

LEE COUNTY

MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



June, 2015

June 4th: DEP Tour 9:30 am

June 4th: Board Meeting, 10:00 am

June 10th: Family of Faith Tour—10 am to Noon

2015 MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE—LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS (BUCKINGHAM ARMY AIR FIELD)



Tours of the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control
Headquarters

A static display of aircraft and equipment

A WWII video of Flexible Gunnery training

Archival display of Buckingham Army Airfield

Display of Aquatic Systems/Mosquito Education programs and
crafts.

A discovery walk to learn where you might be raising your own
mosquitoes around your home

Tice Fire and Rescue District Static Display with 2 Apparatus

The Southwest Florida Military Museum and Library Bus

Hot dogs and Lemonade

Franklin Park Elementary School hosted a College/Career
Week May 11-15th and the career emphasized this year
was "Careers on Wheels," from 8:15 am to 10:10 am.

Don Claytor was our LCMCD representative. He took a
Trap Truck for viewing and he talked with the children
and explained its routine and parts of the truck's nightly
functions.

Personnel Additions and Changes

~Robert Scarpantonio has assumed the responsibilities
for the Sanibel area from Tommy Stewart who retired
May 29th after 40 years of service. Robert is now a
Mosquito Control Biologist II. Ed Foley has been
selected to replace Bryan Smith when he retires and will
be moving to the role of Mosquito Control Biologist III.
Both Robert and Ed will continue to report to Katie
Heggemeier.

~Gene Sutton, Aviation Project Manager and Rick
Fitzgerald, Aircraft Mechanic II, have both retired from
the District.

~Sean Christman has been selected for the Larviciding
Inspector position and will be starting with us full time
on May 18th. Sean will be reporting to Paul Morgan.

~Russ Witt will be joining us as a full-time Aircraft
Mechanic II May 25th and will report to Al Bennett.

~Jonah "Buddy" Parker will be joining us as a Seasonal
Grounds Assistant until the end of October and will be
reporting to William Vasquez.

~Jessica Berman and David Dolan will be Seasonal
FVAL Assistants working for Rachel Morreale. David
will be with us for the summer and Jessica will be
working with us until October.

~Javares Canty and Angel Hernandez will be Student
Summer Assistants working in the Mosquito Control
Department during the summer and they will be
reporting to Don Claytor.

~Drew Liddick will be working as a Summer Assistant
for Ernesto Lasso de la Vega.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating all of
our employees. Susan Merris

2015 Field Activity

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	7,697.7	0.0	15.3	0.0	72.0
February	0.0	0.0	8.9	127.1	25.0
March	12,718.4	0.0	11.4	862.4	121.0
April	15,206.4	0.0	11.5	570.2	119.0
May					240.0
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Y-T-D Totals					

Personnel Additions (cont...)

The following individuals have been hired as seasonal Truck Trap Operators for the 2015 season:

Harry Crump

Fronnie "Mae" English

Robert Fischer

J.W. Pete Jeter

Dan King

Keith Moore

Sonny Moore

Hunter Stygstra

Marc Stygstra

Thanks to Sean Christman and Don Claytor for their help in training new drivers.

Thanks to our auto mechanics who helped us get all the trucks on the road in a short time.

These Seasonal Operators report to Biologist, Lisa Hunt.

Lee County Hyacinth District is in the process of looking for a suitable replacement for our granular dispersal units. Early feedback for a preferred method or similar device has resulted in a search for alternative solutions and availability of equipment from other manufacturers. In May, the District field-exercised a TR Aquatic material spreader system produced by Vortex. The design and operation of this unit is suitable for our equipment platforms and can be implemented as a very effective application of products when environmental conditions are not conducive for liquid treatments.

Utilizing granular chemicals can be advantageous for direct-target placement, slow release compounds and/or when applications are influenced by weather-related events. Exploring all options for an effective control mechanism is an important strategy in the District's long-term integrated aquatic management plant program.



Our LCMCD Teachers, Neil, Brian and Eric provided an active area for children of all ages. The children were proactive in looking at mosquito larva/pupae through microscopes and actually made their own version of a paper mosquito to take home as a souvenir.

The LCMCD and LCHCD Memorial Day Open House was a raging SUCCESS! According to this newsletter editor, my estimation of our crowds visiting us was over 1,000 people. Our switchboard has received several calls thanking us for an extremely informative program with aviation, mosquito and aquatic labs, airboats and aquatic vehicles, spray and trap trucks, the artifacts and WWII memorabilia for the Buckingham Army Field and the convenience of parking and all of the employees who toured us. The kids loved the helicopters and all enjoyed the walk-thru the DC-3.