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Developers Active in and Around DeSoto Acres

DEVELOPER ACTIVITY IN DESOTO ACRES AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY HAS INCREASED. As mentioned in the real estate article on page 4, undeveloped and under-utilized land is in demand.

As a community, we need to voice our ideas to improve proposed land development projects to be compatible with the our "Acres" community. We need to voice our support, or not, of each respective project. Your presence and / or participation in County Public Planning and Commission Hearings is critical as a "show of force" for or against a project. The DeSoto Acres Association is committed to monitoring developer activity and communicating with you to ensure your voice is heard. To keep you informed, the Association utilizes Email (E-Blasts) for fast-notice items and US mail. If you have not joined the DeSoto Acres Association and provided your email, please do so today. *DeSoto Acres Association is only as strong as its informed members.*

UNIVERSITY PARKWAY AT SHADE AND AT TUTTLE

Within DeSoto Acres, Benderson Development initiated two rezone projects, one of which incudes a Future Land Use change within DeSoto Acres Residential Area.

Project 1 is located at University Parkway and Shade Ave. Benderson is proposing to develop three (3) parcels with four single-story office buildings totaling 63,070 sqft. Two of the parcels are along University Parkway at the southwest and southeast corner on Shade Avenue. The zoning for these two lots is in keeping with the OPI Zoning. The rezone is to change the current Binding Site plan on file with the County.

The Future Land Use Change involves a comprehensive plan amendment for the third parcel, within our DeSoto Acres residential zoning. The current land use is low-density residential. The proposed Land Use change is to Commercial - Light Office.

Project 2 is located at University Parkway and Tuttle Ave at the southeast corner. The parcels are owned by Kenneth Allen. Benderson proposed developing two (2) parcels with a 26,000 sqft, possibly two-story office buildings. The rezone application is to change the current Binding Site plan on file with the County.

DeSoto Acres residents provided a strong presence at the public workshop held on March 1st to discuss both these proposed applications. Points of note focused on Project 1 with the land use change within our residential area.

- Residents clearly stated their opposition to any change to Desoto Acres Residential zoning. The OPI boundary line set by the University Parkway Corridor West (**UPCW**) Ordinance is not to be crossed.
- Adjacent residents were opposed to the land use change and to the traffic impact on the area. The increased and cut through traffic would not be acceptable to maintaining the residents' quality of life and property values. The proposed ingress/egress as presented was unacceptable as it empties directly across from the residents' driveways.
- Residents asked Benderson to consider using the University Parkway property as a dedicated green space for all the wildlife in that area.
- Residents noted the two site plans presented were not in compliance with the required UPCW Ordinance. As such, these two site plans were not even applicable for a realistic discussion. Further, residents related the history of the UPCW Ordinance, DeSoto Acres Community's close involvement in the development of the UPCW, and that OPI (Light Office) was developed in line with the UPCW to meet the needs of commercial development adjacent to our low-density residential community.
- It was formally noted these two applications should be separated into distinct workshops to allow for a focused public discussion.
- Residents clearly stated they want to be involved with the lighting and landscape of the two University Parkway lots.
- Benderson representative Todd Mathes, Director of Development listened and noted all resident input, promising to contact all with any future next steps.

Since the workshop, DeSoto Acres Association, residents, and Sarasota County Planning Department have had no further communication from Benderson. The Benderson University & Shade pre-application is on line at https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=29953.

The University & Tuttle pre-application is no longer posted on the County Planning website. Nor has the next step in the process, a "petition application" been filed. Your DSA Association continues to monitor.

For more information about the history of the University Parkway Corridor West Plan, Ordinance, Maps, and a 1994 news article, visit www.DeSotoAcres.org under the "Community Information" tab.

ROLLING GREEN GOLF COURSE CONVERSION

Just 300 feet South of DeSoto Acres, the law office of

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Message from President Bob Heere

Your Involvement in DeSoto Acres is Critical for Our Neighborhood whether calling the County about stray dogs or the Sheriff about transients.

