



GRAND STATION — The new Lake Gem Fire Station is the first new fire station for the Lake County Department of Public Safety, Fire Rescue Division, since 2002.

Season of Sustainability



Down the Road: The busy year for the Department of Facilities Development and office building in downtown Taravere. Check on the construction

Flowers

The renovation of the Umatilla health clinic included a complete overhaul of the existing structure and added 11,000 square feet of space. The new facility enables the health department to offer clinical services to the surrounding community, including family health, maternity, immunizations and specialty clinics. The Umatilla clinic is the first health department building in the state to meet standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, which emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Spring into Action

Lake County's new fire station, located in the Lake Jem community, is a 2-bay, 7,700-square-foot facility. The station serves about 23,000 residences in the area and is a back up to six other local stations. Located near the Orange County line, the station also serves as a first-response unit with Orange County. The facility was designed to support several emergency functions. While it operates primarily as a fire station for the Lake County Fire Rescue Division, the building was designed for co-location with Lake-Sumter EMS and Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Sage Advice

In bathrooms, install low-flow showerheads and aerators in faucets to save water and money.

Summer Reading

Cagan Crossings Community Library opened in the Four Corners community and quickly staked its place as one of the County's busiest libraries. Since its unveiling, the library has issued more than 4,400 new library cards. During its first full month of operation, 6,800 patrons used the library's computer stations

and more than 600 people used the wireless Internet service. The new library, which replaced the Citrus Ridge library, is about three times larger with separate children and teen areas, a training lab, 31 public-access computers, a café, free wireless Internet access and a 150-seat community service room.

& Management reached a peak when construction began on a parking garage, energy plant progress via a live video feed on Lake County's Web site, www.lakecountyfl.gov, keyword: camera.