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May 2016

Thanks and Consider

By Lance Lobo

As a resident of DeSoto Acres I have a great number of people to thank in this community for a great number of reasons, but I want to recognize a special group that have played one of the most important roles in our neighborhood. I want to say **thank you** to the loyal DeSoto Acres residents who are members of the Association. This group of people see the value of supporting our neighborhood Association by each year putting in a few dollars for the annual membership. Without the support of these people, having effective and capable community representation would be impossible. I am very proud to be a member, and I too feel I support my neighbors by giving a couple of dollars a month to our shared cause.

If you are an Association Member, thank you. I know how much your support means to this neighborhood. I also hope you continue to see how valuable your contributions are to continuing to keep DeSoto Acres Community a unique gem in Sarasota County.

If you are not a member, I hope you will take the time to consider becoming a member. It costs so little to show your support for the many volunteers that are working tirelessly to protect the integrity of our neighborhood.

Talking to other members about why they joined, the common responses were the challenges we face together to maintain our rural character and address community issues. The Association:

- Helps our Community to discuss these challenges and form a common voice to provide a public response.
- Helps to monitor historical rezone plans and implementation.
- Works with County Staff and the Sheriff's Dept. on traffic, capital improvement and safety issues.

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Message from President Bob Heere

I would like to take a moment to encourage you to prep for the upcoming hurricane season though we all hope it is a mild year. We must take the needed precautions of walking our yard looking for those loose items or potential hazards that may become a flying missiles. Look for any trees in your yard that have dead limbs and clean them up now before they fall and damage other things.

Look around your property for any areas that may become mosquito breeding grounds. This is also important to minimize the potential of mosquito-borne illnesses.

We take these precautions to protect our property and those of our neighbors in the hope that we can ride out a storm with the littlest impact. If adversity were to come our way we must all work together and watch out for each other. Each year we face the potential of severe weather destruction in our community.

Each year we also face the destruction of our neighborhood's identity through encroaching development and the pressure of increased traffic. We need to work together with our neighbors and community, in unison, to weather and preserve our neighborhood identity. The DeSoto Acres Association is a way for us to focus our discussions and have a clear public voice. Consider becoming a member and add your voice.

Have a good and safe summer.
Bob Heere, President
Desoto Acres Association

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DeSoto Acres' Garden Corner

A Community Garden Forum - Share Your Gardening Tips & Ideas

Terry's Garden

Hi my name is Terry and I have been a resident of Desoto Acres for a bit over 4 years. I have gardened many times in my life but never in Florida. Florida presents many different challenges that I have never encountered before, some of them being: different growing seasons, too much rain, too little rain and lots of diseases and insects. Gardens have many benefits and I would like to share some of my successes and failures.

I pride myself on not having to use toxic chemicals for pest control issues. I have done such things as just smooshing or picking insects off by hand or using biological pesticides that are very friendly to the environment and me. I also hand pull weeds and use black tarps to inhibit weed growth instead of using herbicides. I have had success in growing many of my vegetables in containers. This allows me to have more control over proper drainage, which in Florida can be a real issue in some soils during our rainy season. Some of the plants I have successfully grown are sweet banana, bell and jalapeno peppers. I have also had much success growing all kinds of tomatoes. This past year I have grown strawberries in containers and much to my surprise they have taken over part of my garden by sending out runners, starting new plants in the soil and even producing more strawberries.

In my land garden, I still am struggling with sweet corn. I had too much rain at the wrong time coupled with too many insects. I discovered that fertilizing at the correct stages of the plant growth was also very important. A plant family I seem to have difficulty with is Cucurbits including, cantaloupe, cucumbers, zucchini and squash. They all seem to get a disease after the first few fruits. Help someone?