All DeSoto Acres residents are the "Boots on the Ground" for our DeSoto Acres' neighborhood. It's you seeing a problem and calling the County's call center at 861-5000 and asking to speak to the appropriate department that helps everyone in our community. Stray dogs, speeding cars, missing speed limit signs, vagrants, etc. are everyone's problem. We are all in this together to resolve any issues we observe in our community.

The DeSoto Acres Association's Board Members' primary mission is to maintaining what makes us so unique, our large lots and low-density residential zoning, in an ever changing environment. The Board is a group of volunteer residents made up of full-time employed, self-employed and retired Acres residents. They meet 3 to 4 times a year to review and vote on issues critical to maintaining our zoning plus planning fun events for all residents. A key part of what the Association does is community-wide communication. Through our newsletter, website, email blasts and mailings, we keep you informed of pertinent news and when your involvement is key for maintaining our zoning.

The Board is also engaged in activities to keep our community looking good, organizing the community wide yard sale, working with the County on long-range issues such as traffic solutions, and seeing that County approved developments are executed as approved by the Commissioners.

If approached to be involved on a Committee, consider joining and taking a turn helping DeSoto Acres mission of maintaining our zoning and having fun at it too.

Bob Heere, President
Desoto Acres Association

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Autumn Leaves Binding Site Plan Execution Glitch Resolved

The new Autumn Leaves Assisted Living Facility on University Parkway is nearing completion. DeSoto Acres Association has worked closely with the Developer to enhance the buffer adjacent to our Low-Density Residential area. The Developer reached out to DeSoto Acres Board to walk the site and review the tree plantings on the south side of the wall facing into DeSoto Acres residential property. The Developer also noted the boundary wall did not reach the full extent of the property line as they were directed by the County Building Department to stop the wall at a County utility access easement.

The DeSoto Acres Association Board reviewed the Clerk of Court records for the mentioned easement. None existed in the records. Additionally, the Building Department's directive violated the University Parkway Corridor Plan Ordinance and the County Commission approved binding site plan. The Board sent a letter to Commissioner Moran, with copies to relevant departments.

Within a week, the Board was notified the wall will be completed according to the Ordinance & Binding Site Plan.

Your DeSoto Acres Association Board at work for the DeSoto Acres Community.

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Icard Merrill is representing the two land owners, Rolling Green Golf Village Assn, Inc. and Merriwater Golf LLC for the private conversion of the Rolling Green Golf Course into residential housing. This proposal is a "non-binding" development plan.

The pre-application was filed on April 19, 2018 to rezone the 139.3 acre golf course area from RE-2 to RSF-3. The Future Land Use Designation is Moderate Residential and per the pre-application will stay Moderate Residential. RSF-3 is allowed within the existing Future Land Use Moderate Residential designation. A Moderate Residential designation allows for >/= 2 dwelling units (DU) per acre to < 5 dwelling units (DU) per acre. Per Sarasota County Zoning Code, a RSF-3 residential development requires a minimum of 30% open space. Open space may be used for parks, recreation, agriculture, conservation, preservation of native habitat and other natural resources, Stormwater Management System, historic or scenic purposes.

The workshop, held on April 23rd, was packed with Rolling Green residents, DeSoto Acres Association Board members, DeSoto Acres residents and other residents from surrounding communities.

The developers proposed a total of 609 DUs. 209 units to be Single-Family detached and 400 Single-Family attached. On the pre-application, the price range was listed as $300,000 to $600,000. At the workshop, "What will be the unit market price?" was asked. Moderator, Bill Merrill indicated he was not able to provide an answer as the project contractor was yet to be determined.

The question about making the development plan "binding" was asked. The benefit of a binding site plan puts in place the input of the concerned citizens and clearly defines all the components of the development. Mr. Merrill indicated that was not possible to do as the yet to be selected contractor may make design adjustments to the site plan.

Questions continued for quite awhile covering buffering adjacent residents, the single entrance for the whole community on Tuttle, expanding the open space past the minimum 30% requirement, etc. The moderator listened and indicated all comments were noted.

The project is still in the pre-application phase. The next planning step is the petition application. Your DSA Association continues to monitor.

Rolling Green's current golf course has helped to alleviate the traffic impacting our community. With the proposed residential development entering and exiting only on to Tuttle, you know DeSoto Acres will be impacted! This is not a "not in my back yard (NIMBY)" problem. This is a traffic problem that our community, founded in 1921, continues to bring to the County's attention to resolve in order to keep our 850+ acres community intact as a horse, nature, family, and quality property address.

A coalition of communities surrounding the property has formed, including DeSoto Acres. Future updates and information will be provided by email and US Mail.

The "Rolling Green Subdivision" pre-application with the development plan, is on line at https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=32131

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DeSoto Acres Real Estate Update

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

The real estate market is off to a steady start in 2018. Inventory for Sarasota County is down from last year, while the number of closed sales is slightly higher along with median sales prices. Year to date, The Acres has seen the same number of sales as 2017, but the average sale price is also higher.

I was asked recently about new construction in the area and how new developments affect the value of existing homes in the area. Generally speaking, if the homes being constructed are in direct competition with existing homes (similar square footage, lot sizes, amenities), many people in our area will choose the new construction for a host of reasons including: less expensive homeowners insurance due to compliance with the most recent building codes; the idea of fewer maintenance related issues as the major items are new and under a short term builder's warranty; ability to choose colors and upgrades and in some cases modify a floor plan to suit their personal preferences. When this happens, similar homes in the surrounding area must be mindful of the competition and adjust pricing accordingly.

With that being said, there is one thing in short supply for virtually all builders in the area...LAND. As it's been said, "They're not making any more of it". Most of the new construction in our area is quite dense. Single family homes are generally 3 or more per acre and there are many projects which include townhomes to further increase the density. This puts The Acres in a very unique position with typically 2+ Acre lots west of I-75. For those who desire a home on "some land" yet still want to be close to "town" there are very few choices in Sarasota. In short, the new developments are not your direct competition - it's your neighbor whose updated home looks like a page out of Better Homes and Gardens.

As always, feel free to call me with any real estate related questions you may have. ***I continue to work with buyers who are looking for just the right house in The Acres. If you're thinking of selling, please give me a call.***

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

*Average instead of median

Sarasota County Single Family	2018 Jan	Feb	Mar
Homes for Sale*	**3,008**	**3,151**	**2,754**
Homes Sold*	**519**	**569**	**766**
Pending Sales*	**765**	**1156**	**888**
Average Days on Market*	**46**	**46**	**51**
Median Sale Price (000)*	**276**	**273**	**287**
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	**95.0**	**95.5**	**95.2**
DeSoto Acres Single Family	**2018 Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**
Homes for Sale*	3	1	**3**
Homes Sold*	1	0	**2**
Pending Sales*	1	2	**0**
Average Days on Market*	7	No Sale	**116***
Median Sale Price (000)*	293	No Sale	**470***
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	90.15	No Sale	**95.5***

DeSoto Acres Home Sales
Jan. 1, 2018 to May. 15, 2018

Location	Price	Bd/Bath	sqft
2100's 53rd St.	$540.000	3/3	2,738
2100's 59th St.	$480,000	4/2	2,480
2600's 57th St.	$400,000	3/2	2,275
2400's DeSoto Rd.	$341,300	3/3	4,331
2400's 59th St..	$273,000	3/2	1,611
5200's Shade Ave.	$237,000	3/2	1,404
2600's 61st St.	$220,000	Vacant lot with shed	

According to the Sarasota County Property Appraiser's website, DeSoto Acres had three more home sales in 2018 between January 1st and May 15th than last year.

The average price per square foot improved from $116.14 for the 4 home sales in 2017 to $163.94 for the 6 home sales in Jan to May 2018. That is almost a $50.00 per square foot increase.

We are seeing extensive remodeling of these homes, even to bare exterior walls, all to bring up to code.

When possible, review your home and see what remodeling projects would be possible to keep your home value competitive with the market.

