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Landscape Lighting Adds Value to Your Property

By Peter Walrath, DeSoto Acres Resident, Owner Green Hornet Lawnscape, Inc.

WE'VE HIGHLIGHTED IN PRIOR ISSUES HOW WELL PLANNED LANDSCAPING CAN ADD tens of thousands of dollars to the value of your property. Adding Landscape Lighting to your beautiful landscape further increases your home's value.

According to a recent conversation with members of the local residential real estate community, exterior landscape lighting is considered an important feature that not only enhances the aesthetics and security of a home, but also improves the property marketability.

WELL-PLANNED ATTRACTIVE LIGHTING ADDS REAL VALUE TO ANY RESIDENCE

Exterior lighting is also beneficial when showing homes in the evenings because clients can see all the features of the exterior and landscaping, night or day. When selling a home clients specifically drive by homes at night so they can see what it looks like when the sun goes down. It's always a plus to potential homebuyers when the homes are well-lit with tasteful exterior lighting.

BRING THE OUTSIDE IN

Realtors agree anytime you add light to an outdoor space—whether a patio, garden, deck or poolside area—you are creating more livable space that will increase the value of the property; thus, its marketability for re-



sale. By bringing the “outside in” with subtle, natural landscape lighting, the square footage of the interior rooms appears to extend to the outside. Also, planning several layers of outdoor lighting creates visual interest in a landscape.

SAFETY FACTOR

By filling dark shadows with warm light plus spotlighting stepping stones and pathways, the tactical placement of lighting is also an important safety feature for homeowners. “One of my customers heard a prowler one night in their garden and called me the next morning asking for an exterior lighting expert. Within a few days, security lights were installed, which gave the homeowner greater peace of mind. The unexpected bonus for them was seeing how beautiful their home looked every night.”



DESOTO ACRES EXPERIENCE

My personal experience began four years ago when I moved into my DeSoto Acres residence. My property had minimal lighting. I needed to increase the exterior lighting for safety and security reasons. I put lights along the walkway and on the front of the house, also



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Message from Association President

Robert Heere

It is remarkable that 2013 is history and we are already days into 2014!

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. And with a new year often comes new year resolutions. One of mine is to make sure I thank all those who help keep Desoto Acres a beautiful place to live.

If you volunteered for the neighborhood cleanup or came to any workshop meetings, I greatly appreciate your efforts. I would also like to thank all the Desoto Acres board members, current and past, for their efforts in preserving and protecting our neighborhood. Thank you to Lisa S. for creating the informational signs that remind you of our January 15th annual meeting. Thanks to Sam M. for getting the signs posted and then storing them the rest of the year. Thanks to the crew that put out the new DeSoto Acres boundary signs. Thank you, street captains. Thank you to the newsletter crew. A big thank you to all the residents that pay the annual dues. We are an

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Developer Activity In and Around DeSoto Acres

Three developers are still interested in revising our current land density to accommodate their specific projects. The properties under informal consideration are 1) the intersection of University Parkway and Tuttle Avenue, 2) on University Parkway between Tuttle and Shade Avenues and 3) four parcels between 53rd and 51st west of Shade Avenue.

DETAILS OF DEVELOPER ACTIVITY WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15TH ANNUAL RESIDENT MEETING.

A new project authorized by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on November 19, 2013 has the potential for increasing traffic on Tuttle Avenue through DeSoto Acres. This project is on the 115-acre parcel located on the northwest quadrant of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Tuttle Avenue. The BOCC is planning a North County Sports Complex. This North County Sports Complex is now part of the County's fiscal year 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan, CIP Project No. 93078.

Please contact the DeSoto Acres Board if you are aware of any other developer activity in and around DeSoto Acres.

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putting lights on each side of the garage and the rear of the house with motion activated sensors. Next was lighting the landscape. Most of the traffic on my property is on the street in front of the house, so that is where I began. I had a limited budget, so off I went to the local building supply stores to check out various types and kinds of lighting. My live oaks, palms, pond and fountain each needed a unique type of light. All were easily found at home improvement stores for around \$15.00 to \$30.00 a light.

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING OPTIONS

Landscape lighting options include spots of various wattage (or lumens) and types, including wall wash, well lights, down or up lighting, step and brick lights to name a few. Power options are low voltage (12 volts), LED lights and solar powered. You can use 120 line volt but deep trenching is required to hold the wiring. Low volt, LED and solar options eliminate this need.



The LED options have improved significantly in the past few years with better light color and style variety.

When lighting trees, be careful how you mount the lights on trees. A light mounted right on the tree with nails or screws, and without monitoring, will eventually grow scarring around the light fixture. Use a strap device to mount any fixture to a tree. Straps can be made of cloth or a nylon-type product that has a clip device adjustable over the life of the tree. My preferred option is to up-light with on-ground or in-ground lights. This type of light can be adjusted to showcase the structure of the tree.



Always keep in mind when planning your landscape lighting to avoid light pollution. Effective landscape lighting is meant to be soft and diffused. Glaring light is not welcoming and can spill over into adjoining properties.

To hide landscape spot fixtures so they're not seen day or night is to locate the fixture in a garden bed or pile rocks around the fixture. At night you'll see the light peeking out from the plant bed or from the rocks, giving a magical look and nobody gets glare in their eyes.

Now not a week goes by that someone does not mention to me how beautiful the property shows and welcoming it feels. And according to real estate agents, I have increased the value of my property by fifteen to twenty percent.

WORTH THE INVESTMENT FOR YOU NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

A total landscape remodel that includes a well designed and implemented outdoor lighting plan is more than worth the investment. The end result increases the livability of your exterior space for you and your family to enjoy now and into the future.

Peter Walrath is owner of Green Hornet Lawnscape a full service lawn maintenance and design company. You can contact Peter at 941.232.4824 & see his ad on page 11.

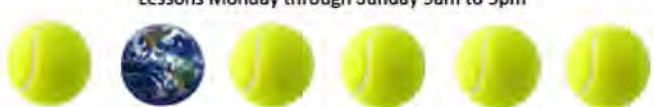
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DeSoto Acres Subdivision Abides by County Code and Zoning Designations

By Jim Gregg, DeSoto Acres Association Director

IT IS ALWAYS SURPRISING TO TALK WITH MANY REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT DESOTO ACRES, ITS ZONING AND CODE DESIGNATIONS. There is a huge knowledge gap when it comes to DeSoto Acres Subdivision facts, what uses are allowed within our borders and basic residential questions.



This knowledge gap was highlighted in July when DeSoto Acres residents were talking with reporters preparing the *DeSoto Acres Real Estate Market*

Snapshot (the article appeared in the July 13, 2013 Sarasota Herald-Tribune page 10E). The reporters stated that they had talked with real estate agents about DeSoto Acres. The reporters were stunned to learn DeSoto Acres has over 350 homes, is all residential and is the largest one-house per two acres zoned subdivision in Sarasota County. The reporters had been told the complete opposite by their real estate sources.

DESOTO ACRES; LET'S TALK FACTS

DESOTO ACRES SUBDIVISION COVERS MORE THAN 835 ACRES. THE MAP ABOVE PROVIDES OUR BOUNDARIES.

DESOTO ACRES ZONING is Residential Estate One (RE-1) one dwelling unit per 2 acres. Maximum building height is 35 feet. Maximum building coverage is 25% of the total parcel. Our Comprehensive Land designation is low-density. Only single-family residential homes are allowed in DeSoto Acres.

CODE COMPLIANCE

DESOTO ACRES CODE COMPLIANCE follows the Sarasota County Code of Ordinances. Code Enforcement Officer Tom Pumbo will be our guest speaker at the upcoming Wednesday, Jan. 15th Annual Resident Meeting (see article page 16 for details) to answer your questions about County Codes. A few of the major code misconceptions are highlighted below.



HOME BUSINESSES Limited business activity in DeSoto Acres is allowed if it is a home-based business and does not include customers or employees going to or from the residence. Businesses that generate traffic

are not appropriate for residential neighborhoods. Business materials and supplies may not be stored on the premises. Vehicles primarily used for commercial purposes are not allowed in residential districts.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE is not collected at the curb (except for motor oil, oil filters and electronics). You must bring these types of items to a collection center, neighborhood or community collection program for proper disposal.