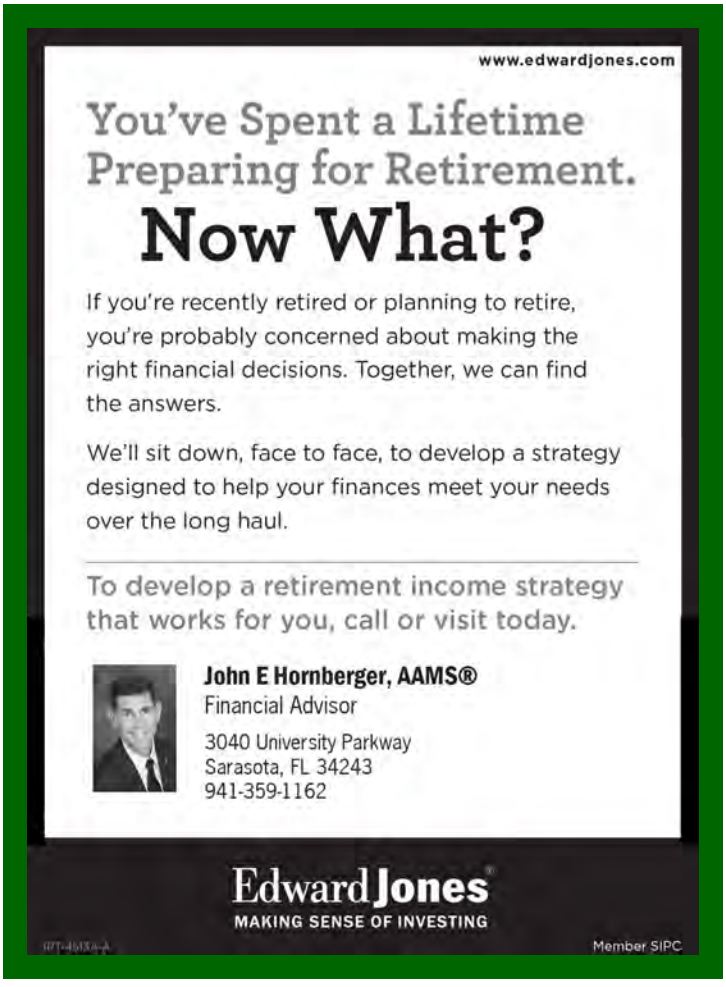
Share your Ideas and Tips

Garden Corner is intended to be a running piece in each issue of the newsletter. Please submit your garden stories to Jane Paquette at VicePresident@DeSotoAcres.org. We want everyone to please share their gardening experiences.

I can tell you that growing an onion the size of a softball and as sweet as any Vidalia is most rewarding, not to mention making a homemade pizza with my own home grown onions, peppers, tomatoes. Yummy! You can do it too!

County Annual Plant Sale +EdFest

Put on your calendars for the Fall, the October 2016 UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County's free family-friendly gardening event. Features include sustainable gardening education, landscape problem diagnosis and thousands of plant for sale. Learn about tropics from composting to pollinators with presentations, displays and workshops. Oct. 8, 2016 from 8am to 1pm at Twin Lake Park, 6700 Clark Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241.



A Stroll Down Memory Lane - DeSoto Acres Circus Roots

Time passes quickly. Imagine twenty-five years or so ago, a young mother winding about the side streets with her son in his stroller off to observe our wintering circus neighbors. Trapeze rigging, trampolines, motor cycles racing in cages and exotic horses were scattered about the Acres. Once plentiful and obvious, with performance accoutrements and travel trailers in the yards, our circus neighbor numbers are dwindling. Matriarch, Grandma Wallenda recently passed in 2015. We are long overdue in taking a turn down Circus Lane on our memory stroll.

Karl Jung Family

Acres resident and former circus performer Karl Jung has lived in or immediately adjacent DeSoto Acres 54 years. Brought to the US by former Acres resident (deceased), Ringling Circus manager Arthur Concello, Karl and his family set up American residence initially on County Line Road. Karl, born in Austria, and his first wife Kate, raised their two sons, Karl Jr and Peter, as performers in the family business. Together they formed the Jungowes Foot Balancing Act and toured with the Ringling Circus as the only foot balancing act performing on a moving electric car. They toured with Ringling all throughout the United States and Europe, and Karl is most proud that they performed during the one and only Ringling booking allowed in the former Soviet Union.

Karl became a widower in the early 1990s, and married Inga Sorani. Inga is a former trampoline artist that also toured with the Ringling circus. A member of the Sorani troupe, she and her first husband, son and daughter toured

with the European circus with their trampoline and rope skills. They came to the United States to perform at the Old Heidelberg Castle Restaurant at the urging of Arthur Concello.