Lee Brewer CDPE

Your DeSoto Acres Real Estate Specialist

A Sarasota native and real estate professional, I 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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Have Golf Cart, Will Travel … and Shop!

DeSoto Acres Association Community Yard Sale

Sam and Candy Miller swear they are "all done!" as vendors during our community yard sale. For the past five years, they happily lend their tables to the Harvey yard sale benefiting local nonprofits and charge up their golf cart for a long morning of shopping, visiting and noshing their way across the Acres. Asked if they have a favorite location they make sure to hit, they both answered with enthusiastic agreement, Verna and Dwight's food fest! The sale on 53rd offers strawberry rhubarb pie, homemade ice-cream and grilled hotdogs. Asked to rate this yard sale; "it's a nice one, but we go for the food! In fact, we were there twice."

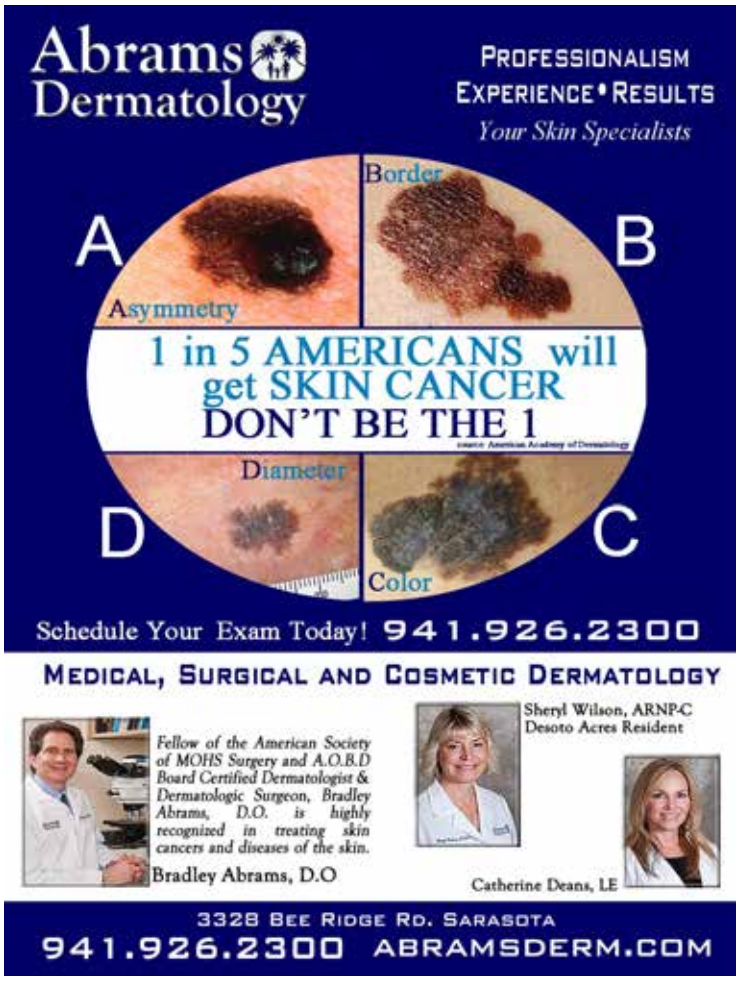
This response of course begs the question; take food out of the equation, where do you try to always go?... "there's lots of interesting sales, but one of the biggest because it is a multi-family sale is 2958 DeSoto Rd. They stage it in their barn, so it is up and ready to go. It's like a thrift store in a barn." Sam was quick to point out, "it is loaded with women's things, but still, you never know what you may find there."

Queried as to what are we doing right when it comes to our community event, both Millers feel the maps are well received by outsiders to our community, and all map readers benefit from the blurbs that accompany the association member locations.

How can we improve our event? Both agree that the individual sales need better signage. The Association provides advertising in local papers and on Craig's List, plus community yard sale signs in advance of the event at our major intersections. The Millers emphasize that it is up to the individual sellers to mark the cross streets with directional signage and to mark your mailbox with a sign or balloons.

