006. The CRS is administered by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is a part of FEMA. The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that encourages and rewards communities for exceeding NFIP requirements. The City of Baytown's improved CRS classification is a result of the voluntary action the City has taken to protect the community from flood damage and promote flood insurance awareness.

Baytown's improved CRS rating means that flood insurance premium rates have been discounted to reflect the City's success in implementing programs to reduce flood risks.

## Formosan Termites



City employees inspecting damage to the Texas Avenue live oak tree have discovered that termites had attacked the tree. Although it will be a long process, it appears that treatment is available to eliminate the termites from the Texas Avenue live oak tree. Formosan termites were first found in Harris County in 1956. Formosan termite nests contain swarmer, soldier, worker, king and queen termites. Winged Formosan Termites have a yellowish-brown color, are .5 to .6 inches in length, have large eyes, their antennae contain more than 18 segments, the wings are more than 10 millimeters long and covered with dense golden hair and the wings also have two heavily pigmented veins near the front edge and no connecting cross veins. Soldier Formosan termites have a tear dropped or egg-shaped bodies, are very aggressive and will attack anything or anyone and also exude a small amount of a white, defensive secretion gland. Worker Formosan termites are white to off-white in color and difficult to distinguish from other termite species. Additional information can be obtained at <http://termites.tamu.edu/formosan.html>. Residents need to check their structures and surrounding trees for the pest. Formosan termites are very destructive to trees and buildings. Residents and businesses who suspect they have a Formosan termite problem can consult local pest control operators or contact the Center for Urban & Structural Entomology at Texas A&M University at 979-845-5855.

The Harris County Health Department has confirmed the presence of West Nile virus in the Baytown area on June 7, 2006. The City of Baytown has responded, and will continue to respond, aggressively to any areas identified as having "positive" West Nile or St. Louis Encephalitis mosquitoes.



## Keep Texas Beautiful!

### Baytown Awarded Governor's Community Achievement Award

Since 1969 the Governor's Community Achievement Awards program has been sponsored annually by Keep Texas Beautiful. Since 1986, the program has been funded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Eligibility is open to all Texas communities. These awards are presented to communities that have the best grassroots volunteer environmental programs in the state. The 2005-2006 results were released Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> on the Keep Texas Beautiful website ([www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org)). The City of Baytown was announced the **Third Place Winner** in category 7 and an **Award of Excellence Winner** for scoring 90 or above on its application.




## Community Yard Sale

When: Saturday, September 16, 2005  
 Where: Bicentennial Park  
 Time: 8 a.m.—1 p.m.  
 Fee: \$10 for a 10x10 booth

Clean out your closets and get rid of all your old junk, or just come and SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP! This is a FREE event to shoppers. Anyone can purchase a booth space. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure!