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Developers' Update In and Around DeSoto Acres

In the first half of this year, developer activity in DeSoto Acres and around our community has been quite active. As detailed in the June 2018 Newsletter, we had strong resident presence and a clear voice in opposition to proposed land changes. For more details refer to the June 2018 Newsletter on line at DeSotoAcres.org under the "Newsletter" tab.

The following provides an update on these projects.

University Parkway at Shade and 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 located within DeSoto Acres at University Parkway and Shade Ave involves three parcels. Benderson held a neighborhood workshop at which they proposed developing two of the parcels along University Parkway, zoned OPI/PD (light office/planned development), with single-story office buildings. Benderson proposed the third parcel, which is in the DeSoto Acres residential area zoned RE-1 - one-house per two acres, to change the land use from residential to light office and allow the OPI (light office) zoning for more office space.

Workshop Summary: the Workshop was held on Feb. 16, 2018. DeSoto Acres' residents provided a strong turnout. All clearly voiced their opposition to the land use change within DeSoto Acres. It was also noted the proposed site plans were not in compliance with the University Parkway Corridor West Ordinance. Benderson listened to all resident input, promising to contact all with any future next steps.

Status: The petition is still in the Pre-Application phase, which is the first step of the land-planning petition process. However, the pre-application is no longer available on the County website. What does this mean?

Per the Sarasota County Planning Department on Aug 31st, "No (petition) submittal yet".

Project 2 is located within DeSoto Areas at the southeast corner of University Parkway and Tuttle Ave involves the two adjacent parcels. Both parcels are zoned OPI. Benderson proposed developing an office building, possibly two-story. The rezone application was to change the current binding site plan on file with the County.

Workshop Summary: Residents were not opposed to the office building concepts as long in compliance with the University Parkway Corridor West Ordinance., OPI/PD zoning

Status: In May 2018, the two properties were sold to 2800 UP, LLC, a Benderson related corporation.

The petition is still in the Pre-Application phase, which is the first step of the land-planning petition process. However, the pre-application is no longer available on the County website.

Per the Sarasota County Planning Department on Aug 31st, "No (petition) submittal yet" . More information about these two proposed plans can be found on the DeSoto Acres Association website at DeSotoAcres.org under "Announcements" tab, "Benderson Land Use…".

For more information on the University Parkway Corridor West Ordinance, please refer to the DeSoto Acres website, DeSotoAcres.org under "Community Information" , "History of University Parkway…".

Rolling Green Golf Course Conversion

300 feet South of DeSoto Acres, along Tuttle Avenue, Developers are proposing to convert the Rolling Green Golf Course into residential housing. This proposal is a "non-binding" development plan.

Workshop Summary: The Workshop held on April 23rd, 2018, was packed with Rolling Green residents, DeSoto Acres Association Board members, DeSoto Acres residents and residents from surrounding communities. Questions covered making the site plan a "binding plan", 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.

Status: The golf course is currently closed and will possibly re-open this October.

The petition is still in the Pre-Application phase, which is the first step of the land-planning petition process. However, the pre-application is no longer available on the County website.

Per the Sarasota County Planning Department on Aug 31st, "Staff has not received a submittal of an application, to date".

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Message from President Bob Heere

DeSoto Acres Residents are Engaged in their Community

Our Association has been busy monitoring zoning change requests, watching for storms, and happily busy with our work and families too. We expect our residents engagement in "all things Acres" as well. Every resident should be watching and prepping for storms. Refer to our June 2018 Newsletter or go on line to the County website for excellent hurricane pre-planning tips.

It is each resident's job to let the board know if you receive a notice from the County regarding a proposed zoning change. Often the particular proximity of a project may not include a board member in the required mailing area. Your help and communication keep all of us informed.

If you see a zoning problem or infraction, call the County at 861-5000 to report this or get your questions answered. We would then love a call or email to let us know what you've discovered. We are not asking for petty policing of your neighbors, but we are asking all to live friendly and follow the basic zoning rules.

As for interlopers wanting to change our way of life - we must be Active and be Alert!

DeSoto Acres is a paradise worth fighting for.

