



WATER WORLD —

The Mobile Irrigation Lab of the Department of Conservation & Compliance helps the agricultural community by visiting groves, nurseries and greenhouses to offer a free evaluation of irrigation systems.

Down the Road: The Department of Environmental Utilities' focus is on waste reduction and proper disposal. To learn more about recycling and waste disposal, call (352) 343-3776 or cells scheduled to open in spring

Guiding Light

Illuminating Inoculations

The Animal Services Division hosted five free rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats this past year. It was the first time the Division was able to provide the service as the addition of a part-time veterinarian made the free clinics possible. During the Saturday clinics at the Animal

Services facility on County Road 448 in Tavares, more than 1,900 vaccinations were administered. To be eligible for the free vaccinations, residents needed to purchase a County pet license. For a spayed or neutered pet, the license is \$5 and for a pet that is not spayed or neutered the license is \$11.

Shade of Green

To foster efficiencies and promote green solutions, Lake County leadership reorganized several departments.

Geographic Information Systems joined the Office of Information Technology and Fleet Management was transferred to the Office of Procurement Services. Highlighting the list of changes was the creation of the Department of Conservation

& Compliance, which comprises code enforcement, environmental enforcement and the Lake Soil & Water Conservation District. The new Department is tasked with coordinating all natural resource conservation efforts; promoting environmental activities; awareness and enforcement; and ensuring a desirable living and working environment for future generations.

*In addition to the new landfill
2009, another upcoming project is the paint-recycling program.
log on to www.lakecountyfl.gov, keyword: recycle.*

Radiant Savings

Through healthy competition from our competitive bidding process, the Department of Public Works has achieved excellent prices on several road projects. Approximately \$2 million, originally earmarked for a portion of the current projects, can now be used for future projects. The projects included paving Keene and Dewey Robbins roads; resurfacing and widening Max Hooks Road; and improving the intersections of Lakeshore Drive-Oswalt Road, Dewey Robbins Road-U.S. Highway 27, County Road 439-State Road 44, County Road 44-Hicks Ditch Road and Orange Avenue-Estes Road. An average of seven bids was received for each of the six projects.

Sage Advice

Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving, such as speeding, rapid acceleration and braking, wastes fuel.