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'Burbalicious: What I Ate in Eules

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Tom Kha soup with rice noodles, tomatoes, onions, and chicken (photos by Carol Shih)

To gear you guys up for July's Best Suburbs issue, I'm traveling to ten different 'burbs in the DFW area for a semi-weird cross-city food tour. I'll be documenting all my finds in these 'Burbalicious posts that'll be peppered throughout June and July. If you feel like your suburb deserves a shot at some SideDish love, [email me](#) and I'll ask my Magic 8 ball if I should go. Last week, I ventured to the [Russian Banya in Carrollton](#).

Eules, Eules, Eules. I honestly know nothing about you except that you lie in that hazy gray area between Dallas and Ft. Worth, and your name sounds a teensy bit like the word "useless"...

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but let's not go there. I don't feel like making 51,277 Eulesian enemies today. And, clearly, you aren't because you offered my stomach something good to eat. How surprising and kind of you.

When I asked my friend Suzanne what to eat around her 'hood, she suggested Thai Papaya Garden in Eules because "they have *the* best Tom Kha chicken noodle soup around."



Friendships require a certain amount of trust, so trust I did in Suzanne (but not without some hesitation). I'm usually wary to try new Thai restaurants because Thai food can get a bit tricky. The dishes often err on the side of being too tangy or not tangy enough, so it's rare when you come across an excellent curry or soup. It didn't help that Thai Papaya Garden also has a 32-paged menu filled with titles printed in WordArt that made me question the half-hour drive it took to get there...

(If you're visiting for lunch, allow me to give you a word of advice so your mind won't explode from the sheer overwhelming volume: stick to the lunch menu pages. There are only two.)

It turns out that Suzanne was right about the Tom Kha soup. As soon as it arrived on our pink and purple tablecloth, I dove into a bowl of cloudy, milky broth filled with rice noodles, tomatoes, onions, and chicken. Whoa mama. Surprisingly, the soup base wasn't too sour or too sweet; instead, it had just the right amount of spicy, nutty, and coconut-y flavor that makes Thai food so good. My chopsticks couldn't stop moving even after I was terribly full.

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Suzanne and I also shared a red curry (coconut milk base with basil and bamboo shoots) that came with a small Tom Yum soup, vegetarian egg roll, and steamed rice for \$7.95. Not a bad deal, but it still came in second place compared to the Tom Kha soup.

Hm. On second thought, allow me to retract my earlier advice. Ignore all 32 pages of the menu. Go to [Thai Papaya Garden](#), order a glass of water, and tell the waiter you want a bowl of Tom Kha soup. You'll save yourself a headache and leave a much happier person.

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Thai Papaya Garden

Restaurants: Thai **Eules**
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Tarrant County Confirms First Case Of West Nile In Human

By Matt Goodman, CBSDFW.com

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FORT WORTH (CBSDFW.COM) – Tarrant has become the third area county to confirm a case of West Nile in a human, Public Health Department spokeswoman Vanessa Joseph said Thursday.

Yesterday, Dallas County confirmed a case in Richardson while Denton County said a person tested positive earlier in the month.

While she wouldn't say where the bite happened, Joseph said there are five mosquito pools throughout the county that have tested positive and investigators are focusing on those areas.

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On June 5, a pool in Bedford tested positive. On June 12, West Nile was found in two in Hurst. And on June 15, Euless and Richland Hills both had a pool test positive.

Mosquito pools are controlled pools of water fermented with grass, which attract mosquitos to lay their eggs in and allow researchers to test for the presence of West Nile. Richland Hills has not sprayed for mosquitos yet, but will in the coming days. Euless sprays every month and will again next week. Hurst tests its pools weekly and sprays at night. The city sprayed the day after a pool tested positive.

Bedford does not spray because of resident complaints -- but the city does set mosquito traps throughout it.

"A lot of people are allergic to it," said John Kubala, Bedford city spokesman. "In the past, there have been complaints, significant complaints, when you go buy and spray. We thought it would be safer to use the brickets and larvacide."

This is relatively early in the summer season to be recording cases of West Nile in a human, experts say.

They're blaming it on the coupling of the mild winter and a wet spring. The temperatures never got cold enough to kill the pests off and the spring rains are giving them more standing water to lay their eggs in.

Joseph said residents should wear long pants and sleeves and cover themselves in insect repellent containing the pesticide DEET.

Mosquitos are most active in the mornings and evenings -- staying indoors at those times reduces the risk of being bitten.

"Be careful at dawn and dusk, wear DEET when they go out, be cautious about standing water in their yards and empty that as quickly as possible," said Betsy Deck, a spokeswoman for the city of Euless.

Joseph said Tarrant County will continue testing mosquito pools and alerting the community to spread awareness.

Most people infected with West Nile won't have significant signs pointing to it. Illness typically occurs between three and 15 days after being bitten.

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A Tarrant County Public Health Department fact sheet says 20 percent of infected people usually show signs of West Nile fever. The symptoms of that are fever, headache and body aches, rashes and swollen lymph glands. See a doctor if you think you're infected.

Here's a map tracking the counties in the state that have confirmed cases of West Nile.

Yesterday, reporter Bud Gillett spoke to a man who was infected with the disease. I've copy and pasted that below, and [click here for the whole story](#):

"It can happen to anyone, anywhere, and it's most likely to happen in your neighborhood or in your back yard," said surgeon Dr. Don Read.

He came down with it in 2005 and it left him speechless, deaf and partially paralyzed. He spent a year in hospitals and rehabilitation and still wears leg braces. He can no longer perform all of the surgeries he used to, and he still has to pace himself.

"If I do way too much my muscles actually get weaker and it may take me two weeks -- one time it took me two months -- to recover," Read said.

He says while the very old and very young are most at risk, West Nile can strike anyone at any age. He discussed some members of a West Nile support group he helped found.

"We had two 35-year-olds who ended up on a ventilator for a prolonged period of time," Read said. "Most of us think we're 17 and bullet-proof until something happens to us."