

Polk County, FL

On May 1, 2002, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed the week of May 19th - 25th as Public Works Week. Information was disseminated to employees and the local media encouraging them to attend our inaugural Eagle Ridge Mall displays the weekend of May 18-19. A local radio station provided a live remote and helped promote the event and give out door prizes. Throughout the weekend, more than 1,200 citizens from around Polk County visited the 11 indoor exhibits and large outdoor equipment area. The planning committee coordinated door prizes from mall shops which were given away hourly to those who residents who had visited each display and completed a passport.

Polk County's "Everyday Heroes" were at the mall all weekend long educating residents about the important work done by their county professionals. The Public Works Week organizing committee held a competition and judged the various exhibits based on their content, clarity and visual appeal among other things.

A post-event thank you luncheon was held to recognize employees for their individual contributions. As a grand finale, the exhibit winners were announced. The Traffic Engineering Division won first place followed by the Solid Waste Division in second place and the Utilities Division was recognized with the third place title for 2002. In July, the committee will begin meeting to plan for next year's event. Our post PWW luncheon was attended by three county commissioners, the county manager and deputy county manager.



Fun at the mall



Traffic Engineering - 1st place display



Outdoor equipment display



Paws - giving out candy



(R) County Manager, Jim Keene



Polk County Utilities



Post-event "thank you" luncheon