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May 2015

Developer Activity in DeSoto Acres & Public Neighborhood Workshop

DEVELOPER INTEREST IN PROPERTIES ALONG UNIVERSITY PARKWAY HAS PICKED UP between Shade Avenue and Lockwood Ridge Road. Two developers are proposing two different projects, an office building and an assisted living facility.

OPI/PD Zoning

Properties along University Parkway between 301 and Lockwood Ridge Road are designated Light Office, zoned OPI/PD. This designation was adopted in 1996 and was an outcome of the University Parkway Corridor Plan - West discussions with Sarasota County, DeSoto Acres (DSA) Association Board and DeSoto Acres residents. The intent of the OPI designation in the area between U.S. 301 and Lockwood Ridge Road is to permit low-intensity office, professional and institutional uses that will not adversely affect either traffic flow and safety or those living in the adjacent low-density residential area.

The current zoning code maintains the 1996 intent of the OPI/PD zoning designation in a Planned District.

- The OPI/PD District provides for offices, institutional, cultural and allied uses.
- Upper-story residential uses are also allowed as an ancillary use to a professional or business office.
- The district is not retail commercial in character. OPI/PD development must be designed to minimize the impacts of the development on the adjacent residential area.
- The OPI/PD concept plans are binding.
- Light Office developments are typically characterized by building of one or two stories that do not exceed 15,000 sqft per building. Site design is sensitive to adjacent residential areas with regard to such things as building location, building orientation, dumpster location, buffering, landscape and lighting.

Assisted Living Facility

OPI/PD zoning permits Group Living subject to limitations outlined in the zoning code section 5.3.2.c. The developer is reviewing the properties at 2630 University Parkway and 2700 University Parkway, located west of Tuttle Avenue. The project has not been submitted to Sarasota County, there is no formal application at this time. Your DSA Association Board was invited to meet with the developer and his team to review the preliminary project site plan. The developer requested a variance to put 40 feet of the project into the RE-1 zoning to the south. Your DSA Association Board discussed the need to keep the project within the OPI/PD zoning. Site adjustment options were discussed which the developer will review.

Office Building

The Owner of the site at University Parkway on the east side of Traylor has made a formal petition to Sarasota County to rezone the parcel from RE-1 to OPI/PD, consistent with the land-use designation of Light Office and the University Park Corridor Plan - West. The public workshop details are below. Please attend to view and comment on the proposed Binding Development Concept Plan. More information is found at www.scgov.net and type in the key word workshop.

Notice of a Public Neighborhood Workshop

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Longwood Park Community Park
6050 Longwood Boulevard,
Sarasota, Florida 34243

The purpose of the Neighborhood Workshop is to discuss a proposed Rezone Petition on a single parcel totaling 1.92± acres and is proposing an office park to be called University/Traylor Office Plaza with a two-story office building located at 6250 Traylor Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34243.

Your Input is Important

Message from President Bob Heere

The warm weather is here and brings the potential for hurricanes and we, as residents, need to prepare for the summer storm season by making sure to have a plan in the event of severe weather. The same efforts we put into storm preparation need to be put into regular yard cleanup to limit the potential of flying debris. Also essential is maintaining your home's exterior integrity to successfully weather a storm.

The warm weather also seems the time when developers look to make their projects a reality. As you read, we have two projects along University Parkway, one in the formal application process. Maintaining neighborhood unity is the key to keeping the integrity of DeSoto Acres' residential character. Your DeSoto Acres Association Board Members will continue to work for the integrity of our area and to keep you informed of potential land developments and changes that affect our neighborhood.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer in our County Estates in the Heart of Town.

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Sarasota County Is Planning for the Next Ten Years and Wants Your Input

SARASOTA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE IS IN PROGRESS. Cycle 2 - Mobility started on May 4 and runs through June 30, 2015. Mobility refers to the movement of people. It effectively and efficiently moves people and goods, shapes urban form, affects economic vitality and impacts quality of life. This Cycle's topic areas include bicycle and pedestrian networks, trails, traffic circulation, public transit, aviation, water transit and rail.

Public input workshops are scheduled:

- County Operations Center, May 28 at 2pm
- Venice, June 17 at 4:30 to 6:30pm,
- North Port, June 25th at 4:30 to 6:30pm, and
- Sarasota, June 20th at 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Traffic, pedestrian, bicycle and horse circulation is a big topic in DeSoto Acres especially along Tuttle and DeSoto Rd. We also have mobility challenges on our cross streets. Attend the Mobility workshop to provide your input for the County and our area.

For more information go to www.scgov.net/CompPlanUpdate.

Your input to Sarasota County's and DeSoto Acres subdivision's mobility future is important. If your schedule permits, plan to attend.

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A Stroll Down Memory Lane in Our DeSoto Acres

From Connie, 12+ years on 59th Street

In 2002, my son was active in horseback riding competitions. We had two horses, both jumpers, which we boarded at the trainer's barn. One evening, the trainer announced to the class that the barn was closing in exactly two weeks, so we would all have to make arrangements to move our horses elsewhere. She and her husband were selling the farm and moving out of state.

We were stunned. Our first thought was to sell the horses, but we quickly abandoned that idea and started looking instead for someplace where we could bring them home. We looked at several farms in east Manatee and Sarasota counties, but nothing seemed workable. My husband teaches at New College, and the idea of driving 45 minutes back and forth to work every day seemed insupportable. Our realtor assured us, however, that there were no horse properties west of I-75 in Sarasota County. Then our friend called to say that her neighbor's house on 59th St. had just gone up for sale. We wasted no time. We toured the house, walked the property, and made an offer.

In January 2003, we moved in and quickly got to work. We found ourselves a barn builder. We had a wooden horse fence installed. A neighbor plowed one of the fields for us. We planted pasture grass in one field and set up a riding arena in another. We drove out in my husband's little Nissan pickup and loaded up a supply of hay, feed, stall mats, and wood shavings. Then, boom, everything was ready. We brought the horses home and introduced them to their brand-new walk-in stalls. They approved. They were home at last.

Nayda, 8 years on 59th Street

Before we were married, my husband and I used to drive through Desoto Acres, like everyone else seems to aimlessly do ☺, and fantasize about the life we could never have in these beautiful two-acre+ estates. We would pick different roads each time and daydream about what life must be like with such wonderfully large properties, teeming with trees, canopy roads, and gorgeous greenery.

When the time came for us to upgrade from a condo to a house we decided to look for a MAJOR fixer-upper in the area. We rolled up our sleeves, determined to take on any task. We met with a realtor to look at a fixer-upper on 49th St which today has been renovated into a beautiful property. The next house we went to see, we loved! It was a great lot on a quiet street and the house was quite charming, but still needed quite a bit of work AND was entirely out of our price range…….sigh. Time can be an ally and after many months the price dropped. We were in!

The first morning we woke up in our home, we looked left and then right. We enjoyed beautiful greenery all around. We couldn't believe our fortune. Even as a fixer-upper, our home was an amazing place from the start. With the living space on the 2nd story, our upside-down house became our very own tree house. And so it was named.

After eight years, we still feel like one of the luckiest families alive to live in our tree home-sweet-home in DeSoto Acres. We look forward to many more years, watching our kids grow and play blissfully in the woods - right around the corner from civilization. It just doesn't get better than this.

Improving Our Visual Buffer Next to Industrial Property

YOUR DESOTO ACRES (DSA) ASSOCIATION BOARD CONTACTED THE OWNER OF THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT Middle and 53rd St. regarding the visual buffer between the residential and commercial zoning areas.

Prior to contacting the Owner, your Association Board and resident Bruce Freeman researched the permitted site plans. The property was developed in 2003. The plans indicate a 6' height chain link fence, two entrances on 53rd St., a 6' wide landscape buffer inside and next to the chain link fence with a 5' wide sidewalk on the street side of the chain link fence. The landscape buffer has no requirements for opacity or height.

The Owner installed bushes in the landscape buffer and opaque privacy slats in the chain link fence. After 10+ years, the privacy slats were degrading.

DSA Association Board member Ted Wittman talked with the Owner who was very amenable to fixing the chain link fence privacy slats along 53rd St. The Owner updated the privacy slats at the beginning of the year.

The DSA Association Board and residents thank the property Owner for updating the visual buffer. We appreciate the fence maintenance as it helps our overall subdivision property values.

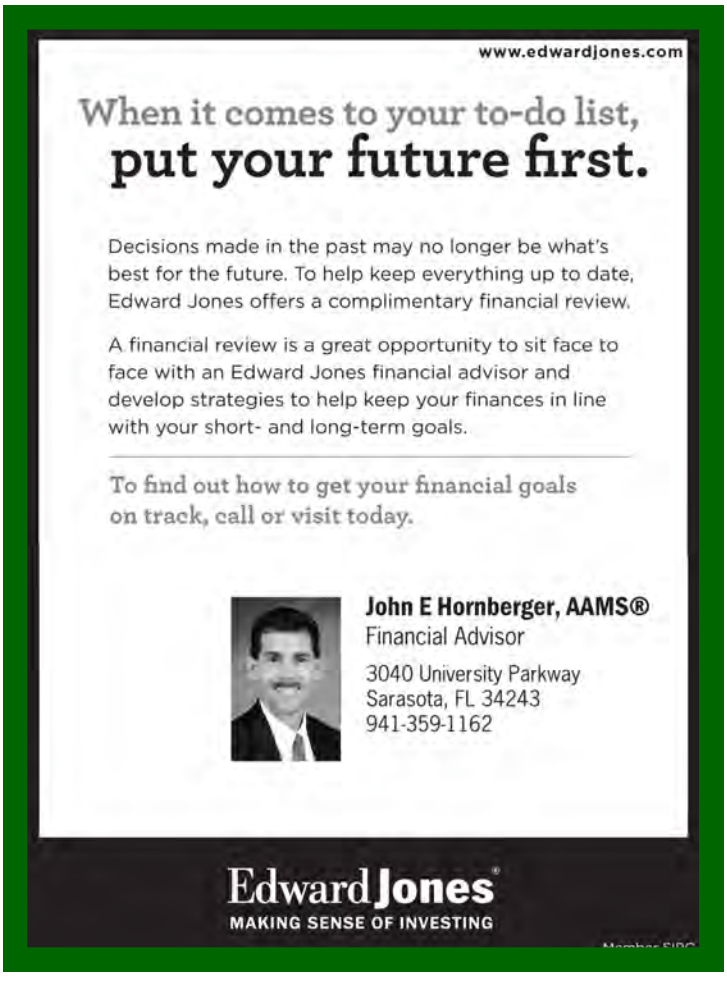
Sarasota County Recycling Has Expanded

Did you know that recycling is mandatory by law in Sarasota County since 1993. The recycling program is continuing to move forward in Sarasota County and has expanded its program to include pizza boxes in the red bins and all plastics except #6 in the blue bins. Unfortunately the County still does not accept plastic bags or Styrofoam.

Here is the link to the County recycling program detailing the respective items - https://www.scgov.net/Solid_Waste/Pages/HomeTrash.aspx, click "Residential Recycle List."

Additional items that may be collected curbside include used motor oil, oil filters, and electronics. Oil should be placed in a container with a screw top lid and filters should placed in clear plastic bags as described in the Residential How-To Guide. Pickups for electronics should be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance with Waste Management.

For more information on how to properly prepare both garbage and recyclable items for curbside pickup, view the Residential How-To Guide at https://www.scgov.net/Solid_Waste/Documents/Residential%20How-To%20Guide.pdf



County Proposed Sidewalks in DeSoto Acres

The County held a public workshop on January 27, 2015 to discuss proposed sidewalks in DeSoto Acres (DSA) subdivision (west of Lockwood Ridge Road). The proposed sidewalk locations are:

- Tuttle Avenue (from 61st St to Myrtle St) – East side of the street.
- DeSoto Road (from 301 to Lockwood Ridge Rd) – South side of the street.
- 47th Street (from Shade Ave to Lockwood Ridge Rd) – South side of the street.
- Shade Avenue (from DeSoto Road South to 47th St) – West side of the street.

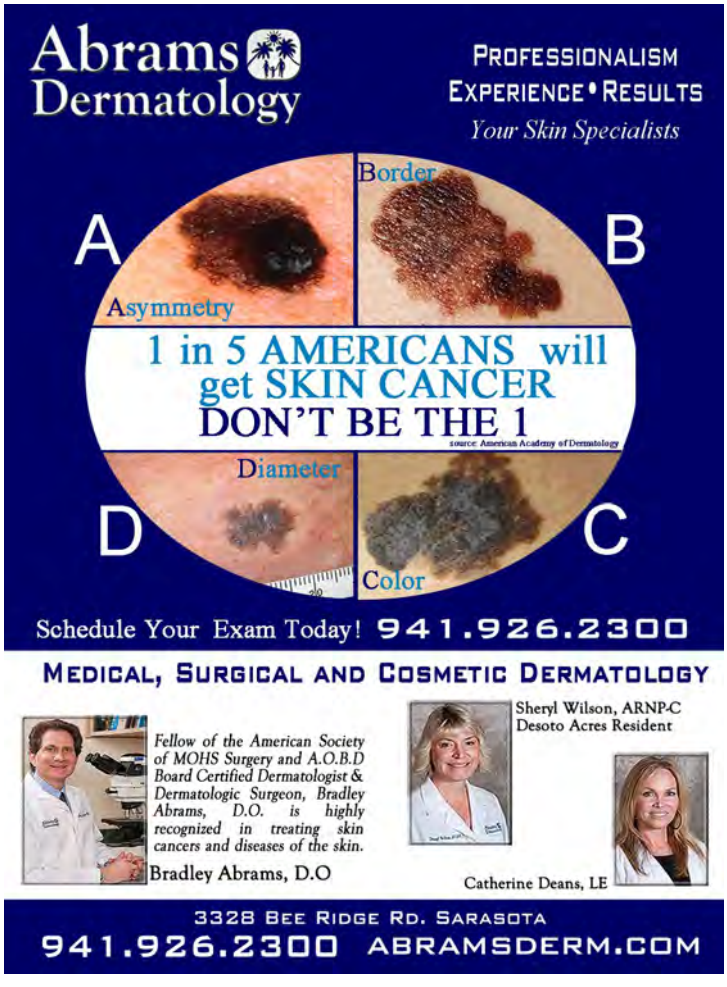
Residents turned out to review the proposed plans, talk to County Staff, and provide comments about the proposed locations and designs. Your DSA Association Board recommended to the Sidewalk Design Team to put a hold on the sidewalk project west of Lockwood Ridge in order to coordinate with the upcoming North Lockwood Ridge Corridor Study which may include all of DeSoto Acres Subdivision and, at this time, to eliminate three of the four proposed sidewalk locations. Sidewalks along Tuttle Ave provide a clear connectivity between two points of destination. To read the full DSA Association Board letter please see our Association website, DeSotoAcres.org.

The County provided the following update on April 23, 2015, "Since our last public meeting and correspondence … regarding the sidewalk project on the west side of Lockwood Ridge Road, there has been solid collaboration with various departments of Sarasota County, and it's been determined that the design is temporarily placed on hold. Currently, Capital Projects is crafting a response to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to be presented in May, to expound further the next steps, going forward. Additionally, we would be happy to provide a copy of the Board report for your reference, after it has been presented.

As previously mentioned, we have focused our project work on the east side of Lockwood Ridge, due to the overwhelming support from the residents."

Your DSA Association President Bob Heere and Vice President Jane Paquette met with Commissioner Mason to review our recommendation and residents' comments / concerns. We discussed in depth residents' feedback and how it was perceived by the sidewalk design team. While our responses may be perceived as less than supportive, it was because we had more questions than the staff had answers regarding the sidewalk locations and designs. As of this printing the May BOCC presentation was not scheduled.

Thank you, to all our residents, for your valuable input on the proposed sidewalks.



DeSoto Acres Real Estate Update

Article By: Lee Brewer, Broker/Realtor CDPE, Equator Platimun Certified with REMAX Alliance Group

2015 is off to a strong start in DeSoto Acres subdivision. Last year, there were no sales in the first six months of the year. This year-to-date there have already been nine home sales. Of those sales, three were bank owned and one was a short sale. Of the pending sales, two are short sales. Perhaps even more interesting is that of the five homes currently on the market, none are distressed sales. This could be a sign that the market health of the community as a whole has improved. Prices appear to be moving upward as inventory and days on market are lower than this time in 2014.

DeSoto Acres Sales Jan 2015 - Apr 2015

DeSoto Acres Single Family	January		February		March		April	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Homes for Sale*	6	5	5	4	4	2	5	6
Homes Sold*	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	1
Pending Sales*	0	7	0	7	0	6	0	6
Average Days on Market*	No Sales	8	No Sales	130	No Sales	11	No Sales	286.0
Median Sale Price (000)*	No Sales	140.0	No Sales	308.5	No Sales	287.3*	No Sales	330.0
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	No Sales	94.0	No Sales	95.2	No Sales	91.5	No Sales	95.7

DeSoto Acres Home Sales	Living Sq Ft*	Beds/ Baths*	Sale Price (000)
2447 49th St.	2,004	3/2	$140,000
3027 59th St.	2,465	3/2	$201,800
2726 DeSoto Rd.	4,522	4/4	$240,000
2541 DeSoto Rd.	3,308	3/4	$288,000
5947 N. Tuttle Ave.	1,761	3/2	$308,500
2135 59th St.	1,868	3/3	$310,000
2270 DeSoto Rd.	1,578	2/1	$330,000
2575 51st St.	2,118	4/3	$330,000
2843 47th St.	2,781	5/2	$334,700

As a Sarasota native and real estate professional, I have seen the changes over the years and have a vast array of knowledge and contacts in the area – all to help you have the best real estate experience possible.

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Reviewing the nine homes sold in DeSoto Acres between January and April 2015, they had a median sqft sale price of $120. The median sale price is a good indication of the price of real estate in an area. It is the midway point of the houses sold during the set time period. This differs from an average which is adding the sold prices together and then dividing this by the number of sales. The homes had a median of 2,118 sqft. The median sale price of the nine homes sold was $308,500. The DeSoto Acres median price was higher than the Sarasota County median sale price by $101,000 a very good indication for DeSoto Acres area value and hopefully will continue.

Sarasota County has also experienced near record high sales for the first quarter of 2015, just shy of sales reported in the first quarter of 2014. The March median sale price for the county was $207,500, a 9.5% increase over last year's $189,500. The supply of inventory was between 4.5 and 4.7 months. 6 months inventory is thought to indicate market equilibrium - current figures indicate a seller's market.

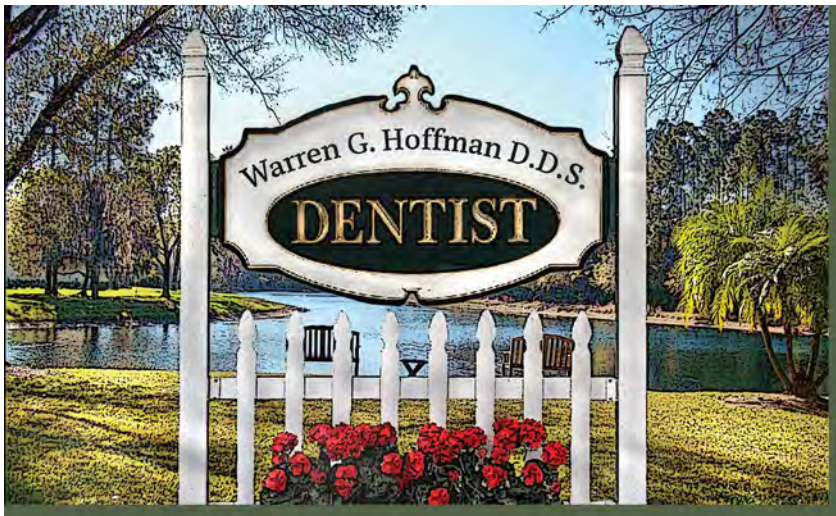
In short, by the numbers, it is a good time to sell. As always, homes that are updated and well maintained including landscaping command the best prices and take the least time to sell. Assess and address your property's maintenance requirements every year. Should you have any real estate related questions or would like to buy or sell your home, I am happy to make time to help you.

Until then should you have any real estate needs, please call Lee Brewer, direct: 941.308.3877,cell:941.724.3448, www.leebrewer.com.

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

SARASOTA COUNTY SALES JAN 2015 - APR 2015

Sarasota County	January		February		March		April	
Single Family	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Homes for Sale*	3308	2965	3430	3052	3298	3039	3297	NA
Homes Sold*	502	514	532	585	698	789	759	NA
Pending Sales*	653	667	695	663	818	718	715	NA
Average Days on Market*	51	48	58	49	56	43	75	NA
Median Sale Price (000)*	188.8	190.0	185.0	196.0	189.5	207.5	196.0	NA
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	92.0	92.5	92.3	93.3	92.9	94.1	92.1	NA



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- Be certain all windows and doors are locked.
- A "lived-in" appearance is a deterrent to burglars. Never leave notes on doors and have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail daily, or ask the post office to hold your mail.
- Leave one or more interior lights on and perhaps have a radio playing. Purchase timers to turn your lights on and off.
- Purchase exterior lighting with photocell activation which enables the "dusk to dawn" feature to ensure lights are in use at the appropriate time of day. Additional lighting with motion sensors is another smart choice.
- Never leave keys under flower pots or doormats, over the doorway or in other obvious places.
- Inform a trustworthy neighbor of your absence so they can be alert for suspicious activity.

See the Sheriff's office website for a lot more suggestions at www.sarasotasheriff.org under "Crime Prevention", "Safety Information", "Protect Your Home."