Additionally, the three-day event seems too long to this golf cart couple. "Back when it was a one-day event, it was so festive and community participation was quite high. It seems like we had fewer yard sales to visit this year. I don't know what the answer is, I heard many made good money on Friday, but Sunday was a bust. The Association's motivation for the community event is to bring in a large audience at once for our homeowners. If folks want a three-day event, so be it."

Planning for next year's Community Yard Sale has started. The Committee Chair has gathered this year's participants input. The final dates and days for 2019 will be finalized at next year's Association Resident Meeting in January. We look forward to the discussion.



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Memory Lane Visits The Bywaters

Many times, I have driven past a military tableau on Lockwood Ridge Road and wondered what the story is behind the artwork. At last, I decided to stop and knock and was welcomed by homeowner Sonny Bywaters. Mr. Bywaters served in the United States Marine Corps during the Viet Nam era. After just several minutes chatting, his love of county, flag, family and Corps was quite evident. He describes his tableau as "a work in progress" meant to honor all branches of our US military service.

Bywaters copied the familiar wooden silhouette of a combat soldier kneeling with his rifle at the base of tombstones; each tombstone names a branch of our US military. The soldier kneeling is meant to represent all living servicemen and women who faithfully protect our nation. Each tombstone embodies and respects those that gave all. The display includes the American flag, the MIA flag, Marine Corps flag. Wreaths are added on Memorial Day and the Holidays.

A retired plumber, Mr. Bywaters spent 40+ years travelling the state in his RV for the American Legion, holding nearly every state elected and appointed office. He teaches classes in flag etiquette in elementary schools. All the while, his Acres home base was waiting for him, "...his piece of heaven". True to most longtime homeowners' the traffic is the greatest change to the area. "There was a time we could sit out in the yard and maybe see 3 or 4 cars go by the entire night. Still, you couldn't run me out of here with a stick! We still have the best of city and county living right here".

Purchased in 1983, Mr. Bywaters, a native of Virginia, and his wife were very happy finding their home and large yard in our DeSoto Acres. A widower now, Bywaters shares his home with his daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. Like other Acres' homeowners, his yard has been the setting of several family and friends' weddings.

The house, with a comfortable back porch, has been added to over the years. The 1923 original portion of the house sits immediately west of a humongous and robust camphor tree. The military homage sits just north of this tree. I invite everyone to drive a bit slower while approaching 49th and Lockwood Ridge, and take a long look…and remember the cost of our most basic freedoms in our United States.

Interested in contributing to Desoto Acres Memory Lane?

We are looking for residents to share their memories and / or DeSoto Acres news articles.

Please contact Diana@DeSotoAcres.org.

Thank you.

Rouge Dogs in DeSoto Acres

Often people think it's okay to let their dogs roam loose, not realizing the danger this presents to our residents, especially those out walking with dogs or young children. How can we cope with stray dogs?

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. 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.

The laws don't do any good if they are not enforced. Often the first step, talking to the person responsible for the dog, gets the job done.

Spring Clean-up Success!

Keep DeSoto Acres BEAUTIFUL

Several of your neighbors spent the onset of St Patrick's day indulging in a good cup of coffee at the Millers. Sam and Candy again hosted the Acres' spring clean-up. Both excel in the role of serving coffee and donuts, signing volunteers in and doling out street assignments. Most importantly, they generously provide an area where the accumulated trash is collected, sorted, counted, reported to the county and finally picked up the following Monday.

Sam is also responsible (although he does not actually remember volunteering for this J) for posting the signs alerting neighbors of the upcoming clean-up day and removing them after the event.

Besides sending Sam and Candy Miller a big thank you for their continued service, we wish to thank the other unsung heroes of spring clean-up day 2018: the Baxters of 47th street, Bywaters of 49th, Podgis of 59th, Hayes of 49th, Haynes of 57th, Wittman of 61st, Williams of Shade Av, Juxledbetter and son of Shade Av, Harvey of 59th, Andrews of 61st, Langston of 59th, Bournivals of DeSoto Rd, Crookes of 59th, and the Wilsons of 49th. Several families cleaned before the selected day- thank you! And any neighbors' names we may have missed, we sincerely apologize and thank you for your efforts.

