

LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter— May, 2012

Important Calendar Dates:

- May 2nd: Aviation Mtg. 8-9am
- May 4th: Fruit Tree Exchange Tour— 9-11 am
- May 9th: Aviation Mtg. 8-9am
- May 10th: Commissioners' Board Mtg.
- May 15th: DEP Mtg., Bryan Smith 10-12 Noon
- May 16th: Aviation Mtg. 8-9am
- May 23rd: Aviation Mtg. 8-9am
- May 29th: Supervisors' Mtg. 2:30 pm
- May 30th: Safety Mtg., 7:30 am, Brian Cotterill
- May 30th: Aviation Mtg. 8-9am

On April 11th, Lee County Mosquito Control Staff met with the US Fish and Wildlife Refuge Staff for the annual meeting to discuss procedures and operations on refuge lands in Lee County. Other topics of discussion were new personnel and new water management practices. This meeting is always productive for both staffs.

The first *White House Summit on Environmental Education* took place on April 16th. One hundred environmental education leaders and practitioners were invited for a series of panel discussions and workshops. Lisa Jackson, Administrator for the EPA and Arne Duncan, Secretary for the U.S. Dept. of Education welcomed guests. Participants had the opportunity to promote their successes and promote ideas. LCMCD & FGCU was represented by Neil Wilkinson, Environmental Education Instructor. Wilkinson took the opportunity to highlight FGCU's Environmental Mission and commitment to graduating ecologically literate students, their focus on Service and Civic Engagement and the many partnerships with local organizations and agencies that support FGCU's commitment to environmental stewardship.

The Lee County Mosquito Control District was present at the 2nd Annual *STEMtastic* Showcase at the Lee County Public Education Center on March 31st. The Aquatic Systems Mosquito Education (ASME) program provided a display of aquatic critters, various native and exotic insects and take-home educational activities tied in with Florida's Sunshine State Standards. Jim Burgess, Mgr. of Mosquito & Disease Surveillance for LCMCD, answered questions for students and their parents regarding the roles that science, technology, engineering and math play in mosquito-control operations. Pictured are ASME interns, Sabrina Perri and Kayla Rockower and Jim Burgess speaking with students.



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	3,251.9	0.0	15.3	372.8	371.0
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					

Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts were pleased to have the *Fort Myers Rotary Club* hold their meeting in our new building on April 17th. After their luncheon meeting, they toured our entire compound, which included the new labs, the presentation rooms, the flight line, and both offices of the mosquito and hyacinth control districts. Mr. Gale took one group on a bus tour and Shelly Redovan and Brian Cotterill assisted the second group on walking tour. We received accolades about "Miss Mosquito" and our new full wall "Florida Mural." Their club had approximately 70 members attend this meeting.