Jan. 1, 2015 to Apr. 30, 2015

Date	Crime Type	Location
01/05/2015	Theft - Auto	2900's 57th Street
01/06/2015	Burglary - Res	2700's 61st Street
01/13/2015	Theft - Larceny	2800's DeSoto Road
01/31/2015	Theft - Larceny	3100's 61st Street
02/09/2015	Theft - Larceny	4900's Traylor Avenue
03/02/2015	Theft - Larceny	2600's 51st Street
03/12/2015	Theft - Larceny	2600's 49th Street
04/05/2015	Theft - Larceny	3000'S 49th Street
04/17/2015	Burglary	2800's 59th Street
04/23/2015	Burglary	2800's 59th Street
04/24/2015	Robbery - Res	2700's 61st Street
04/29/2015	Theft - Larceny	6100's Shade Avenue

Please report suspicious individuals or vehicles right away to the Sheriff's Department by calling 911!

Don't Feed Wild Animals
Sarasota County Health Depart.

The Health Department of Sarasota County recommends the following for the public regarding wild animals. The advice is based on wild animals spreading rabies. Rabies is a disease of the nervous system and is fatal to warm blooded animals and humans.

- Do not handle, feed, or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.
- Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home.
- Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly.
- Call your local animal control agency to remove any stray animals from your neighborhood.
- Keep rabies vaccinations up to date for all pets.
- Keep your pets under direct supervision so they do not come in contact with wild animals.
- If your pet is bitten by a wild animal, seek veterinary assistance for the animal immediately and contact Sarasota County Animal Services at 941-861-9500.

Rabies does occur in Sarasota County, as recently as 3/25/2015, when a domestic animal was attacked by an unknown animal and tested positive for rabies. See Sarasota.FloridaHealth.gov for more information.

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Contact your local NWS office and local government/ emergency management office. Find out what type of emergencies could occur and how to respond.

Plan and Take Action - Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children or parents are safe? You may have to evacuate or be confined to your home. What will you do if water, gas, electricity or phone services are shut off?

Supplies Kit - Put together a basic disaster supplies kit and consider storage locations for different situations.

Emergency Plans - Develop and document plans for your specific risks. Protect yourself and family with a Family Emergency Plan. Be sure to plan for locations away from home. Business owners and site locations should create Workplace Plans. Make sure schools and daycares have School Emergency Plans. Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention offer information on animal health impacts in evacuation shelters. Prepare your boat and be aware of marine safety if you are on or near the water.

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Cheaper than premade mixtures and SAFER than dangerous chemicals. This mixture will kill any plant/weed you spray it on. Just mix and spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated. Walk away. After dinner the weeds are all gone- desiccated! The caution here is salt can build up in the soil, so use this mixture with care as it is meant for spot treatment.

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1 gallon vinegar
2 cups Epsom salt
1/4 cup Dawn original blue dish soap

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Coalition Forms to Support I75 Overpass Southern Location and Change the DeSoto Road Connector Designation

SINCE THE JANUARY 2015 OVERPASS PUBLIC WORKSHOP, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN REVIEWING PUBLIC comments and input to finalize their recommended location of the I75 Overpass and Connectors. At this time, the County has not set a date for the public hearings nor provided an update of the proposed overpass or connector locations. With the possibility of a North overpass option connecting to the DeSoto Road connector, a coalition of DeSoto Road groups has formed to oppose the North Connector location, recommending support of the South Overpass location, at the south end of Benderson Park.

The DeSoto Road Community Associations (DRCA) is made up of the following communities, seven Longwood Run Homeowners Associations (HOA) and Master HOA, Cedar Creek Villages 1 & 2 HOAs, Ravenwood HOAs, DeSoto Lakes neighborhood, DeSoto Acres Association and Community Haven all representing over 6,400 adults based on 2010 U.S. Census data. A letter is being drafted with the rationale to be available for your review and use at DeSotoAcres.org before the public hearings.

While the dates of the I75 Overpass and Connector public hearings have yet to be announced, the DRCA is preparing speakers and information to share with the various communities. When the hearings are scheduled, your letters and presence in support of the DRCA's recommendation will be valued.

A separate initiative is underway by the DRCA to work to re-designate the future DeSoto Road Connector from a road to a preserve or trail. The future connector starts on the East at Community Haven extending west to DeSoto Road at Longwood Run. The DRCA is also talking with property Owners along the DeSoto Road Connector for input.

For more information and updates check the DeSotoAcres.org website - Community Announcement. Please contact the DSA Association Board if you have any questions or would like to participate in the discussions.