



## NEW PAISLEY FIRE STATION TAKES SHAPE

Construction on Fire Station No. 13 in the unincorporated community of Paisley is nearly 20 percent complete, according to staff from the Lake County Department of Facilities Development & Management.

Located at 25250 County Road 42, block walls of the new fire station were being erected in early December. The two-story brick building is modeled after the Lake County Fire Rescue Station in the unincorporated Lake Gem community, which opened in May 2008. The Paisley fire station will be about the same size (7,400 square feet) and will also have two apparatus bays.

“The Paisley station has been through two value-engineering exercises and is essentially the same design as the Lake Gem fire station that accommodates three agencies, but will have a slightly different exterior appearance than the Lake Gem station,” said Gary Kaiser, Director of the Lake County Department of Public Safety.

The new fire station will house one fire-rescue engine and one fire-rescue tanker truck. According to the Department of Public Safety, the location of the new fire station will significantly lower response times to emergencies in the area. As of now, the two closest fire stations to the area are 12 miles away.

The cost of the new fire station is less than \$1.5 million. Construction began in fall 2009 and completion is expected in summer 2010. The architect for the project is Starmar Ranaldi Planning and Architecture of Oviedo, Fla., and the general contractor for the project is Pat Cook Construction of Bradenton, Fla.



## PARKING GARAGE OPERATES WITH NEW HOURS

Beginning in November, the Lake County public parking garage in downtown Tavares instituted new operating hours in an effort to reduce rising energy costs.

The parking garage, which used to be open 24 hours a day, is now closed during weekday evenings, weekends and holidays. Typical operating hours of the garage are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday. The garage extends its hours for downtown Tavares' events and evening public meetings. New signage at the entrance and exit of the garage indicates its daily operating hours.

According to County officials, closing the garage on weekday nights and weekends will save thousands of dollars in monthly energy costs as the garage's hundreds of lights can be turned off.

The parking garage opened on June 1 and immediately solved many parking woes for the Lake County Government Complex in downtown Tavares - including the offices of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector. The eight-story, 1,547-space parking garage is open to the public and government employees during the week. Construction on the parking garage began in May 2008 by PPI Construction.



Offices of the Lake County Department of Information Technology are moving to accommodate the Sheriff's Office expansion into the Lake County Historic Courthouse. The divisions of Geographic Information Services (GIS) and Programming & Application Support Services (PASS), as well as IT's administration, are moving to 1300 S. Duncan Drive, Building B, in Tavares. The Information Outreach Division is moving to the first floor of the Lake County Administration Building, located at 315 W. Main St., Tavares, next to the divisions of Information Systems and Telecommunications.

### New phone numbers

- IT Administration and PASS: (352) 742-6550
- GIS: (352) 742-6551

## ROLL CALL

There are several different projects underway for the Lake County Department of Facilities Development & Management. Here are a few developments:

- 1 Lake County Sheriff's Office South District Substation**  
Notice to proceed was issued Oct. 19; construction is in progress.
- 2 Horticultural Learning Center at Discovery Garden**  
Substantial completion was issued on Dec. 11
- 3 Fire Station in Paisley**  
Construction is 20 percent complete
- 4 Judicial Center envelope project**  
Construction slated to begin in January 2010
- 5 Animal Services facility addition**  
Construction estimates with architect in progress