

LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



December, 2014



Dec. 4th—Board Mtg. 10:00 am

Dec. 4th—Districts' Annual Awards Mtg.

Jan. 13—15th: FMCA Aerial Fly In, LCMCD

Jan. 26-30: Dodd Short Course, Ocala

After the November 4, 2014, Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts have two new Commissioners who will sit on our Board. Mr. Brian Farrar was elected from District 2 Area, which covers Bonita Springs/Estero. Mr. Richard Paul was elected from District 4 Area which covers North Cape Coral/North Fort Myers. The Commissioners took their seats on November 17th, and their terms will run for four (4) years.

November 9th. Executive Director Wayne Gale, Dr. Jonathan Hornby, FMCA President Neil Wilkinson, Ed Foley and Rachel Morreale attended the annual FMCA Meeting in Westin. At this meeting, Neil Wilkinson became a Past President on their Board.

Ed Foley, Larviciding Inspector was awarded the Cyrus R. Lesser Memorial Scholarship at this meeting. The award of this scholarship is based upon course of study, financial need and dedication to the profession.

This was the charter year for the scholarship and involves an application process initiated by the candidate.

Following is an excerpt from Ed's application: " ...I believe my interest truly stems from an ability to combine several of my passions, both old and new, into a career that I love. ..."

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Cont.From Dr. Jon Hornby: Congratulations, Ed, we are honored to have you as an employee of LCMCD and we wish you all the best in your pursuit of a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science at FGCU.



November 11th, Milton Sterling was the key note speaker at the Fort Myers Police Department, *Young Leaders Educating Others' Mentoring Program* Appreciation Dinner for at-risk kids. Milton spoke about his journey through life; how he has persevered to overcome obstacles to become the professional he is today while working for the most prestigious mosquito control organization in the world. Milton also spoke about the importance of the work everyone at LCMCD does on a daily basis to keep Lee County the paradise it is today.



2014 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE 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	56,243.1	0.0	72.4	7,742.4	485.0
July	107,731.4	168,064.3	177.7	11,323.9	630.0
August	96,620.4	385,596.3	182.5	13,459.1	365.0
September	42,109.3	92,863.7	223.6	6,127.2	334.0
October	76,794.6	179,695.9	74.5	968.2	438.0
November					60.0
December					
Y-T-D Totals					



Lee County Hyacinth Control District and Ernesto Lasso de la Vega hosted a meeting for *WetPlan* on November 14th. *WetPlan* is a coalition of water experts and lake management people who train pond owners how to plant around ponds and lakes for beauty, wildlife and water quality. A large group of about 55 people attended this meeting. If you wish further information, contact: www.WetPlan.org

November 18th, the *Friends of 6-Mile Cypress* toured our facilities. Executive Director, Wayne Gale, welcomed them and gave them a tour of our grounds after they had viewed our district video. Shelly Redovan escorted them to Disease and Surveillance area where Jim Burgess explained how our labs operate. Jonathan Hornby showed them our many spray areas in the large "War Room." He explained the different mosquito species and the related diseases they carry. Kevin Watts spoke about Hyacinth Control District controlling the canals, rivers and lakes to keep them navigable and free of cattails, reeds, hyacinths, algae, water lettuce, etc.

Students and parents participating in the home-school program at the Imaginarium Science Center had the opportunity to visit the district. They went on a mosquito larvae hunt where larvae was placed in containers to demonstrate urban breeding habitats. Eric Jackson, Shelly Redovan and Brian Cotterill led the tour and proceeded to the aircraft area to view the planes.

Anji McStravic Ed. Director for the Imaginarium said "parents and students voted our District was one of their 'best' and favorite field trips."



November 18th, Executive Director, Wayne Gale, spoke and presented a power point presentation to the *Advanced Academy of Lifelong Learning* at the Shell Point Community Center.



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