WETLANDS AND PRESERVATION AREAS All activities involving filling, excavation, disturbance of native vegetation or storage of materials are prohibited within wetlands and sites designated as preservation or conservation areas within a subdivision or neighborhood.

LOOSE ANIMALS AND BARKING DOGS Keep your dogs and cats on your property and on a leash unless fenced. The code prohibits allowing a pet to make objectionable noises (barking dogs) for any length of time.

DEMOLITION Unfit/un-safe structures are any structures in decay or ruin due to fire damage, structural deterioration, or neglect that meet the criteria for demolition defined by the building code (i.e. collapsed roof, walls or floors) and pose a life safety threat to the public.

UNLICENSED, INOPERATIVE VEHICLES AND BOATS All vehicles must be operable / seaworthy and belong to the owner residing at the property at which it is stored. The vehicle must have current license tags or stored in a completely enclosed building.

Bring your questions to our Jan. 15th General Meeting and ask Tom Pumbo. See you there and help keep DeSoto Acres a quality residential neighborhood.



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ARTICLE BY: DEBRA PITELL, BROKER/REALTOR, CRS, SRES, GRI, E-PRO

WITH MICHAEL SAUNDERS & COMPANY

SARASOTA COUNTY'S SINGLE FAMILY HOME MEDIAN PRICES WERE UP 20.6% in November 2013 over this time last year. This is a clear sign that recent price appreciation in the single family home market is continuing.

The number of homes for sale increased over the past four months. However, the total properties sold in Sarasota County continues to moderate. Overall prop-

Sarasota County Single Family	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Homes For Sale*	2,570	2,694	2,678	2,886
# New Listings	885	831	874	760
Homes Sold*	645	545	582	531
Pending Sales*	603	525	585	520
% of Original Price	94.2	94.1	94.3	93.5

Sarasota County Single Family	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
2013 Median Sale Price (000)*	\$195.0	\$185.9	\$186.4	\$187.0
2012 Median Sale Price (000)*	\$151.0	\$157.0	\$166.5	\$155.0
Months of Inventory	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.4

erty sales stood at 531, about the same as last year.

Sarasota County's percent of original sales price fell off 0.7% over the past 4 months. The months of single family homes for sale in Sarasota County increased 1.2 months. Distressed property sales accounted for 29% of the total. Note, the Sarasota data provided is a new database versus prior reports.

DESOTO ACRES SALES CONTINUE

Since September 2013, DeSoto Acres real estate is still moving. Two homes were sold with an average price

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Sold / Square Foot*	No sales	No sales	\$148
For Sale Price (000)*	No sales	No sales	\$336
Sold (000)*	No sales	No sales	\$310

of \$148 per square foot. This is a \$40 per square foot improvement since the October 2013 real estate review. The average Sold Price for these 2 homes was \$310,000. One of these sales was a foreclosure. See table this page "DeSoto Acres Homes Sold." The listing does not include two transfers and quit claim deeds plus three properties now owned by banks.

Data on the number of days a DeSoto Acres home was on the market stayed the same, the average days on the market ranged from 389 to 7 days.

Ten homes are For Sale in our subdivision; up two from the October report. The average asking price is \$492,100 or \$178 per square foot. Three vacant lots (2+acres) are still available with an average asking price of \$216,000.

We continue to still see quite a few foreclosures in

the DeSoto Acres Subdivision. There are six homes and one vacant lot in pre-market foreclosure or foreclosure. The foreclosure estimate for these six homes is an average of \$339,103 or \$105 per square foot, \$43 below the DeSoto Acres Average Price per square foot. We'll see in the coming months how the prices for these distressed properties shake out.

The good news for DeSoto Acres is our single-family sold price per square foot is slowly increasing to be more in line with the Sarasota County average.

Look for the next DeSoto Acres Real Estate Update in the April/May DeSoto Acres Newsletter. Until then should you have any real estate needs, please call Debra Pitell, Office: 941-951-6660 or Cell: 941-356-0437. Email: dpestates@aol.com Website: sarasotahomes4sale.com.

*Data sources: Sarasota Association of Realtors, Sarasota County Property Appraiser and Zillow.com which are solely responsible for their accuracy.

