



Featuring an all-star cast

The Department also garnered a team award from the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents by completing the special-assessment project at the Hilltop-Sorrento neighborhood. The project included a double-surface treatment for five roads. Due to large bids submitted by contractors, the job was completed in-house for a savings of nearly a half million dollars. The collective effort included staff from the Road Operations Division, Right of Way Section, Special Assessment Section and Engineering Division.

The Department of Public Works earned two noteworthy recognitions in 2007. The Flood Determination and Mapping Program earned a National Association of Counties Achievement Award, which recognizes innovative county government programs. The program provides property owners with accurate data and allows staff to add or revise a floodplain as better or more accurate information becomes available.

“We are able to implement aerial photography, contours or any other type of computerized map layer to enhance our information and give the most accurate picture of the available floodplain,” said Mary Hamilton, Stormwater Project Manager. “This accuracy translates to safer building and flood-insurance savings for citizens.”

A creative perspective

Lake County earned a greater appreciation for the arts this past year with several new initiatives. The Board of County Commissioners created the Lake County Arts & Cultural Alliance to promote cultural and arts activities. The Department of Tourism & Business Relations partnered with Americans for the Arts to assist with an economic impact study of the arts in Lake County. The study, which is available online at www.myregion.org, suggests that when local communities support art activities and events, it not only enhances the quality of life, but it invests in the region's economic well being.

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Art of appreciation

Artistic value soars

The Office of Information Outreach took home a bevy of awards in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Staff received five Red Baron Media Awards at the 13th Annual Convention and Trade Show of the Florida Festivals and Events Association for two tourism print advertisements, the 2005-2006 Annual Report, and a promotional item and marketing campaign for Lake County Library System's Fourth Annual Festival of Reading. The Office also garnered printing awards for the recent version of the Citizen's Handbook and the County's new official stationery.

Display of winning entries from the 2007 Florida Festival and Events Red Baron Media Awards