Bob Heere, President
Desoto Acres Association

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DeSoto Acres Association Newsletter And Website Could Use Your Touch

THREE TIMES A YEAR, THE DESOTO ACRES NEWSLETTER is created. We interview residents, write articles, take pictures, create the graphics using MS Publisher, use the postal service online mailing service, gather as a group to label (treats always served), and take to the postal service. We have a good time during the whole process plus the time commitment is minimal. The website is also another creative outlet for you too.

If any one or more of these activities appeal to you, or you would like to contribute an article for an upcoming Newsletter, please contact Jane Paquette at VicePresident@ DeSotoAcres.org.

Express your creativity and have some fun too.

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Bits & Pieces & Reminders...

You may pay your annual association fees at any time during the calendar year - no late charge ever! You must be a paid 2019 member to vote at the annual meeting coming up January 17th, 2019.

Take a bag and help keep the Acres clean during your strolls through the neighborhood- even power walkers should bend and stretch occasionally☺.

The Celery Fields, a bird patching paradise, is looking for volunteers to come help weed, prune, remove nuisance exotic plants and pick up trash Saturday September 22, 2018 from 8:30am to 11:30am. Bring your own weeding equipment and wear closed toed shoes. Register online at scgov.net or email bcanales@scgov.net.

Need to sell a few things before our Acres community yard sale? Longwood Park will rent space for an 8-foot banquet-style table for $15 inside the gym. The Sale runs Saturday December 15th, 8-1pm. Call Sarasota County Call Center soon at 941 861 1383 to register.

Stay safe this hurricane season. Remember to trim dying limbs, safely stow accruing flowerpots and trash receptacles before a storm comes our way as they all can become flying forces of ruin.

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Northside Apartments

At Myrtle and East Lane, just east of 301 / Washington Blvd, a Multi-Family Development received County Commission approval for a Small Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment (SA2017-05) to change the Future Land Use Map Density from Medium Residential to High Density Residential. The adjoining rezone petition (RZ17-22) changed the zoning from Residential Multi-Family 2 to RMF-3. The proposed density increase means the number of residential units to be built will increase the number of apartments from 48 to 70 apartments on the 5.4 acres. The apartment buildings maximum height is 35 feet or shall not exceed three stories.

Status: Petition approved by the Planning Commission on May 3, 2018.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the plan on June 13, 2018.

Per Sarasota County Planning Department on Aug 31st, "Since then, no (building) plans have been submitted".

Other Land Developments Around DeSoto Acres

Myrtle and Martin Luther King Drive - DeSoto Acres Association was contacted to provide input for a possible mixed-used development at the County-owned parcel. Per the Aug 31st update from the County, "The Board of County Commissioners briefly discussed a potential for a change to the plans for the County-owned parcel located on the northwest corner of Tuttle and MLK Jr. Way. They did not take action to make changes. Without new Board direction, the existing policies and plans stay in effect, which is that the land is planned for a future major sports complex."

DeSoto Acres Sidewalk Project

The DeSoto Acres sidewalk project was divided into two Phases. Phase 1-East of Lockwood Ridge and Phase 2 West of Lockwood Ridge.

Status: Per the County Aug 31st update - Phase 1: The County has designed the sidewalks along (the designated) streets and construction is currently in progress.

"Phase 2: Preliminary design reviewed in a public meeting in 2015. Project was put on Hold at the Community's request. Upon completion of Desoto Acres planning process, the County will need to reevaluate the segments for sidewalk and review in a focus group meeting with Desoto Acres. We will then develop a timeline for design, R/W acquisition, and construction. The funding is being budgeted in the Sidewalk Program over the next couple of years for the Phase 2 Sidewalk west of Lockwood Ridge Road."

Tuttle and DeSoto Rd Intersection

We've seen a bit of work, piping, etc., going on at this intersection. Per the County, "There is a ATMS Phase V project installation in-progress that includes the installation of new controller assembly and cabinet at the signalized intersections of Desoto Road and Tuttle Avenue and Lockwood Ridge Road at Desoto Road." ATMS means Advanced Traffic Management System. The Phase V meaning is unclear to the editorial staff.

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There's Method to the Madness….
Or Why We do What We Do

Several residents' expressed concern that "we", the Board representing our residents, voted hastily to table or postpone the sidewalk project west of Lockwood Ridge Rd. Legitimate safety concerns were expressed. Our board acknowledges sidewalks would increase safety along arterial roads for Acres Residents setting out trash, retrieving mail walking pets or riding horses. However, like our portion of Desoto Rd, the drainage, right-of-ways, and traffic issues were not fully addressed with its very deep culverts, narrow roadways, bus stops, and proximity to Washington Blvd where traffic is often moving at 50 mph when turning onto DeSoto Rd.

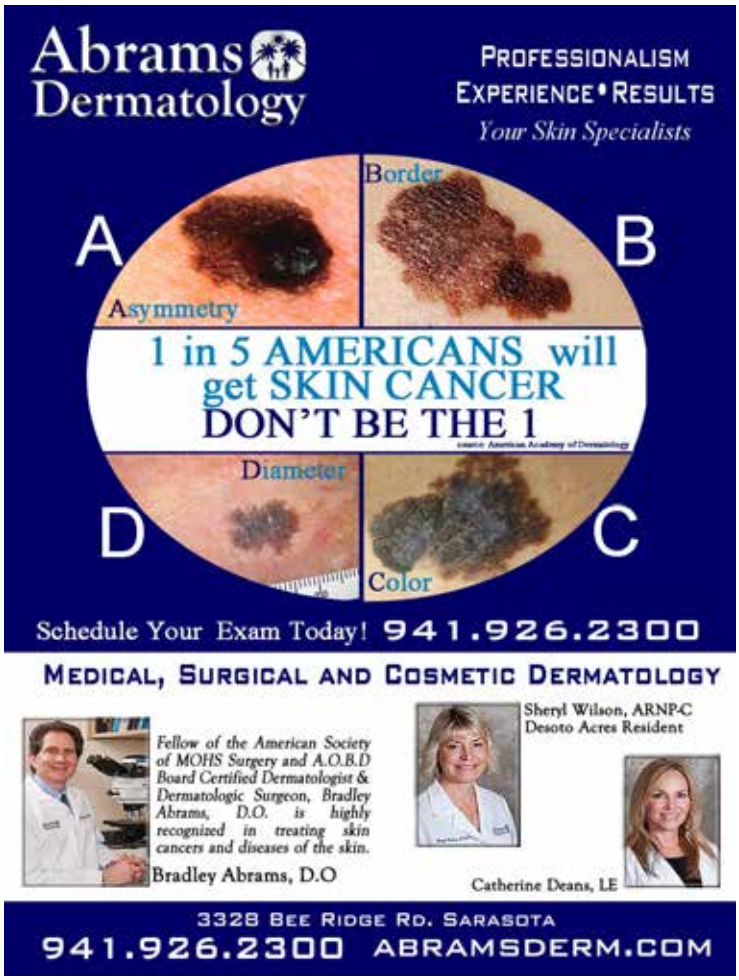
We want everyone to know that your Board, with your input, is committed to guiding our County Government to see and think of DeSoto Acres as an entire "850+ acre community" with particular needs. This involves concurrency planning between County Departments, rather than piecemealing us with a zoning exception on one parcel or a select enhancement along one street. This may "fix" a particular area, but in the long run aggravate an issue in an adjacent area. The DeSoto Rd and Tuttle intersection "improvement" is an excellent example of this. The new configuration and grading aggravated a stormwater drainage issue both north and south of the intersection negatively impacting our residents.

We are working with our County Representatives to view the big picture and spend our tax dollars in an efficient way. Our community also impacts adjacent communities and vice-a-versa. We are not an island!

The big DeSoto Acres picture for the County is to maintain our community integrity and quality through concurrent public works planning (roads and stormwater), traffic planning (sidewalks, traffic calming devices, pedestrian safety, etc.), and land planning in and around our Community.

This is not something new for DeSoto Acres, however County personnel change and don't always know us. We are a cohesive community with a long memory. As in the past, the Board will assist the County to understand DeSoto Acres and our history since 1921, as we are unique, and most importantly to respect our community "line" along all existing borders. We are the shepherd of our community.

The Board acts with your input and support. We do what we do based on resident guidance. With the Board's long memory and your support, we can maintain our community integrity.



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DeSoto Acres Real Estate Update

Article By: **Lee Brewer, Broker/Realtor** CDPE, Equator Platinum Certified
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2018 is proving to be a stable year in the Sarasota real estate market. The median price is somewhat higher than 2017, but has remained relatively flat so far this year. I think of this as a good thing. Slightly lower inventory, stable sales and slightly higher pricing. The Acres has also proven consistent with last year in terms of the number of houses sold. It's tough to identify a certain pattern here with regard to pricing as the homes vary greatly in size and condition, but all appears to be in line with expectations.