As a community, we clean our neighborhood twice a year. As the custodians of our adopted road, DeSoto Road, we are obligated to clean it a minimum of four times per year. Special thanks go to the Bournival family, Andrews Tree Service and Sam Miller who make sure we keep DeSoto Road picked up every other month. Clean-up chair Sam truly appreciates the neighbors who carry trash bags during their walks in the Acres and challenges all walkers to adopt this as a habit. *Many hands make light work!*

Fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018. Put this on your calendar and join your neighbors.

DeSoto Acres (Severe Weather)
Hurricane Preparedness Planning

Hurricane season extends from June 1 to the end of November. While larger storms tend to happen later in the season, damaging weather may strike anywhere during that time frame.

Homeowners in south Florida need to stay prepared full time 12 months of the year and adopt a strategy to minimize the effects of a major weather event. That means taking action now, before necessity turns into urgency.

The first thing you need to do is assess the risk. There is good and bad news. The good news is Desoto Acres is outside of a hurricane (saltwater) storm surge. The bad news is, as you experienced last year, everyone in Desoto Acres will be impacted by hurricane force winds and rain accumulation in your yard.

Consequently, you need to prepare for wind damage and yard flooding. What are you going to do? If you don't want to be impacted by hurricane force winds, then you need to travel to some place outside of the State of Florida until the hurricane passes. Your best bet is to stay home and prepare it to be safe. Get your family ready, discuss your specific plans and contact a family member outside of the state of Florida. Use them as your telephone contact in the event your local family members are separated. Know the location of the nearest County Shelter. If you have special needs, register with the emergency management agency to receive assistance during a disaster. Call the County Call center at 941-861-5000 to be connected.

Please don't forget those four-legged family members. You must take care of your pets, if you don't they will die. They are your responsibility and yours alone. Make a pet plan and make sure it includes the pets getting the same treatment you give your family. Create a family disaster plan now, practice the plan, and share it with all of your family members. Check all of your contacts that are local and out of town for correct phone numbers and addresses on a yearly basis.

Here are some steps to consider taking before the first storm of the hurricane season appears on the radar. You must have food, water, shelter, medical supplies and alternative power in place.

- Food – You need canned food for 7 days per person, can opener and some cooking process.
- Water – You need one gallon of water per person or pet per day. Store it before the storm in recycled plastic drink bottles, old soda bottles or purchase bottled water at the beginning of the hurricane season.
- Medical Supplies – Make sure you have at least 30 days' supply on hand of all your prescription medications.

Yard Preparation

Start on the outside. Trim your trees and large shrubs. Remove anything that can strike your home. Trees that can hit your home - will. Pine trees usually snap about 30 feet above

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Feb. 1, 2018 to May 25, 2018

Date	Crime Type	Location
03/20/2018	Burglary	2100's 59th St.
05/17/2018	Selling Contr Sub	5600's Middle Ave.
03/29/2018	Assault	6200's Shade Ave.
04/10/2018	Burglary	5900's Shade Ave.
04/14/2018	P/Theft Auto	2500's 59th St.
05/16/2018	Burglary	2400's 57th St.
05/19/2018	Fraud	2700's 57th St.
02/02/2018	DUI / Accident	5700's Tuttle Ave.
04/30/2018	Burglary	2500's 47th St.
03/16/2018	P/Theft Auto	2800's 61st St.
02/13/2018	P/Theft Auto	3000's 61st St.
03/19/2018	P/Theft Auto	3000's 53rd St.
03/19/2018	G/Larceny Auto	3100's 51st St.

More information is available at the Sheriff's website, www.sarasotasheriff.org. under Program & Services / Crime Prevention for the Crime Map, Safety Information, and much more.

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

*(**Living Walls,** continued from page 16)*

1) Provide a drawing of your parcel with lot boundaries, county easements, the water shed direction and show how the water flow from the berm will flow and stay on your property. Contact the Building Department for all the details.