Looking back, Karl states the circus provided a wonder-

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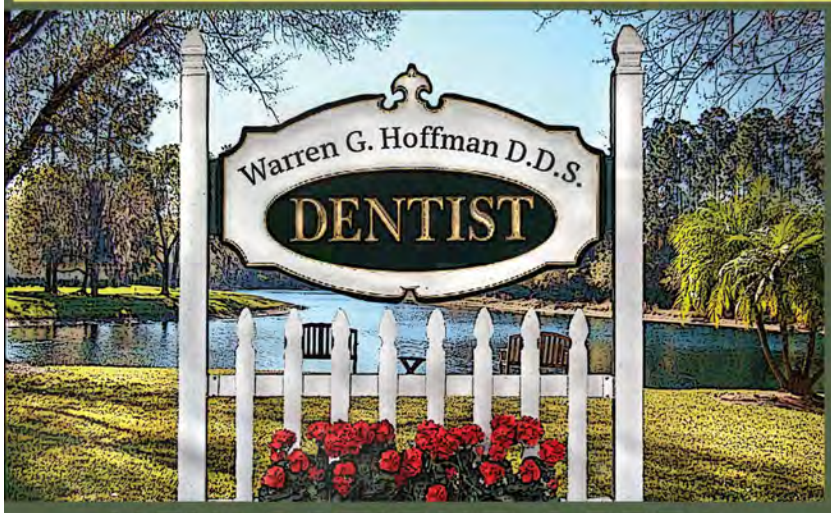

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A Stroll Down Memory Lane (Continued)

ful life which "he would do again". Because of the circus, he "was able to visit nearly every country of the world". But DeSoto Acres has been and still remains home base. Ever the balance star, Karl still climbs ladders to trim trees much to the chagrin of wife Inga. Together they maintain a beautifully tidy home and entertain a small circle of friends. Explains Inga, "when all your friends are German, you don't learn the English language as you should. Now friends are dying and the lack of easily speaking English keeps our acquaintances to a small group". One nearby friend is neighbor, Christine B.

Chrys Holt

Chris B of 59th street has used her family's home, built in 1962, as home base throughout her performing years. She is now a permanent resident of our DeSoto Acres for nearly twenty-five years. Known professionally as Chrys Holt, she was the first aerialist to juggle while, as Life Magazine described during her Madison Square performance; winded "her waist-length tresses into a bun and attached it to a wire…she is pulled to the very top of the arena -73 feet up-juggling tenpins and smiling all the way… An accidental jerk from the roustabouts pulling the wire could tear her scalp off." The magazine nearly foretold Chris's future. While performing in the Houston Astrodome, due to the humidity that forms in the enclosed arena, the astro-turf became too wet & slippery a surface for the men to safely hold Chrys while hoisting her up to the 210 feet height where she was to perform. The men slipped on the wet astro-turf and

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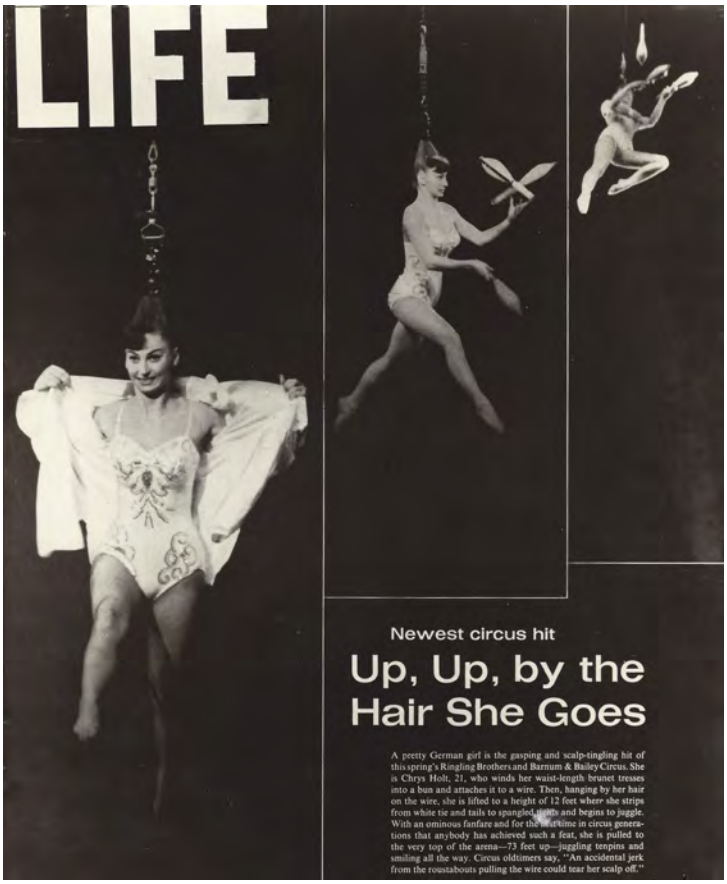