We are now in peak hurricane season, and while we haven't had a major storm head our way (so far) it never hurts to be prepared. I recently read an article which gave statistics about the percentage of people who are ready for a storm in terms of having extra medication on hand (less than 50%); having extra food and water on hand (less than 40%); have a place to go in case of evacuation (less than 30%); having additional pet food and/or medication (more than 80%). The article was bittersweet because it pointed out that most of us are not prepared for a major storm, but our pets will be just fine!

Please take a moment to make sure you have a plan in case a(nother) storm heads our way to include: additional non-perishable food (and a MANUAL can opener), bottled water, first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, battery operated radio, etc. The Florida Department of Health has put together a wonderful booklet to help get an emergency plan in place. You can download a copy here: http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-preparedness-and-response/_documents/hurricane_familyprepareguide-eng07.pdf . I know that's a long one - you can also search for "hurricane preparedness plan" and find many resources.

I'm a native of Sarasota and completely understand how easy it is to get complacent about safety during the hurricane season. It's always better to exert the effort to ensure the safety of your family than regret that you didn't.

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 vacant land opportunities and just the right house in The Acres. If you're thinking of selling, please give me a call.***

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** July and August Data were not available at time of printing. The County Data is published quarterly.

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

Sarasota County Single Family	2018 Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Homes for Sale*	**2,737**	**2,808**	**2,743**	**	**
Homes Sold*	**751**	**820**	**798**	**	**
Pending Sales*	**715**	**770**	**724**	**	**
Average Days on Market*	**40**	**45**	**52**	**	**
Median Sale Price (000)*	**285**	**281**	**279**	**	**
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	**95.2**	**94.8**	**95.2**	**	**
DeSoto Acres Single Family	**2018 Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**
Homes for Sale*	**4**	**5**	**5**	**6**	**6**
Homes Sold*	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Pending Sales*	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Average Days on Market*	**47**	**5**	**No Sales**	**No Sales**	**10**
Median Sale Price (000)*	**341**	**480**	**No Sales**	**No Sales**	**315**
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	1	**97**	**No Sales**	**No Sales**	**93**

DeSoto Acres Home Sales
Apr. 1, 2018 to Aug. 31, 2018

Location	Price	Bd/Bath	sqft
2700s 61st St	$535,000	4/6	4,582
2100s 59th St	$480,000	4/2	2,480
2700s 59th St	$320,000	3/1	1,618
2900s 51st St	$315,000	3/1	2,017
2800s Univ Pk	$581,000	Vacant Lot	
2800s Univ Pk	$369,000	Vacant Lot	
2600's 61st St	$220,000	Vacant Lot	
2100s 51st St	$140,000	Vacant Lot	

The 4 home sales listed above are 1 more than the DeSoto Acres home sales listed in the chart to the left. Areas of DeSoto Acres Assoc. include lots defined by the County as "unincorporated Sarasota". Why these parcels are not included in the County's "DeSoto Acres" Subdivision is not clear. Our land use/zoning is all the same in the DeSoto Acres boundaries.

- North Boundary: University Parkway
- South Boundary West of Shade: 51st St
- South Boundary East of Shade: 47th St
- East Boundary: Lockwood Ridge Rd
- West Boundary North of 53rd: Middle Ave
- West Boundary between 51st & 53rd: thru 2084 53rd St
- West Boundary South of 51st: Shade Ave

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Memory Lane Montage

With the passing of Labor Day, one wonders where our lazy days of summer have gone. The year seems to be rushing by. Admittedly, our Memory Lane column was "rushed" with the newsletter deadline. Our hope with this issue is to entice residents to come forward with their personal stories from times past.

Let's hear from folks like Kathryn Rexford and memories of her late husband Jake's first attempt at planting the beautiful oak canopy at the mouth of 59th Street and Lockwood Ridge. He'd spent a full day laboring over planting trees some 30 years back, then noticed over coffee the following morning a neighbor boy hacking away at his saplings, innocently helping Jake "weed" with his new machete! Kathryn has held multiple Sarasota Garden Club offices, and as district wildflower chairman, earned our district state honors for planting wildflowers along Interstate 75. Later working with the Florida DOT, she created the necessary "book of evidence" to win national recognition for the wildflower plantings.

