

St Johns County Roundtable Minutes March 8, 2010

ATTENDANCE: 23

GUESTS: Adam Holt, Educational Specialist, Anastasia Mosquito Control District.

TREASUERS REPORT: Current balance \$3,447.80 47 members, 12 paid in 2010

No Committee Reports

Community Issues: Walking dogs without a leash and cleaning up for your dog. Commissioner Bryan commented that there is a \$500 fine if caught. Very hard to prove however.

Many communities are experiencing cars that are broken in and items stolen. Suggestions were to contact St. Johns Sheriffs office and have Diana Bryant come out to the next HOA meeting and talk about ways to combat this problem. Many of the cars were not locked so it was easy to get in the cars. Many residents keep valuable items in the cars which are very visible and easily stolen with no effort.

Foreclosed homes are a problem for many homeowners associations. The utilities are shut off so the lawns are not kept up which makes it difficult to keep values up. Homeowners Associations can place a lien on the home and then work with the bank to get the lawn mowed and the irrigation systems working until the new owner takes over.

A1A Resurfacing. A comment was made that they should move quickly to complete so that there will be minimal traffic issues when the Women's Pro Tennis and TPC Sawgrass events occur in April and May 2010.

There is a Census meeting Tuesday March 9 at 9 am at the County Planning Department.

There will be a Noise Ordinance plan coming soon.

Adam Holt started his presentation by advising that he can be available to present to Homeowner or Condo Associations. Since the Mosquito Control has only 4 telephone lines, you can access service on line on their web site www.anastasiacd.org.

Female Mosquitoes actually bite. AMCD has expanded from just Anastasia Island in 1948 to cover 631 square miles of St. Johns County. Dog and Cats need to have Heart guard to prevent problems.

West Nile Virus affects older and younger folks. There have been 2 cases identified in Florida in 2006. Eastern Equine Encephalitis affects horses. 2 horses died in St. Augustine. It can affect other animals if immune system is low..

The annual budget for AMCD is 3 million dollars versus 20 million for the Florida Keys area.

If you have fountains, the water should be changed every other day to prevent mosquito problems.

BTI is a chemical that can be placed in fountains which is a quick kill for mosquitoes.

It can be placed in fountains or a dog's water dish.

Mosquito control has 10 Chicken coops which are constantly tested for disease. Suggest all ponds have fountains to keep water moving.

The goal of AMCD is to reduce the annual budget but continue to add good service. They reduced the mileage rate this year.

We should practice the 5 D's of Mosquito control:

Don't go out dusk to dawn. (2)

Dress appropriately.

Use no more than 30% Deet

Drain all containers....no stagnant water

After heavy rains, AMCD get many calls. The last major 7 day rain period, the AMCD had 2,040 calls for service.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting at The Record at 9 am April 12,2010.