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DeSoto Acres Real Estate Update

Article By: Lee Brewer, Broker/Realtor CDPE, Equator Platinum Certified
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The first quarter of 2016 in Sarasota County has remained relatively stable vs. the same period in 2015. Inventory is slightly higher with slightly fewer closings. Pending sales countywide were down roughly 21% from last year. This could indicate a bit of a market slowdown, however, the median price has increased nearly 22%.

DeSoto Acres seems to be off to a bit of a slow start in the 1st quarter. Inventory is relatively stable, but sales and pending sales are both down by a wide margin.

Three of the five houses on the market were listed in 2016 with two having been listed in 2015. There are a host of reasons a home may linger on the market. Most of which have little to do with the community (assuming the community has a good sell-through rate, which DeSoto Acres does), and more to do with the individual circumstances of the home offered for sale.

If ever you've had a house on the market that didn't get a contract quickly there are a few questions that may seem obvious you should ask yourself...and answer honestly. "Is my house tidy and uncluttered? From the street, does my house have good curb appeal? Compared with other houses currently available, if I were a buyer, would I buy my house at the list price?"

Here's one that may not be so obvious. "Is it easy to show?" Easy to show means an agent in the area showing other houses can quickly get in to see yours if they notice it driving by but it wasn't on the list. The more people who see your house, the better the odds are that one will love it. Keep in mind everyone is very busy these days and "everyone" includes buyers. While it might be inconvenient to keep your house "show ready" just in case, it will likely shorten the total time your house is on the market. If you have a notation such as "24 hours notice required" or "listing agent must accompany" on your listing, you may never know how many potential buyers you've missed because they were only in town for one day and didn't schedule far enough in advance to see your property or perhaps they scheduled everything readily available today and choose one of those houses without having the oppor-

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.

My in-depth local knowledge can provide you with the information you need on home buying, home selling, financing and owning real estate in Sarasota, FL. Re/Max Alliance Group provides a wide range of real estate services and utilizes the most current technology, processes and systems to assist you with all of your home buying and home selling needs. Whether you are new to the market or an experienced investor, **I have the expertise, proven track record, and resources to help you achieve your real-estate goals for a "win-win" situations.**

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Sarasota County Single Family	2016 Jan	Feb	Mar
Homes for Sale*	2921	3160	3208
Homes Sold*	520	506	765
Pending Sales*	493	558	590
Median Days on Market*	47	40	32
Median Sale Price in $1,000s*	230	252	244
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price %*	93.9	95.4	95.4

DeSoto Acres Single Family	2016 Jan	Feb	Mar
Homes for Sale*	3	5	5
Homes Sold*	0	0	0
Pending Sales*	0	0	2
Median Days on Market*	No Sales	No Sale	No Sales
Median Sale Price in $,1000*	No Sales	No Sale	No Sales
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price %*	No Sales	No Sale	No Sales