Once the permit is approved, hire a dirt hauler to bring in the required dirt and rent a front-end loader or hire a contractor to sculpt your berms. To minimize weed growth put mulch on your berm or stake woven landscape fiber into the dirt. We were told Ferguson Waterworks in Sarasota carriers large rolls of barrier fiber that can be used as a weed barrier for berms, at a competitive price.

Next is planting your landscape. A resident purchased 16 pallets of Sea Grapes on sale from Walmart for their berm. With the Sea Grapes were included queen palm, philodendron selloum, Podocarps, cocoplum, areca palm, schefflera, and bougainvillea (watch out for the spikes). Other native Florida hedge plants include wax myrtle, white indigoberry, viburnum, firebush, mulberry, and thryallis.

An irrigation line was run to the plants and used for one year. After which the irrigation lines were cut and the plants, native to Florida, flourished naturally, which is the goal of xeroscaping.

The Florida Agriculture Extension is a great resource for your berm buffer project. DeSoto Acres is know for its lush vegetation. Enhance our reputation and support our native wildlife, by creating a living wall.

***(Severe Weather** continued from page 10)*
the ground. On a real wet storm, they can tip over at the root ball. Oak trees always fall with the dirt from the base attached.

Home Preparation

Garage doors are the weakest doors and are compromised starting at 50 mph winds. All unprotected doors and windows start to fail at 70 mph; this includes double-entry doors, sliding glass doors, large windows and small windows. The best protection is to shutter all of these openings. The least expensive shuttering is 3/4" plywood and needs to be securely fastened to the house. Other shutter options include corrugated metal or lexan panels, accordion metal shutters, and roll down shutters. Kevlar fabric screens are also approved for use in Florida. The easier the protection option is to deploy, the more it usually costs. Most of the wind protection devices can be installed by the home owner; Home Depot or Lowes is a good place to start looking for shuttering products. The best option is to have new windows and doors installed on your home that meet or exceed the Dade County wind standards. Make sure you use products that exceed the Dade County building codes if and when you upgrade your windows and roof covering. All construction codes are minimum codes; you can always install products that exceed codes. You can find approved Florida Building products or applications that meet Florida 2017 Building and Dade County Code and at https://floridabuilding.org/pr/pr_default.aspx

Loss of Power

We experienced first hand how long it took Florida Power and Light (FPL) to restore power back in our area. You can do a lot to help out yourselves with respect to power. First don't plant trees under your power lines coming into your homes. Trim trees on your property near power lines. FPL recently went through DeSoto Acres trimming trees in the easement.

Generator Safety

The best solution for no power at your home is to have a stand-alone generator that will be capable of running your food refrigerator, well pump, some lights and light cooking appliances. You might also consider a stand-alone air conditioner for your sleeping area. If you shop carefully, one generator can power all of these items but not all at the same time. The generator hook-up will need a disconnect switch installed to make sure you do not back feed power into the FPL lines. You will also need fuel for your generator. When you purchase the generator, a fuel consumption guide will tell you how much gas it will use per hour. It is usually less than a gallon an hour. Don't forget to chain down your generator when it is in use. They have been known to be stolen right out of a resident's yard.

Automobile and Cash

Remember gas stations may not have adequate supplies following a hurricane. Get your fuel before the storm. Banks and ATMs may not be open or working due to loss of power. Pre-storm, get a sufficient amount of emergency cash.

You can access SCGOV.Net (Sarasota County Emergency Management) for additional on-line information or visit a county library for a copy of the County Hurricane Guide. These are both great sources for complete information.

Be prepared and be safe.

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Dues payments are recorded for the year in which received. If you have paid the current year, your dues will be applied to upcoming years.

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.

Thank you for your support!