We are also remembering when Jim and Caroline P on 59th Street helped organize a DeSoto Acres community picnic in the early 80s. It was held on airport property that would probably get you time in a federal prison if you were to try and picnic there today!

Stories of the DeSoto Acres Garden Club, encounters with wild boars, eastern diamondback rattlesnakes, unknowingly spaying your neighbor's pet cat……..these, and more, are the stories we want residents to come forward with to share in our newsletter.

It is always fun to look back from a safe distance! We are a community of very active and interesting individuals. Volunteer to speak out…Or best be ready with a memory when a board member comes calling.

A DeSoto Acres Garden

Sarasota Garden Club Photo

Imelda Hart
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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.

Homeless along University Parkway

This past year, you may have seen the endless yard sale and camp on the vacant University Parkway parcels just east of Shade. As the parcel owners at the west end of University Parkway cleared lots of overgrown vegetation, the homeless camp that had been there, moved west on to other vacant parcels.

Your Association became aware of the situation in April, as residents commented about the "endless yard sale" on University. Additionally, we were informed a sex offender had "registered" the University Parkway and Shade intersection as their physical address. Board members kept an eye on the parcel to determine if the owners' would take action. When the number of homeless appeared to increase, we knew our action was required.

We first contacted Benderson Development, as they own the properties adjacent to Shade on University. Benderson immediately sent personnel to inspect the property, informing us the transients were on the properties to the east of their parcel. We definitely appreciated this fast response.

We then contacted the Sheriff's department to determine if they had owners' permission, as required by law, to access the properties where the homeless were located. Nope, they did not. Next, we contacted the new County Coordinator for the Homeless, Wayne Applebee to inform him of the camp. The Homeless Outreach Team, formed June 1st of this year, works in concert with the Sheriff's Department once landowner's permission to access the site is obtained. Given this information, DeSoto Acres Association took the lead contacting the landowners.

Board members, staying on the right-of-way, took pictures of the parcel with all the "camping gear". Working with a Sheriff's Deputy, he provided his contact information to give to the landowners. A letter was created with photos and sent to the two parcel owners. The letter cited the transient camp, the necessity for owner's authorization to start the eviction process including an affidavit, the Deputy's contact information, and other pertinent information required for the eviction. We also noted in the letter, the sexual offender registering the property as their address, and Florida squatter law giving squatters rights over time.

Well, the letter got things moving. The owners did contact the Deputy. The County's Outreach Team with the Sheriff's Department helped most of the homeless individuals into shelters or County services. By July the homeless camp was gone and the "camping gear" removed. This was a successfully coordinated effort with the County, the Sheriff's Department and DeSoto Acres Association.

Thank you to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department and the Deputy assigned to this task. Thank you to Wayne Applebee and his staff for providing help to these homeless individuals. Thank you to the University Parkway landowners for contacting the Sheriff's Department plus removing all the left over "camping gear".

We are all in this together!

Home Grown DeSoto Acres' Gardener

Growing up in Desoto Acres, my fondest memory is playing outside- running the perimeter of the yard with my siblings, riding bikes on our small road with my neighbors, and finally, as an adult, gardening.

I started my first garden in our yard here on 59th Street when I was 19, and the love grew. It started small, a couple of plants here, a couple there. But once I realized the potential of our yard, I started a huge 35x45 foot garden, right smack in the middle of our front yard. It was a great way to meet neighbors (people walking by as I was gardening), share food, and do what I loved, growing plants of all types. I have since kept a consistent vegetable garden growing (now in the backyard), while collecting some fruit trees during the journey.

If you take a walk or bike ride through our community streets, you will see gardens of all shapes and sizes. I am always in awe of the different colors, shapes, and smells as I encounter a new neighbor's garden. I have been lucky to see beautiful fruit trees, bees, chickens, flower beds, permaculture gardens, bonsai gardens, vegetable gardens, and native-plant gardens… just from riding my bike and having met a few neighbors along the way.

Knowing that there is an abundance of food and gardens so nearby, gives me a sense of peace and belonging in Desoto Acres. I am very grateful to have grown up around such amazing people, on such a beautiful land.