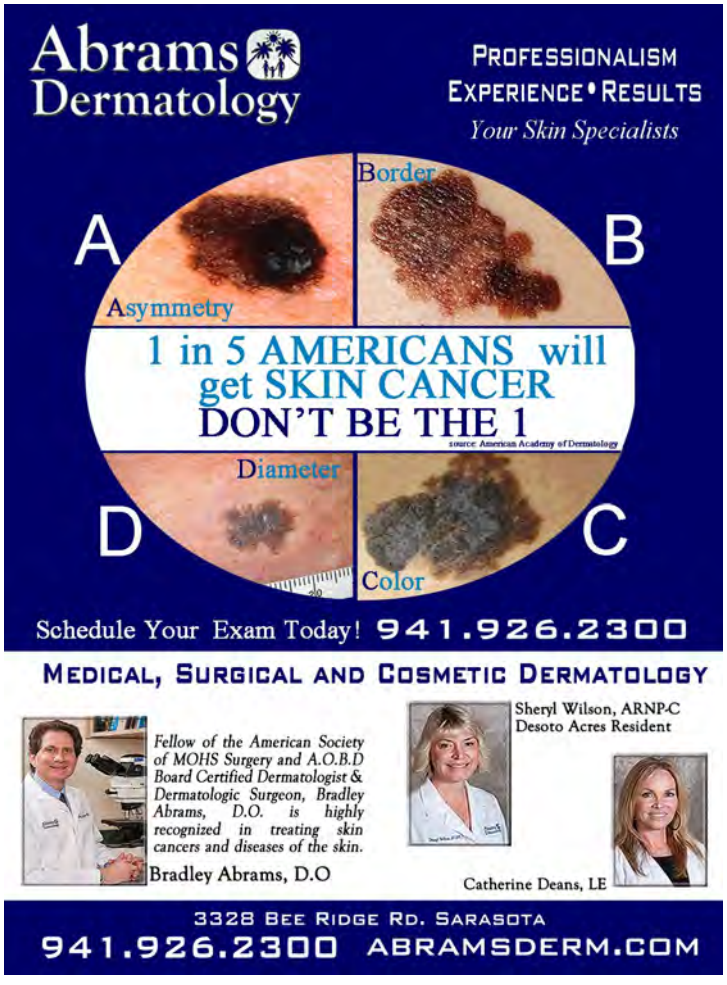
tunity to see yours.

I have shown every house in the community currently on the market. I am presently working with qualified buyers who would love to live in The Acres. If your home is not currently on the market and you would consider selling, please contact me so we can find out if your house would be a good fit.

As always, if you have questions related to real estate please feel free to contact me at 941-724-3448 or lee@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.

DeSoto Acres Prop Sales Aug 2015 to Apr 2016	Living Sq Ft*	Beds/ Baths*	Sale Price (000)
5500's Lockwood Rdg	902	3/1	$85,000
2600's 57th St.	2,304	4/2	$132,0500
4800's Tuttle Ave.	1,307	2/1	$205,000
2700's 51st St.	2,646	2/2	$325,000
3100's 59th St.	1,714	3/2	$405,000
5100's Traylor Ave.	3,020	4/3	$475,000
2300's 59th St.	3,424	3/3	$500,000
Univ Pkwy (Inside DSA Residential Zoning)	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	$65.000
2200's 53rd St.	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	$77.500
2100's 53rd St.	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	$82,000
2800's 59th St.	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	$100,000



Join DeSoto Acres Association and take advantage of Benefits!

JOIN THE DESOTO ACRES ASSOCIATION TO ENJOY MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS. Dues are **$25.00 per year** (no matter how many lots you own). If you wish to prepay dues for future years, mark your check accordingly. Please complete the form below. See the lists on the right to check your status.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Included in Community Yard Sale Map

Membership grants free participation in DSA Association's Community Annual Yard Sale Locator Map.

Free Business Listing in Newsletter & on Association Website

Free Business listing with your membership. Use the form below to send in your company information.

Access to DSA Email Blast Service

As a member, when you need to reach your neighbors to find lost pets or notify of a found pet, you have access to the Association's email "blast" service.

Association Annual Meeting & Voting

Have a say in your Association's annual priorities and elections. With your membership, you vote on many important events and issues that shape the future of DeSoto Acres including your Board of Directors.

Reduced DeSoto Acres Advertising Cost

Reduced newsletter ad space cost for members. Contact vicepresident@desotoacres.org for ad sizes and pricing.

Note: Dues payments between Jan. and Nov. 2016 are recorded as 2016 dues unless otherwise noted.

Thank you for your support!

Calendar Year 2016 Dues are Due

If you received a return envelope to the Association in this newsletter your 2016 Dues have not been received. Please use this enclosed envelope, fill out the form below, and mail with your check to DeSoto Acres Association, P.O. Box 556, Tallevast, FL 34270.

Check your membership dues status below.