DESOTO ACRES HOME SOLD OCT. - DEC. 2013

Location	Living SqFt	Beds/Baths	Date Sold	Sale Price
6100's N Tuttle	1,896	3 / 2	12/6/2013	\$245,000
2500's 49th St.	2,303	3 / 2	12/5/2013	\$375,000



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Creating a Rain Garden or Bioswale

By Robert Wright, Sarasota County Water Planning & Regulatory

DESOTO ACRES PROPERTIES OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE RAIN GARDENS OR BIOSWALES AS A COMPONENT of the overall landscape design. It is a solution for low spots in your yard where water puddles or for a ditch or swale that is difficult to maintain or has standing water in it. These “problem” areas are the beginnings of a beautiful rain garden or bioswale - an attractive addition to your property.

WHAT ARE RAIN GARDENS & BIOSWALES?

A rain garden can be part of your landscaped yard by removing sod and adding plants to a depressed area designed to capture and retain excess rainwater, allowing it to percolate into the ground or be used by the plants. Many DeSoto Acres’ properties have retention ponds that can use



Rain Garden

rain garden plants to create a shoreline buffer around the perimeter. The plant pallet for your rain garden should consist of a variety of native and bay friendly plants that can handle both wet and dry conditions. By using many different types of plants, you will increase the rain garden’s beauty and functionality in controlling stormwater, while providing an attractive habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

A bioswale is a conventional ditch or swale, modified and planted with appropriate native and bay-friendly plants to increase water percolation and pollutant removal as stormwater flows through it. They have been utilized with great success in communities like Celebration, Florida, near Disney World. Like a rain

garden it should be planted with a wide range of plants that can survive a combination of being wet or dry for



Bioswale before and after completion.

extended periods. It is not usually mowed; and acts like a flow through filtration garden during periods of heavy rainfall.

HOW DO RAIN GARDENS & BIOSWALES WORK?

The area, planted with selected vegetation and mulched, helps capture water and discourage erosion. The combination of soil, plants and mulch provides a natural pollutant filter as water is used by the plants or soaks into the soil. The filtering and percolation process and plant uptake helps keep topsoil, fertilizers and pesticides on your property and out of local ponds and bays while adding beauty to your yard.

CONTACT SARASOTA COUNTY FIRST

IMPORTANT: Any proposed planting or landscape modification in a public right of way, easement, preserve or other restricted area must receive prior review and approval by your local government.

If you are interested in learning more about a Rain Garden or Bioswale please contact Robert Wright, Sarasota County Water Planning & Regulatory at rwright@scgov.net

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Oct. 1, 2013 to Nov. 30, 2013

The following were incidents reported in Desoto Acres Subdivision during the *two-month* time period indicated above.

This information is available on the Sarasota County Sheriff's Website www.sarasotasheriff.org, right side of the home page under "Quick Links" "Crime Mapping." Your Association also receives monthly mailings from the Sheriff's office reporting vandalism, burglary and theft incidents in our area.

Remember to report suspicious activity to 911. Please lock your cars, cargo trailers, home doors and windows when you are away during the day and longer times. Keep bikes, toys and any lawn equipment inside an enclosed locked area. Never leave notes on doors and if you are away, have a friend or neighbor pick up your newspapers and mail daily, or ask for a temporary hold on these deliveries. A residence with a "lived-in" appearance is a deterrent to burglars. Use timers to turn

your lights on and off when away from your home. If it's in your budget, install a monitored home security system that can notify you if something goes wrong. Purchase exterior lighting with photocell activation for "dusk to dawn" feature to ensure lights are in use at the appropriate time of day. Also motion sensor lighting is another good choice. And never leave keys under flower pots or doormats, over the doorway or in other obvious places.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Crime Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/01/2013	Theft	2700's 53rd Street
10/17/2013	Burglary	2200's 53rd Street
11/06/2013	Burglary	6100's Shade Avenue
11/07/2013	Burglary	2500's 57th Street
11/12/2013	Burglary	2700's DeSoto Road
11/12/2013	Theft	2700's DeSoto Road
11/12/2013	Burglary	2600's 59th Street
11/13/2013	Burglary	2700's DeSoto Road
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11/24/2013	Assault	2200's DeSoto Road

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loose, not realizing what a danger this presents to other people, especially those out walking with dogs or young children. How can we cope with stray dogs?