Our author, Ariel, is interested in creating a garden tour group to meet and share her passion for gardening. Acres residents willing to allow a small group of fellow gardening enthusiasts to visit one and other's gardens, please contact Terry at Director6 @DeSotoAcres.org to get this group going!

COP'S CORNER

As Reported by Sarasota County Sheriff's Department

May 26, 2018 to Sept 7, 2018

Date	Crime Type	Location
08/08/2018	Pos Control Sub	2800's 59th St.
08/31/2018	P/Theft Auto	2600's 59th St.
09/02/2018	P/Theft Auto	2600's 57th St.
09/02/2018	P/Theft Auto	2800's 59th St.

Compared to the last two years, criminal activity, as reported on the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department Crime Mapping site is at an all time low. Still, remain vigilant and LOCK YOUR CARS in or out of your garage.

To receive Sheriff Department alerts of any crimes or registered sex offenders near\ your home, you can create an alert through the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department CrimeMapping site. Go to https://www.crimemapping.com/map/agency/346 to create your alert.

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!

Fall Community Clean-Up

Saturday, November 10th
8:00am to noon

Where To Meet

Sam and Candy Miller are hosting the Fall Community Clean-up at their home 2927 59th St. Arrive around 7:30am for coffee, donuts, and street assignments. Bring gloves and your golf cart, if you want. Trash bags are provided.

Meet your neighbors and have a bit of fun sprucing up our community. All residents are encouraged to participate.

Contact Sam Miller, if you plan to assist on Saturday and if you have any questions, please email: Community Clean-up@DeSotoAcres.org or call 941-587-7589.

Picking up Your Street Ahead of Time - Let Us Know

Often some residents prefer to clean their own local right-of-ways ahead of time. Please call or email Sam to report your finished clean-up location and / or road. Any assistance along DeSoto Rd helps with our Adopted Road program.

THANK YOU to all participants in the community event. See you on November 10th.

Posting a "No Trespassing" Sign Consider for Your Property

Living in a lovely climate, on large lots, with lots of natural vegetation, near many amenities is attractive not only to homeowners, but also to transients. Here in North Sarasota County it is quite evident. The new Homeless Outreach Team was very effective helping relocate homeless along our University Parkway and is working to help throughout the County.

For your private property consider posting a "No Trespassing" sign, if your property is "enclosed". There are four Florida Statues to include on any "No Trespassing" sign. These statutes define private property, enclosure, entry, theft, robbery and related crimes. Meeting all these definitions, trespassing is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender is armed then it is a felony of the third degree. Whether first or third degree felony, the Sheriff's Department will have the necessary parameters with your documented owner's permission to evict and/or arrest the trespasser.

The Florida Statues to put on the Trespass Sign and in this format are, "Florida Statute: 810.011, 810.09, 810.12 and 812.014".

Florida Statue 810.011 provides the required font size, color, and sign placement. This information is online, at the public library, or the Sheriff's Department.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sheriff's Department about posting "No Trespassing" signs.

Illegal Trash Dumping in DeSoto Acres

Our lovely community with large lots, unfortunately has become a favorite location for illegal trash dumping.

As reported by a resident, "The problem is very common on Middle Ave between 61st St and DeSoto Rd and all along Shade Ave. Its been yard waste, 5 gallon containers of chemicals and metal debris. There are spots easy to dump because of empty lots. …. So maybe we can start catching and reporting these dumpers. Maybe we can at least discourage them by getting outside and observing when 'out of place' vehicles drive thru or around these spots. At my end of DeSoto Acres, this is the biggest problem that is not getting better."

Illegal trash dumping **is** a problem in DeSoto Acres. If the trash is dumped in the right-of-way (ROW), as many tires are, please call the County's Call Center at 861-5000 to have it picked up. If the trash is dumped on private property, the owner unfortunately is responsible for the removal. As the owners of the University Parkway property experienced, the "Camper Gear" was their responsibility to remove after the homeless were relocated.

Please call the County Call center at 861-5000 to report any illegal dumping in the ROW. If you see illegal dumping in progress, please call the police and if you can, safely get the license plate, car make, model and color.

Your help is important, as you see what is going on in your part of DeSoto Acres.

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JOIN THE DESOTO ACRES ASSOCIATION TO ENJOY MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS. Dues are **$25.00 per year** (no matter how many lots you own). See the lists on the right to check your status.