These members have paid 2016:

Abernathy; Andres/Freeman; Andrews; Avison; Batista; Baxter/Beer; Berrier; Berthold,C; Bournival; Byers: Callahan; Carlisle; Cattin; Chiusano; Colbert; Coorssen; Crooke; Dogancay; Dygert; Eastep; Eavis; Elwood; Fasold; Feagans; Feikema; Fenton; Forgard; Fowler; Fox,M; Siem; Friedman; Friedman; Gabbert; Garfinkel; Gibellina; Glanden; Gockley,N&J; Gockley,V; Goodman; Goolsby; Gore: Gregg; Greiner; Grimes; Grosvenor; Gutierrez,A; Hafner; Handgen; Hansen; Harvey; Hasselbring; Hayes; Haynes; Heere; Hightower; Honackie; Horst: Hudspeth/Wilson; Hultquist; Irwin; Jackson,W; Janis; Johnson,M; Jones; Jungmann; Kelln; Kluver; Kneifel; Kocur; Kohrs; Latimer; Lenox; Lima; Lipman; Lobo; Lonicker; Lovesky A; Malinsky; Martin; Mayer; McNeil/Unus; Miller; Moser: Murphy: Murray; Neal; Noël/Paquette; Norwood; O'Connor Walter; Olejnikow; Pinson; Podgis; Powell; Raskin; Roberts C; Roberts/Kreye; Schindler; Schweigart; Seyfried; Shinn; Short; Silvis; Slakans; Snyder; Starkey/Lay; Stokes; Traylor/Oppenheimer; Torshkoev; Utley; Victors Tile; Wake; Welch; White; Willliams A; Williams J; Wilson; Wittman.

These members have prepaid 2017 or later (see year):

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COP'S CORNER

As Reported by Sarasota County Sheriff's Department

Jan. 1, 2016 to Apr. 30, 2016

Date	Crime Type	Location
01/05/2016	Assault	2800's DeSoto Rd.
01/08/2016	Drugs/Alcohol	2000's DeSoto Rd.
01/14/2016	DUI	2800's Tuttle Ave.
01/26/2016	Vandalism	3000's 61st St.
03/27/2016	DUI	6100's Tuttle Ave.

If you plan, to take an extended trip away from your home take the necessary steps to secure your home.

Cultivate the lived in look. Inactive properties are a magnet for vagrants and intruders. Set your lights and even a radio or TV on timers. Keep newspapers and mail from accumulating. Avoid the classic mistakes like leaving the porch light on 24 hours a day and trash out days early for Monday pick-up.

Leave a vehicle in the front of the house. Ask a neighbor or friend to help pick-up mail, newspapers, put out trash, open and close curtains. Varying the routine adds a note of unpredictability. More information is available at the Sheriff's website, www.sarasotasheriff.org. under Crime Prevention, Safety Information, Protect Your Home.

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

Summer Weather Safety

TWO KEYS TO WEATHER SAFETY are to prepare for risks and to act on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials.

Gather Information

Know if you live in an evacuation area. Assess your risks and know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Understand National Weather Service (NWS) forecast products and the meaning of NWS watches and warnings. The DeSotoAcres.org has the FEMA flood maps link under the Community Information tab.

Contact local NWS Office

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

New County CodeRED Weather Warning System for Frontier Land-Based Customers

Sarasota County has instituted a new weather warning program called "CodeRED" an ultra high-speed telephone communication service. This system is only used for Public Health Safety and Wellness purposes such as utility outages, evacuation notice and routes, weather warnings, etc. Refer to www.scgov. net/utilities/Pages/CodeRED.aspx for more details.

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.

Refer to FEMA

Refer to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) website for comprehensive information on Hurricane preparation at:

www.Preparedness.Ready.gov/hurricanes

Traffic Update (continued from page 12)

by Friday, June 3, 2016. Jane will group all information and send your replies to the Traffic Dept. staff.

No-Passing along DeSoto Rd and Tuttle Ave

NEW - DeSoto Rd from Middle Ave to Lockwood Ridge Rd will be designated as a no passing zone. We can expect the no-passing lines to be painted within four months. The rationale supporting the no-passing designation is frequent number of driveway entries and deep swales along this length of DeSoto Rd.

Tuttle Rd passing areas will not change. The number of driveway entries are much less and swale depths are shallow. Based on this the County Traffic staff can't support additional no-passing areas along Tuttle between 61st St. and 47th St.

61st and Lockwood Ridge Intersection

There will be some signal modification done at 61st and Lockwood Ridge. The County would like to have signage for left turns; the staff has concerns about too many signs on the traffic signal "arm" and also where to put signs on private property on the east side of road (Parkway Shopping enter).