WHOSE DOG?

In some areas of DeSoto Acres this is too common an occurrence. First, figure out where the dog belongs. Talk to the person responsible for the dog. If that doesn't work, call Sarasota County Animal Services at 941-861-9500. As dog lovers, we don't like doing this, but if we don't do it, who will? Try to get a photo of the dog to show your neighbors or to help Animal Services identify the dog's owner.

In Sarasota County it is illegal for dogs to run loose. Sarasota County Code requires a dog must be under the direct control of its owner or other responsible person. "Direct control" is defined as the immediate and continuous physical control of the dog at all times by means of a fence, leash, cord or chain of sufficient strength to restrain the dog.

If an animal is found to be "at large" authorities are legally allowed to impound the dog and are entitled to enter onto the private property of another for the purpose of capturing the dog for impoundment. Dogs are to be leashed in any of the following circumstances;

1. Upon any public street or sidewalk, unless specifically allowed by another ordinance;
2. The property of another;
3. Common areas of condominium, mobile home park, or other aggregate living where the property is held by an owners association or similar entity.

The laws don't do any good if they are not enforced. Much of the time the reason enforcement fails is that no citizen made a report. So when it falls to you to perform this difficult duty, be sure that you do stand up for legal enforcement.

Often the first step, talking to the person responsible for the dog, gets the job done. People may not be aware their dogs are getting out, and more commonly they are not aware the roaming dog is bothering anyone. Speak up and tell them.

Increase Your Business Among DeSoto Acres Residents

Join DeSoto Acres Association to increase your business awareness, sales and take advantage of member benefits: Only \$25.00 per year brings you:

Free Business Directory listing in our newsletter. You receive a two-line listing. See the Business Directory on page 15.

- Reach 770 DeSoto Acres Residents in 342 Households.
- Multiple reader exposure with newsletter print mailing and digital email.

Reduced advertising rate. Three publications each year. Available ad sizes are full-page, 1/2 page, 1/4 page, and 1/8 page size.

- Very competitive pricing.
- Multiple placement discount.
- One time, Free graphic design service.

Contact Jim Gregg 941-745-0289, email: JD_Gregg@hotmail.com or Jane Paquette 941-355-7070, email: janoel@comcast.net for advertising rates / size details and insertion deadline.

Sarasota Friends Meeting (Quakers)

We welcome you to join our Meeting for Worship



Worship: Each Sunday at 10am
Potluck: Each Fourth Sunday at 11:30am

3139 57th St. Sarasota, FL 34243 941.358.5759

Join DeSoto Acres Association

Today!

MEMBERSHIP

2014 DeSoto Acres Association membership dues in the amount of **\$25.00 per year** (no matter how many lots you own) are now due.

If you wish to prepay dues for future years, mark your check accordingly. Please complete the slip below. (See the lists on the right to check your status.)

DeSoto Acres T-Shirts

T-SHIRT

DeSoto Acres T-shirts are available in the sizes indicated below. The yellow t-shirt has a small DeSoto Acres logo on the front. Please indicate your size, and quantity on the form below. Send in the form with your check to the address indicated.

Business Listing

BUSINESS LISTING

Free Business listing with Association membership. See article facing page, second column. Email the name of your company, phone number and tag line (no more than 38 spaces/characters per line) to janodel@comcast.net. Or mail in your membership dues with the form below and include your company information.

DeSoto Acres Advertising

For your business, reduced and competitive advertising price. See article page 12, second column.

ADVERTISING

Calendar Year 2014 Dues Now Due

DeSoto Acres Association 2014 Dues are now due. Please bring your dues payment to the January 15th General Meeting. Association members are eligible to be a director, vote for the directors and receive the annual financial report at the General Meeting. Additionally, members can participate in the March Yard Sale Locator map (see article page 14). You can also use the enclosed envelope, fill out the form below and mail with your check to DeSoto Acres Association.

Become an Association Member.

Check your membership dues status below

These members have paid 2014:

Abernathy; Alexander; Baxter; Berthold, C; Cattin; Cell; Dehart; Elwood; English; Fasold; Fox; Goolsby; Gregg; Grimes; Handgen; Hightower; Jackson; Janis; Kluver; Kocur; Lovesky, A; Malinsky; Martin; McNaughton; McNeil; Menke; Miller, J; Montgomerie; Noël; Norwood-Torok; Podgis; Schindler; Shinn; Slakans; Vande Mheen; Walrath; Welch; Williams, A; Wilson; Wittman.

