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## Grand Island Shores Booster Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

***\$1.6 Million Dollar Project complete, will be officially put into service to the public***

**EUSTIS** – The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of a \$1.6 million drinking water system booster station at 10:00 am, March 13, 2009 on Grand Island Shores Road (across from the Bright Water Place subdivision entrance). Refreshments will be served at the ceremony and the Eustis Water Department will also have a water conservation booth set up to provide valuable conservation information to attendees.

The new Grand Island Shores Booster Station began construction in July of 2008 and will help maintain water pressures and improve fire flows during peak-flow demands in the northwest service area of the City. In recent years, low operating water pressures have occurred in this area due to the higher ground elevations and the long distances from each of the three existing water plants that supply water to the system. Continuing residential growth has resulted in increased water demands. Areas that will benefit from this new booster station include the residents of Grand Island Reserve, Bright Water Place, Westgate, Grand Island Ridge Estates, Biscayne Heights, Windy Ridge at Lake Yale, and Grand Island Oaks.



After initially solving the low water pressure in the Grand Island Shores area, the booster station will serve as a water treatment plant with the addition of two future water supply wells in the immediate area. The booster station will be the first major expansion of a water pumping or water treatment facility since the construction of the 750,000 gallon ground storage tank at the CR 44 Water Treatment Plant in 1991.

For more information about this event, please contact Don Stearns, Director of Public Utilities at (352) 483-5480 or Erwin Gajentan at (352) 357-5618.

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