

LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter— April, 2012



Important Calendar Dates:

- April 3rd: Deputy Directors' Mtg.
- April 5th: Commissioners' Board Meeting
- April 9th: CPR Training
- April 11th: 10am-12pm Mtg., Fish & Wildlife
- April 12th: Deputy Directors' Mtg.
- April 13th: Lee High School Student Tour, Rm. A
- April 19th: Deputy Directors' Mtg.
- April 24th: Haz/Mat Training
- April 24th: Supervisor Mtg.
- April 25th: ECHO Training—Shelly Redovan

"Wings Over Water"

Saturday, March 10th, Rick Pardo and Shelly Redovan hosted a booth at the "Wings Over Water" Festival put on by the East County Water Mgmt. Dist. Exhibitors were to share their stories with visitors on how to help to be good stewards for the natural environment. Lisa Hunt provided mosquito eggs, larvae and adults and Eric Jackson provided organisms that eat mosquito larvae. We had several young people tell us what they had learned about mosquitoes and their control from the "Mosquito Control" guys at their school.

Other booths were 20/20 Lands, East County Water Mgmt. Dist., Audubon, Lehigh Regional Hospital, CREW, Ding Darling, Six Mile Cypress Preserve, LeHigh Fire & Rescue, Lee County Fossil Club, Sierra Club, and a couple more. The keynote presentation was by James Currie, renowned rare-bird expert and host of the popular birding TV show "Nikon's Birding Adventures." His show is on the National Geographic TV channel.

March 13, 14th and 15th, LCM/HCD was pleased to host the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club transmitting from our area to other HAM Operators throughout the U.S. and the world. This annual special event groups the entire network/club of operators in one place. They have asked us to publish their email address: FMARC.net for people who may be interested in HAM radio. The club was celebrating their 70th Anniversary.

The 2012 EPA Spring Regulatory Tour was held on March 23rd. These state and federal representatives extensively toured our Districts with presentations by Katie Heggemeier on Adulticiding procedures, Jim Burgess—Surveillance, Mr. Gale conducted the Yard Tour, Robert Roper conducted helicopter trips to Beautiful Island, John Cassani presented Aquatic development for Lee County, Don Doggett gave the aquatic weed presentations at Harnes Marsh and Jon Hornby explained Larviciding procedures at Beautiful Island. Shelly Redovan and Brian Cotterill were tour guides and Tom Miller drove our tour bus.



2012 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	9,759.7	0.0	1.1	0.0	42.0
February	2,867.5	0.0	8.4	265.1	40.0
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					



Joan and Gary Heggemeier and Kelly Gaylord generously donated their time and talents to create an exceptional work of art in the form of a wall mural for the Education/Training Center for Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts. The many hours of time and effort used to plan and complete such a significantly large and highly valuable mural were given selflessly for the benefit of the Districts.

The mural dramatically captures the natural flora and fauna found in Lee County, Florida and provides a vivid reminder of the ecological richness of southwest Florida to all who enter the facility. The mural will be used as a tool to provide public education for students and other visitors to the Districts about the natural ecology of Lee County, and the missions of the Districts in controlling mosquitoes and aquatic weeds.

The Districts' Board of Commissioners presented a resolution to the artists thanking them for their generosity, immeasurable talent and diligence in providing this amazing gift. In the photo from left to right are Commissioner Pat Mann, Board Chair Sarah Larsen, Joan Heggemeier, Gary Heggemeier, Commissioner Mike Ellis, Kelly Gaylord and Commissioner Larry Murphy.