These members have prepaid 2015 or later (see year):

Abernathy; Berthold, C (2016); Hightower (2016); Jackson; Janis (2016); Kocur; Lovesky, A; Noel; Welch (2017).

**Please call 941-650-1600 if your records disagree.
Thank you for supporting your neighborhood.**

DeSoto Acres Resident Dues, Business Listing and T-shirt Form

Mail in an envelope to: DeSoto Acres Association, Inc., P.O.Box 556, Tallevast, FL 34270.

Checks payable to: DeSoto Acres Association, Inc.

Apply Dues to year(s): _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mail Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

Work: _____

Email(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Business Directory Listing:

Company Name _____

Company phone number _____

Company Tag Line (48 characters maximum length) _____

T-Shirt: I want to purchase ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL
T-Shirt at \$5.00 each. Payment of \$_____ enclosed.

DeSoto Acres Community Yard Sale Enhanced In 2014!

IN 2014, THE DESOTO ACRES COMMUNITY YARD SALE WILL HAVE NEW FEATURES for large and small yard sales.

Save the date Saturday, March 15, 2014 for your sale.

NEW ENHANCEMENTS FOR 2014

New for 2014 the Association will provide:

- Subdivision map locating each yard sale. Copies of the map will be available to hand out at each yard sale.
- Central location for small table top sales. Just have a few items, bring your table to the central location on DeSoto Road for you to sell your items.
- Food and beverage fundraiser for DeSoto Acres Association Land Planning at the DeSoto Road central location. Donated baked goods are welcomed.

To participate in the central location table sales and the yard sale map, become a DeSoto Acres Association members. Then contact Cathy Vande Mheen or Jane Paquette by March 5th to list your yard sale. See the enclosed flyer for details. DeSoto Acres Association provides advertising in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Observer, Craig's List and street signs posted one week prior.

This is your Association Board working to make DeSoto Acres Community Yard sale the preferred North County Yard Sale.

Look forward to your participation and March fun!

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active, volunteer association.

This may be the year you can resolve to become more involved with our Association. Please begin by attending our Annual Resident Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15th. See the article on page 16 for details. We have a social hour with coffee, tea and light snacks from 6pm to 7pm expressly to mingle with neighbors and acquaint yourself with the volunteer Desoto Acres Association Board Members. At the same time we have a local business showcase for your information. The Association's Annual Resident Meeting follows at 7pm.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Bob Heere

President Desoto Acres Association

DESOTO ACRES COMMITTEES

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941-993-0671

Cathy@TheCookieCottageFlorida.com

Director Elections are January 15th. Up for election are Robert Heere, Jane Paquette, Diana Harvey, Dale Hasselbring and one open director position.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

HOME SERVICES

- Green Hornet Lawnscape** See ad, pg 11...941.232.4824
Lawn maintenance or complete landscape overhaul
- Professional Plumbing** See ad, pg 2.....941.355.5400
Check out Our "On-time or Free" guarantee
- Southeast Roofing Consultants, Inc.**....941.752.7888
Commercial & Residential CCC025483
- Terry Lipman The Right Plant Guy**.....941.504.4386
ISA Certified Arborist & Agronomist

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- Joshua Colkmire DDS** See ad, pg 5.....941.359.2151
Achieve a healthy smile
- University Pharmacy** See ad, pg 8.....941.355.2500
Your Friendly Pharmacy at University & Shade

PERSONAL CARE

- Luxury Nails** See ad, pg 7.....941.360.1025
The Cleanest Nail Salon in Town & great nails

