

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter

JULY, 2011

Future Important Dates for your Calendars:

July 7th: Board Meeting—8:30 am

July 26th: Supervisor's Meeting

July 29th: Shelly Redovan, San/Cap Rotary Presentation

Aug. 4th: Board Meeting

Sept. 14th: Flu Shots, Bailey Bldg. 7:30—9:00 am



May the 4th of July Holiday be a safe one for everyone!

On Monday, June 13, Director T. Wayne Gale and Deputy Director Shelly Redovan attended the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management. They presented "Mosquito Control in the Estero Bay Watershed." With questions and discussion, the presentation lasted over an hour. Many of the group were unfamiliar with impoundments and ditching as a means of controlling mosquitoes.



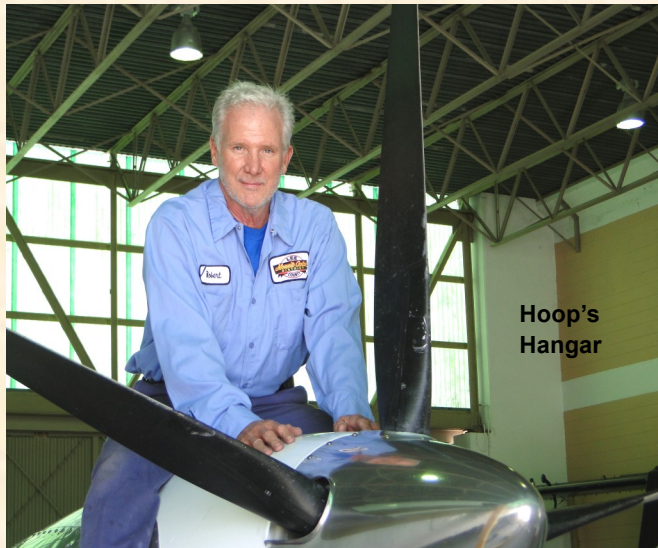
Vivian Jones attended a meeting on Monday, June 13th, in Tallahassee. This meeting was to explain the new law concerning the State of Florida Employees' 3% participation in the state retirement plan. This new participation will be in force in the first July paychecks.

Keith Andrew, Jeremy Ford and Ken Sonne treated two ponds on June 23rd with Tradewind™, a newly registered aquatic herbicide by Valent, effective on submersed and floating plants. The target plant was hydrilla, an exotic pest plant that shades out native submersed plant species, reduces oxygen levels and degrades water quality. Tradewind™ is a systemic herbicide that shows promise to have minimal impact on desirable aquatic plants such as spatterdock, maidencane and cattails. It also has long residual activity and should help with resistance management. Results of the applications are not expected for a couple months as it is a very slow-acting herbicide.



Field Activity — 2011

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	0.0	0.0	7.4	84.9	6.0
February	11,009.8	0.0	16.0	1,446.9	79.0
March	6,272.4	14,783.5	20.3	2,931.0	69.0
April	44,439.7	36,860.4	29.6	1,667.8	542.0
May	28,161.3	134,648.3	36.4	5,712.5	1,693.0
June					2,146.0
July					
August					



Hoop's Hangar

A farewell to Robert A. Harper—HOOP—who has been at LCMCD for almost 32 years (in November). We will miss his quips, and his “honest” thoughts about all of us. His expertise will be missed. We wish he and Louise a wonderful and happy retirement. Hoop, you and Louise keep dancing!

May and June have been huge months for service requests from Lee County Citizens. We have been recording “number of service request calls” since 1986 and May, 2011 set the record with 1,693. In June, 2011, we beat 1997 (2,112) with June’s total being: 2,146 — but we did not beat the year 1994. That year, a whopping 2,938 service request call were logged. We are not really anxious to beat 1994’s total. This season is proving to be a record and busy year for all of our employees.



Jeff Zentz, Supervisor of the Lawn Maintenance crew, retired on June 29, 2011 after 9 years of service. Jeff and his family are heading to a new home and life in Colorado. Best wishes to the Zentz family.

From the desk of Jim Burgess: The Disease Surveillance Department has been using HA/HI testing while looking for St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE), West Nile (WNV), and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), antibodies in our sentinel chickens. This is a very old test. Over the years, it has been difficult to get some of the antigens to run this test. The new test that all other labs are now using is the ELISA Test. Milton Sterling has taken training from FGCU and the FDOH on how to perform this test. The protocols they use only test 6 to 12 chicken sera at a time. Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District in California uses a protocol that can test 90 to 100 chicken sera at a time. Milton spent a week there learning this new protocol. We will be doing this new testing starting in July.