

LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO/HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICTS



Newsletter

March, 2009



- **News from Hyacinth Control:** Deputy Director, John Cassani was invited as a panelist and presenter at the American Water Resources Association Annual Meeting and the 9th Annual Exotics Conference. The Exotics Conference drew over 200 attendees!
- John Cassani, is co-author of a poster being presented in Washington, DC as part of the *Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities Conference*, March 30th.
- March 8th is the Annual Pondwatch meeting.

"Our Communicating in The Workplace" seminars were given in February by Dr. David E. Kelley, who has excellent credentials in private practice of Psycho Therapist; a Domestic Violence Evaluator with Lee County Courts, and an instructor at several colleges.

All employees were in attendance for his classes and came away feeling the experience was a good one!!

Susan Merris, Director of Human Resources and Communications, was instrumental in bringing Dr. Kelley to us.



Congratulations to Robert Hedrick, Paul Morgan and Tommy Stewart who have passed their Advanced Public Health Certifications while up at the Dodd

Short Courses in Ocala, FL.



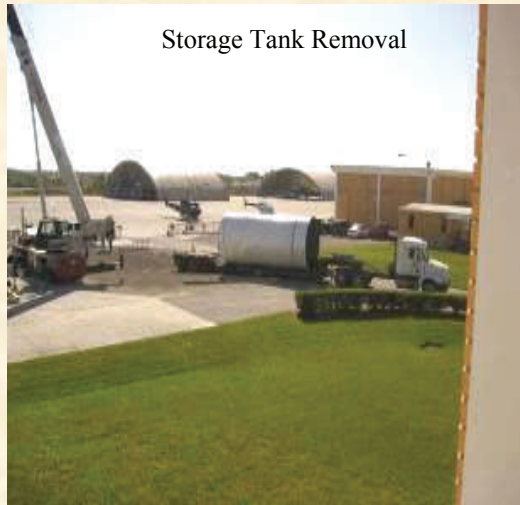
The District offered Chemical Spill Response Training in the Bailey Bldg. on February 17th; taught by Chris Pappas. Charlotte County Mosq. Control sent 20 employees and our Districts had 47 participants. This class provided the Hazardous Materials Level II training for students that have not previously had hazardous materials training or serves as a Level III refresher course in accordance with 29 CFR 1919.120(q). This course offered various CEU's for our different licenses held by employees.



Discovery Days in downtown Ft. Myers. Our Huey hosted by Scott Bates and Dave Johnston.

FIELD ACTIVITY — 2009

ACRES TREATED	GROUND ADULTICIDING	AERIAL ADULTICIDING	GROUND LARVICIDING	AERIAL LARVICIDING	SERVICE REQUESTS
January					24.0
February					7.0
March					



“Yellow Fever, The American Plague” class was given to employees Feb. 10th in the Bailey Bldg. at LCMCD. Neil Wilkinson, a Level II Instructor at FGCU, was our speaker.

This class yielded one (1) CEU for us toward our Public Health License. Neil’s presentation was informative and his visual presentations were excellent. Thank you, Neil.

Congratulations to Brian Cotterill who was elected President of the Caloosa Land Trust and Nature Center, in Pine Island. One of the last smaller parcels that Lee County 20/20 is likely to purchase is 10 acres of ‘pristine pine palmetto’ forest adjacent to the Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve. This brings the total of the Flatwoods Preserve to 729 acres.



The 11th Annual Rubber Duck Race will be held on March 7th, in St. James City. The tickets are \$5.00. This is one of their biggest fund raisers. The prizes are top notch; and the event will include music, games, auctions, raffles, food and beverages.

LCMCD Schedule of Events during the Month of March, 2009

- Sandy Gross will be attending the FMEL Advanced Mosquito ID Class, March 2—13th.
- Executive Director Gale will be teaching a CDC class in Alabama the week of March 9th.
- March 13th is the Clarke Workshop in the Bailey Bldg., from 8 am to 12:00 pm. This workshop will offer 5 Public Health CEU’s.
- Executive Director Gale and Deputy Director, George Wichterman, along with our Commissioners, will be attending FMCA Legislative Days, March 17—18th, in Washington, DC.
- Deputy Director Shelly Redovan’s department will have a presentation at the North Ft. Myers Library on March 24th.
- Deputy Director, George Wichterman will have an EPA Regulatory tour, at our district on March 31st. We will get a report from George for the April Newsletter.