

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter

October, 2011

Future Important Dates for your Calendars:

October 6th: Board Meeting, 9:00 am

October 6th: Right to Know Mtg., 6:30 pm

October 19th: Leadership Lehigh—7:00 am

October 21st: Riverhall Elem. Helicopter Display

October 25th: Supervisor's Mtg., 2:30 pm

October 27th: Leadership Cape Coral—8:00 am

Tommy Stewart hard at work, on Sanibel Island.



On September 16th: Lee County Mosquito Control District was again invited to Evangelical Christian School's Public Information Meeting. This presentation included a static helicopter display and an information gathering session. Rita Maiss and Thurbie Botterill attended both sessions. They spoke to the children about our spraying procedures and gave them extensive information about helicopters. The students were very interested in the qualifications and skills needed to become a pilot.

Bryan Smith helping Tommy load on Sanibel Island.



Michael Thomas inspecting in Cape Coral.



Field Activity — 2011

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	0.0	0.0	7.4	84.9	6.0
February	11,009.8	0.0	16.0	1,446.9	79.0
March	6,272.4	14,783.5	20.3	2,931.0	69.0
April	44,439.7	36,860.4	29.6	1,667.8	542.0
May	28,161.3	134,648.3	36.4	5,712.5	1,693.0
June	64,207.3	173,968.4	116.5	12,952.3	2,146.0
July	119,422.8	721,914.6	427.2	32,730.0	2,975.0
August	104,895.1	422,007.3	529.7	23,039.3	1,316.0
September					385.0
October					
November					

On September 6th, Shelly Redovan provided an overview of mosquitoes and their potential diseases as part of the Lee County Health Department, Environmental Public Health Training Day. The presentation was followed by questions and answers which lasted almost two hours. This dedicated group of Health Department employees were very interested in mosquitoes and their control.

Environmental Public Health programs are implemented to control or remove disease-causing links between people and their environment. Typical activities include inspections, complaint investigations, plan reviewing, permitting and regulatory enforcement. The Environmental Public Health section oversees public pools, sewage treatment and disposal systems, food hygiene services, licensed group care homes, biomedical waste disposal, tanning facilities, body piercing, migrant housing and nuisance complaints.

From the desk of Brian Cotterill: The Florida Statutes that created the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts stipulated that there will be seven sub-districts. It also went on to say that the sub-districts should be as nearly equal as possible and that this should be updated with each decadal census, or every ten years. Other statutes or court rulings make clear that each district should, as far as possible, be compact, follow prominent census geographical and physical features, limit splitting existing neighborhoods and retain existing boundary lines. The latest census figures from 2010 and the previously existing boundaries maps were the basis for the newest map. An online redistricting program that was created by the Florida House of Representatives was used to set the new commission boundaries. Each one of the seven sub-districts grew on average by 15,000 persons from on average of 62,000 persons to over 87,000 persons.

The district that grew the most was District Seven, which is comprised of East Cape Coral, Iona, Punta Rassa, Gulf Harbor and Harlem Heights. This process was made much easier with the use of the new state software and with any luck will be even easier the next time around in 2021.

