

# LEE COUNTY

## MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



## June, 2014



### Important Calendar Dates:

**June 06: Navy Entomologists' Training**

**June 16th: FASD, Sanibel Harbor**

**June 24th: Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control**

**June 26th: Board Mtg., 10:00 am**

**June 30th: Supervisors' Mtg., 2:30 pm**

**April 10th: Shelly Redovan ordered the AMCA Webinar on the new virus, Chikungunya which has brought 20,000+ cases to most all Caribbean Islands. This Webinar was very beneficial to our employees!**

**April 22nd: Shelly had a CRP & AED make-up session for the employees that could not attend the first training**

As we prepare for our busy summer season, we would like to welcome: Joshua Redford, Joseph D'Amato and Kyle Martins, Seasonal Student Summer Assistants. Rachel Morreale, will be working as a Service Request Inspector; Ed Foley and Brad Owens will be working as Summer Field Validation (FVAL) Assistants.

We also welcome back our Truck Trap Operators and our ULV Truck Operators.

Gary Bonnough reports our family of Sandhill Cranes has expanded to approximately 16 to 20 birds (new babies recently). These cranes are protected and can carry a fine of up to \$50,000 if they are purposely killed or maimed.



April 29th, Former LCM/HCD Commissioner, Paul Sanborn invited Cape Coral's Mayor, Marnie Sawicki to visit our districts. Exec. Dir., T. Wayne Gale, Paul Sanborn and Marnie Sawicki toured Cape Coral and surrounding areas via helicopter. Director Gale pointed out the 400 miles of canals that our Hyacinth District services. Director Gale also explained all the marshes and mangroves that surround many parts of Cape Coral and how we treat with larviciding and adulticiding operations.

Mayor Sawicki complimented our districts on all of our operations and felt this tour has been one of the great highlights for her since she has taken office. In fact, Mayor Sawicki displayed the many photos she took while on tour and put them on her Face Book Page.



May 19th, FOX News interviewed Shelly Redovan regarding three cases of imported Chikungunya Virus that has surfaced in Florida. Three females; one from Dade County, one from Broward County and one from Hillsborough County have been stricken with this virus after returning from a cruise to the Caribbean Islands. FOX news did quite a long piece on TV and also interviewed Jennifer Roth with the Lee County Public Health Department.

## 2014 Field Activity

| ACRES<br>TREATED | GROUND<br>ADULTICIDING | AERIAL<br>ADULTICIDING | GROUND<br>LARVICIDING | AERIAL<br>LARVICIDING | SERVICE<br>REQUESTS |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| January          | 4,643.4                | 0.0                    | 1.1                   | 0.0                   | 17.0                |
| February         | 7,240.3                | 0.0                    | 35.0                  | 1,166.2               | 57.0                |
| March            | 2,213.2                | 0.0                    | 11.6                  | 1,902.5               | 50.0                |
| April            | 17,845.0               | 0.0                    | 24.1                  | 427.0                 | 124.0               |
| May              | 21,112.4               | 0.0                    | 41.8                  | 3,498.3               | 199.0               |
| June             |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |
| July             |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |
| August           |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |
| September        |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |
| October          |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |
| November         |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |
| December         |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |
| Y-T-D Totals     |                        |                        |                       |                       |                     |

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) students participated in the *Aquatic Systems Mosquito Education* internship program and earned the top honor at FGCU's Community Engagement Day in April. Our team earned the "Overall Best Course Based Service Learning Project," for the entire university. Their work consisted of visiting Lee County elementary schools to teach "The Misunderstood Mosquito," a primary science lesson geared for Kindergarten students as coordinated by Eric Jackson, teacher at the school board and LCMCD. Interns also worked on projects related to enhancing educational outreach, with the assistance of Neil Wilkinson, instructor at FGCU and LCMCD and Brian Murphy, teacher at the school board and LCMCD.



Pictured from Community Engagement Day at Alico Arena are Ashton Ryals, Sara Miller, Logan McDonald, Laura Roche, Collin Edenfield and Chelsie Houston.

Courtney Dwyer-Satkoski, instructor at FGCU earned the "Commitment to Service Faculty Award" for her service to FGCU, the students and the surrounding community.

We are very proud of our interns' accomplishment!

Shelly Redovan attended the Meeting on Managed Marshes in New Smyrna Beach May 13-14 & 15th.

The Southwest Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) personnel held their annual meetings in our Training Room, May 21st. These are the people who take over if a hurricane strikes our area.

The local office has brought in people from regional headquarters' office to look over their plans for evacuation for Lee County. Their plan must be precise, functional and must adhere to a strict code of directions and communications.

After their mock disaster plan, a panel of judges will grade them and give suggestions, if needed.

