

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



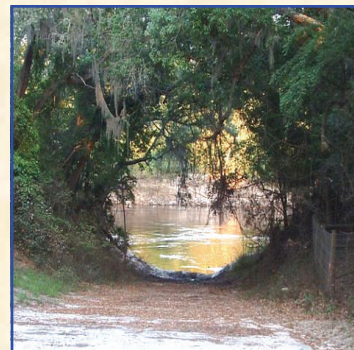
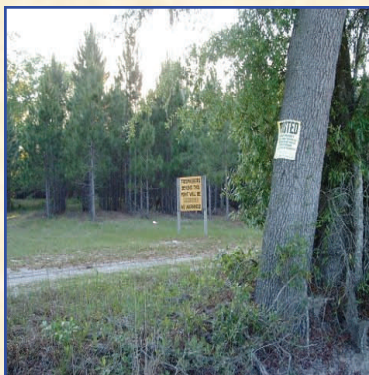
Newsletter

June, 2009

Lee County Mosquito personnel were extremely busy during the month of May! Our crews spent the weekend spraying mosquitoes in areas along the Suwannee River that had flooded recently. The affected counties were: LaFayette, Gilchrist and Suwanee. Steve Dwinnell, with FDACS stated " we have been responding to emergency situations in Florida since 2001." He went on to say that, "... some of these counties don't have a mosquito control program or have such a small one that they could not handle the large population of mosquitoes." Steve contacted our Executive Director, Wayne Gale, and he agreed to help. The District will be reimbursed by DACS through FEMA for out costs.

Our competent weekend warriors were: Don Claytor—Coordinator, Brian Campbell, Bill Stephens, Jeremy Ford and Jonathan Maile.

A huge appreciation to everyone in Fleet Management for getting all of our trucks and their related equipment ready for this important project.



Views of Treatment Areas



Scenes from DACS Emergency Assistance

FIELD ACTIVITY — 2009

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	24.0
February	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0
March	116.7	0.0	1.5	388.0	9.0
April	4,284.0	0.0	6.7	899.7	55.0
May					156.0
June					
July					

Employee Information:
 Congrats to Chuck Herzog—passed Advanced Public Health Test.
 Please make sure that Pat Ferrara gets copies of any new PH license information!!
 October 21, 2009—Flu Shots, 8—10:00 am

After the BC/BS meeting, on May 27th, our new LCMCD/LCHCD Pandemic Plan was distributed to employees in attendance. Please see Shelly Redovan if you need a copy. This Plan is a first for us and I think for most of Lee County Governments.

EPA TOUR— On May 12th, LCMCD/LCHCD hosted a contingency of EPA officials, Weed Science Society of America policy coordinators, an Army corps of Engineers representative and Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services personnel Steve Dwinell and Dennis Howard. These people were on a three-day tour, led by Dr. William Haller, UF-IFAS, of So. Florida to witness, first-hand, professional pesticide applicators to better understand the industry. The interest is in response to a decision by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court which requires that a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit be obtained before applying pesticides to, over, or near waters of the U.S. This could have a significant impact on both mosquito and hyacinth control operations.

The District gave the EPA members an aerial view of the challenges we face. After lunch, the group listened to presentations by John Cassani, Jon Hornby, Katie Heggemeier and Bryan Smith. This was followed by a round-table discussion by all participants. All District employees are to be commended for the positive comments made by the visiting group. Executive Director Gale attended all phases of this group's visitation.



Photos from EPA Tour

Career Day at River Hall School, Buckingham, 200
 Students viewed our equipment and received information about LCMCD/LCHCD.

Shelly Redovan gave a Power Point Presentation to the Pine Ridge Home Owners Assoc., on May 21st. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.



River Hall Elementary School