

UPDATE: MOSQUITO CONTROL & RACE TRAC GAS STATION

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MOSQUITO CONTROL – The Lee County Mosquito Control District has been waging war on mosquitos especially considering recent development in SE Florida. Many residents have asked me why they no longer hear the aircraft spraying our community. I was in a meeting the morning of August 5th with a number of people, one of which is a Commissioner on the Lee County Mosquito Control District. I asked him why we no longer hear the aircraft spraying for mosquitos. I also said, although this was a wet winter and summer there seems to be no mosquitos. He pointed out the District sprays from 8 PM to around 3 AM. In addition, they replaced the original gasoline powered engines on the old DC-3's and C47's which are used for spraying with new turbo jet prop engines which are more quiet than the original engines on those aircraft. They also have increased spot checking areas to insure the spraying is doing its job.

RACE TRAC GAS STATION – Further checking through the City Community Development Department on the Race Trac Gas Station has revealed the following:

The existing tract of land on the NE corner of Bonita Grande and Bonita Beach Road currently is zoned as Community Commercial (CC). The CC zoning permits a gas station, as well as a convenience store. In other words, the proposed construction of a Race Trac Gas Station does not require any type of rezoning. More important, by the rules and regulations for development in Lee County, there will be no required approval by County Commission and no opportunity for public input on this project. The approval of this project will be handled administratively by County Community Development. Remember Bonita Beach Road and Bonita Grande are both County controlled roads and the tract of land where the construction will occur is in Lee County not Bonita Springs.

When a final site plan showing the realignment of the intersection plans and an exterior view or artist concept is available, I will send those items out as another E-BLAST.

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