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Highlights from Mosaic in Florida

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Mosaic underwrites projects to meet Duette community needs

Mosaic and Ryan Companies US recently dedicated a new 8,785-square-foot fire station and adjacent 75-acre community park which was constructed on reclaimed phosphate land in the eastern Manatee County community of Duette.

"This project will provide generations of local residents with enhanced fire and rescue services as well as much-desired sports and recreation opportunities," said Gary N. "Bo" Davis, Mosaic's Vice President of Phosphate Operations. "The Duette community has been Mosaic's neighbor for many years, and we highly value the positive relationships we've developed with its residents. It's a great day for us and the community."

Mosaic donated the land and all construction costs for the fire station and park as part of an agreement with Manatee County stemming from the company's Altman Tract mine permit, which was approved by the County in January 2009. The agreement also includes a \$319,000 commitment by Mosaic, to be paid over three years, for operating and maintaining the park.

Ryan Companies constructed the fire station and the park.

"It would not have been possible for the Fire District alone to provide this sort of facility for at least 10 to 15 years," says Jim Leonard, chief of Duette Fire and Rescue.

The new fire station represents a significant upgrade for Duette Fire and Rescue, which has operated out of an open-sided pole barn with a single office and limited storage space. The new facilities feature four enclosed double apparatus bays, a day room with kitchen facilities, a meeting room, several storage rooms, showers and three offices. Mosaic also agreed to create an additional 1,287 square feet of unfinished space for future use.

Bunker Hill Park, adjacent to the new fire station, provides the type of community recreation Duette residents have long desired. The park includes soccer and softball fields, picnic areas, a walking trail and playground. For access to the 19-acre lake, the park includes an ADA accessible canoe launch and dock for fishing.

The park and fire station were constructed on reclaimed land. The parcel was mined for phosphate as part of the Four Corners Mine in 2004. After mining, reclamation crews contoured the land and planted trees and vegetation based on a reclamation plan approved by local and state regulatory agencies. The property was "released" from reclamation in 2010 and has recently been turned over to Manatee County and the Duette Fire District.



Mosaic and Ryan Companies joined Manatee County and Duette community leaders, neighbors, elected representatives and Duette volunteer fire and rescue officials for dedication ceremonies.

Environmental center gets boost from Mosaic

Mosaic recently donated \$10,000 to the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) to keep its fourth-grade field trips running.

The center has been conducting two-day field trips for fourth-grade students since 1988, and CEO Jim Thomson estimated the program costs about \$60,000 every year. This year, 57 fourth-grade classes went on the two-day tour of the Alligator Creek Preserve in Punta Gorda, which houses CHEC. When CHEC was first formed, it received well over \$100,000 annually from the school district. Budget cuts have scaled back that amount to about \$27,000.

As a supporter of environmental education initiatives in the state,

Mosaic is proud support the field-trip program.



Members of CHEC gather to receive a contribution from Mosaic Public Affairs representative, Kaley Miller. Front row from left: Jim Thomson, Dorothea Zysko, Miller, Rich Dorken. Back row: Martha Clemente, Bobbi Rodgers and Monica Dorken. Photo by Jean Wulf, Sun Herald.

Honoring Independence Day

Mosaic wishes everyone a safe holiday weekend ahead. Here's a peek at our community ad running in various Florida newspapers over the next few days. We commemorate July 4th and the ideals of the American way.



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