Tree Trimming

Tree trimming on main roads (Tuttle and DeSoto) is done once per year and on local roads on an as-needed basis. Tuttle Ave and DeSoto Rd in the DeSoto Acres area are expected to be done within the next two months. The County staff will provide the DSA Association with the timing so we can inform residents along Tuttle and DeSoto as soon as possible (min. 2 weeks). The County will provide their contact for residents to call or email to inform trimmers of personal plantings to hopefully keep in the County Right-of-Ways. The communication details are still being finalized.

Corner / Intersections vehicle "line-of-sight"

The Staff received a resident request to review the line-of-sight distance at the intersection of 47th Street and Tuttle. The Staff site review reported overgrown vegetation from one tree on private property at the northwest corner. The County will work directly with the homeowner to address the overgrown vegetation and resolve the line-of-sight problem.

Do you have an issue at Your Corner Intersections?

The County will also investigate any other intersections' line-of-sight and overgrown vegetation in mid-road. The Staff asked for a listing of any of these issues in our area.

If you see a line-of-sight issue or overgrown vegetation mid-road, please note the intersection names and corner location (NW, NE, SW, or SE). If mid-road, then provide the closest street address. Please provide this information to Jane A Paquette, Vice-President P. O. Box 556, Tallevast, FL 34270 or email vicepresident@desotoacres.org. Please send your information by Friday, June 3, 2016.

The DSA Association thanks the County Staff for their help addressing these issues reported at our Annual Meeting. Your Association members will continue to work with the County staff to address the on-going traffic challenges in DeSoto Acres.

This is your DeSoto Acres Association at work for you.

Circus Roots (continued from page 4)

our Chrys wondered if this was how it was to end for her as she went into a bit of a free fall!! Thousands of fans shrieked and gasped in horror. Fortunately, the men hurriedly regained their footing and control of the rope that slowed her descent. Memorable travels included experiencing earth tremors in both Japan and Ecuador and playing the Desert Inn in Las Vegas with Jimmy Durante and Debbie Reynolds.

Like Karl, Chris says the circus provided a very satisfying life. World travel that included all of North America, lots of South America, China, parts of Africa and most of Europe, the adulation from a thrilled and happy audience, the ability to speak three languages, "yes, I really enjoyed my life as a performer"

Do You Have a Memory You'd Like to Share?
Our "Memories" column has been well received by our Acres readers. Please contact Diana by email Director4@DeSotoAcres.org or by phone 941.351.5713 if you are willing to share a memory. Past issues of our newsletter with all our Memory Lane stories can be found on our website at DeSotoAcres.org under Newsletters.

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DeSoto Acres Association Traffic Update from Annual Meeting

In March, Members of your DeSoto Acres (DSA) Association met with Public Works and Traffic staff to get updates about issues brought up during the annual DSA Association meeting to guest speakers Robert Fakhri, Sr. Project Mgr. and Carolyn Eastwood, Transportation Mgr. Commissioner Mason was also present as a guest speaker.

Members of your DSA Association also followed-up with Commissioner Mason, who provided direction to meet with Isaac Brownman, Public Works Director / County Engineer. A separate meeting with Mr. Brownman was scheduled.

The Public Works / Traffic staff provided updates on the various issues stated at the Annual Meeting. Specifically;

- The south-turn light at Tuttle and University has been adjusted to allow more cars heading west to turn left (south) on to Tuttle (or U-turn).
- There's still is a problem with traffic backing up on Tuttle heading north. The Traffic Dept Staff believes the new light signaling system along University Parkway will elevate the problem.
- There still is a problem with cut-through traffic on our local roads.

"Boots on the Ground" Observations Needed

To maintain our reputation as a responsible, knowledgeable Association with the facts about the community we live in, we need to provide detailed information about traffic issues in our neighborhood. Your "boots on the ground" observations would be very helpful. Please make notes (and photos if you can) about traffic volume on your roads, times of day, number of vehicles, etc. This includes 47th St / Tuttle Ave, back-ups at the DeSoto Rd / Tuttle Ave and the Tuttle Ave / University Parkway intersections. Provide this information to Jane A Paquette, Vice-President, P. O. Box 556, Tallevast, FL 34270 or email vicepresident@desotoacres.org

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