Calendar Year 2018 Dues are Due

If you received a return envelope to the Association in this newsletter, your 2018 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 2018:

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DeSoto Acres Association Membership Dues, Business Listing and T-shirt Form

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Property Address: _____

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*(**Developers,** continued from page 3)*

Bradford Manor Continues Build-Out

Just East of Booker Middle School is the gated Bradford Manor, with it's main entrance on Myrtle St. This is a one north/south road community between Myrtle Ave and 47th St. The 47th St exit is gate controlled. Per Sarasota County Property appraiser website, there are 99 more lots available for townhomes. When built out the total number of units will be 211. The flow of traffic to and from Bradford Manor is between 301 and Tuttle Ave.

Northside Apartment

At Myrtle and East Lane, just west of Booker Middle School, a Multi-Family Development is in the pre-application phase. The plans propose 3 one- and two-story buildings totaling 70 units. Again, traffic flow to and from the proposed project is between 301 and Tuttle Ave.

Planning Ahead

Your DeSoto Acres Association continues to meet with County Officials including County Commissioners and the Planning Department to remind them of DeSoto Acres unique historic nature and discuss pro-active traffic planning. The North Lockwood Ridge Corridor Study is an "avenue" your Association is using to initiate a mobility study of all DeSoto Acres and create compatible solutions. Timing of Corridor Study is 1 to 2 years away.

Your DeSoto Acres Association continues to monitor developer activity and to keep you informed.

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Shade Ave Between 51st &47th "No Parking" Signs Approved

As mentioned in the February Newsletter, residents living next to and near Shade Ave between 51st & 47th Streets approached DeSoto Acres Association in 2016 about unnecessary and constant parking along the west side of Shade by industrial park workers.

Spearheaded by a local Acres resident, a Sarasota County Traffic Advisory County Item request form / petition for the installation of "no parking" signs along the west Side of Shade between 51st & 47th St was circulated, completed and submitted to the Traffic Advisory Council for review.

The Traffic Advisory Hearing, attended by DeSoto Acres residents and Association Board Members, presented the petition and information. The request was approved by the Traffic Advisory Committee and moved on to the Sarasota County Commission hearing.

The County Commission approved the installation of "No Parking" signs on May 22nd.

Congratulations to all and thank you for everyone's tenacious help making the signs happen. It was a team effort and Victory.

Right of Way Mowing Update

The new Right of Way (ROW) Mowing Ordinance continues evolve. Since it was enacted, DeSoto Acres Association has worked with the County to identify specific "non-resident" owned areas for County review. This review has resulted in:

1) The County owned property on Traylor between 61st St and University Parkway is now designated a County responsibility to maintain.
2) The ROW on the west side of Shade between 51st St and 47th St. is now a County responsibility to maintain.

The DeSoto Acres Association continues to work with the County to address all non-residential areas for County maintenance

Upcoming Events

DeSoto Acres Association

Fall Clean-up
November 10th - Sat. 8:00am
Volunteers contact Sam Miller CommunityClean-up@DeSoto Acres.org or call Sam at 941-587-7589.

Association Annual Resident Meeting
January 17th, Thursday
6:00pm Business Showcase
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DeSoto Acres 2+ Acre Parcels are Perfect for Living Walls

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Residents with 2+ acre lots are also able to "self-buffer" while enhancing the environment for endangered and native species.

Buffering can be hardscape such as masonry walls, wood or plastic vertical walls along your lot line. In DeSoto Acres, given our 2+ acre lots we can design and build green buffer berms "living walls" that also enhance wildlife. This type of wall provides a pleasing green wall from the inside and out. When designed as a "xeriscaping" buffer, choosing plants native to Florida reduces or eliminates the need for watering. In existing examples, the berm is perfect for plants that like well drained soil such as Sea Grapes. Viburnum, and podocarps also do very well on the berm plus a variety of cactus including agave. A berm currently under construction is using Areca palms mixed with other native bush varieties.

The type of "living wall" you design for your homestead will be unique to you. The basics of building a berm wall involve a few steps with the County to bring in the dirt to construct the berm on which you landscape.

1) Obtain an earth moving permit for the amount of dirt you are bringing on to your property. A permit is required for 100+ cubic yards.

*(continued on page 11, see **Living Walls)***