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- 301 Kwikie** See ad, pg 6.....941.365.4433
Your Neighborhood Printer to over 30 Years
- Antique Buyers** See ad, pg 6941.232.1177
Seeking Quality Art & Antiques
- Eastep Photography**941.355.9605
Art, Advertising, Architecture, Visual Problem Solver
- Edward Jones** See ad, pg 7.....941.359.1162
Making Sense of Investing
- Gateway Bank** See ad, pg 6.....941.355.5749
Your locally owned neighborhood bank
- Gateway Home Lending** See ad, pg 9941.328.3184
The preferred lender of Desoto Acres ext. 566
- Healing From the Heart**941.358.0807
Family Business Consulting, Kathleen Raskin MBA CCH
- Keels & Wheels Magazine**941.351.2411
Advertising New & Used boat / car sales in SW FL
- Pet Therapy, Inc.** a 501(c)3941.358.2225
Pets Providing Love to Seniors & Veterans
- REMAX Alliance Group** See ad, pg 10....941.724.3448
Call Lee Brewer today! Your local real estate expert.
- Stay True Tattoo**941.706.6465
Custom Art & Color by an Award Winning Artist
- Wayne's World Tennis**248.705.2262
Private Tennis Lessons in DeSoto Acres

RESTAURANTS / FOOD SERVICE

- Broadway Bar** See ad, pg 3.....941.953.4343
The Best Pizza in Town
- The Cookie Cottage** See ad, pg 6.....941.552.6914
Creative Cookies for Any Occasion

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

- Sarasota Friends Meeting** See ad, pg 12941.358.5759
57th & Lockwood Ridge Rd.

SARASOTA COUNTY (North County)

- Animal Services**.....941.861.9500
- Building Permits**..... 941.861.6678
- Code Enforcement, Tom Palumbo**..... 941.650.3502
- FPL (street light out)**..... 800.226.3545
- Fire Hazards**.....941.861.2290
- Garbage and Recycling**..... 941.861.6731
- General number / Call Center**.....941.861.5000
- Sheriff Dept. Non-Emergency Number**... 941.861.5800
- Sheriff Dept. Emergency Number**.....911
- Waste Management**.....41.493.4100

MANATEE COUNTY

- Sherriff Dept. Non-Emergency Number**...941.747.3011

DESOTO ACRES CALENDAR

JANUARY 15, 2014

WEDNESDAY

DESOTO ACRES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL RESIDENT MEETING

6:00PM SOCIAL HOUR & BUSINESS SHOWCASE

7:00PM BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH 15, 2014

SATURDAY

DESOTO ACRES ASSOCIATION

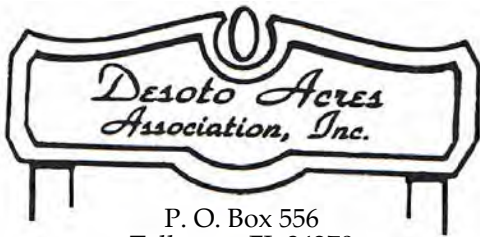
COMMUNITY YARD SALE

8:00 AM TO 4:00PM

RAIN OR SHINE

Deadline for the May issue is

Friday, April 14, 2014



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DeSoto Acres Community Newsletter January 2014

DeSoto Acres Association Annual Resident Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2014

At Sarasota Friends Meeting House - 3139 57th Street

6:00pm - 7:00 pm Business Showcase and Social Hour 7:00pm - 8:00pm Annual Meeting and Election of Directors
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GUEST SPEAKER IS OUR AREA'S CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TOM POLUMBO. Mr. Polumbo will speak about DeSoto Acres' unique county code enforcement challenges given our large lot sizes.

Also on the agenda is the Developer Activity Update, 2014 Yard Sale, election of Directors and our Community Planning. Association members with up-to-date dues are eligible to vote for the directors and receive the Annual Financial Report. Bring your check for \$25.00 to the meeting.

SOCIAL HOUR & BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Before the Annual Meeting, at 6pm, is a social hour with coffee, tea and light snacks expressly to mingle with neighbors and volunteer Desoto Acres Association Board Members.

There is also a businesses showcase. Gateway Bank and Gateway Home Lending will have representatives available for personal or commercial services. Edward Jones Investment Services is attending to answer your questions. The Cookie Cottage will feature their custom cupcakes and cookies. Plus other DeSoto Acres Business Owners will be present to discuss their services.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

This is an open session on what DeSoto Acres land use should be in 15 years. Your input is important to DeSoto Acres' future land use.

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL MEETING

Learn about what's going on and what will affect you. Be engaged and keep the rural character of our neighborhood intact.