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:

Abernathy; Alberti/LaChaunce; Anderson; Andres/Freeman; Andrews/Walker; Arvey; Avison; Baker; Batista; Baxter/Beer; Bellamy; Berrier; Berthold; Blomeley; Bournival; Byers; Callahan; Cattin; Colbert; Coorssen; Coty; Crooke; Curtis; Deveau; Dewald; Dogancay; Dowd; Dunlop Revocable Trust; Earl; Eavis; Elwood; Fasold; Feikema; Feliciano; Fenton; Fernandez; Forgard; Fowler; Fox; Gabbert; Galloway; Garfinkel: Giacoia/Hickmott; Glanden; Gockley,J&N; Gockley,V; Goodman; Goolsby; Gore: Gregg; Greiner; Grimes; Grosvenor; Gutierrez,A; Gutierrez,K&J; Hafner; Hamm; Handgen; Harvey; Hasselbring; Hayes; Haynes: Heere; Hightower; Honackie; Horst; Hudspeth/Wilson; Hulquist; Hunger; Irwin; Jackson,W; Janis; Johnson,G&C; Johnson,M; Kelln; Khoury; Kluver; Kneifel; Kocur; Kohrs; Latimer; Lima; Lipman; Lobo; Lonicker; Lovesky A; Lynch; Manville; Malinsky; Marrocco; Marsh; Martin; McElroy; McInerney; McNaughton M&J; McNeil/Unus; Merrill; Miller; Minor; Moody/Fortsch; Moser; Murphy; Murray; Nelson; Noël/ Paquette; Poreda; Northminster Church; Norwood/Torok; O'Connor; Olejnikow; Pace; Petrat; Pinson; Podgis; Roberts,C&D; Roberts/Kreye; Seyfried; Shinn; Short; Siem; Silvis; Slakans; Snyder; Sparling; Starkey/Lay; Steinglein; Stokes; Taylor/Oppenheimer; Teshima; Torshkoev; Utley; Wake; Walker; Walrath; Welch; White; Williams,A; Wilson; Wittman, Wolfson; Zuknick.

These members have prepaid 2019 or later (see year):

Abernathy(2020); Andrews/Walker(2020); Baker;(2020); Berthold: Cattin; Coorssen; Crooke(2020); Dewald(2021); Dowd; Fasold; Fox(2020); Garfinkel(2021); Goolsby; Gregg; Handgen(2020); Harvey; Haynes; Hudspeth/Wilson; Hunger; Johnson,G&C; Kluver; Kneifel; Kocur; Kohrs; Lipman(2023); Lobo; Lovesky,A; Marrocco; McNeil/Unus; Nelson(2020); Noel/Paquette; Pace; Petrat; Seyfried; Siem; Snyder(2021); Stokes; Taylor/Oppenheimer; Walker; Walrath; Welch(2021); Williams,A; Wittman.

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

Mail this form & your due's payment to: DeSoto Acres Association, Inc., P.O. Box 556, Tallevast, FL 34270.
Checks payable to: DeSoto Acres Association, Inc.

Dues applied to current year received: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mail Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Email(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Business Directory Listing:

_____
Company Name

_____
Company phone number

_____
Company Tag Line (48 characters / spaces maximum length)

T-Shirt: I want to purchase _____XL _____XXL

T-Shirt at $5.00 each. Payment of $_____ enclosed.

*(**Developers** continued from page **14**)*

Autumn Leaves Memory Care

Autumn Leaves Boundary Wall is not yet completed. Per the County's staff update on Aug 31st, Autumn Leaves "has taken out a Letter of Credit, confirming they will complete the wall at some future date. The County has a letter of credit to cover the cost of the work if the developer defaults."

North Lockwood Corridor Study

The County's Aug 31st update indicated they have completed the two Critical Area projects that were ahead of the North Lockwood Corridor Study. DeSoto Acres Association and residents have been waiting since 2012 for these conversations to begin to address with all County Departments planning (roads and stormwater), traffic planning (sidewalks, traffic calming devices, pedestrian safety, etc.), and land planning in and around our Community, keeping our 850+ acres community connected as the county continues to grow around our community, and the affect on our community's quality of life. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming County sponsored "Neighborhood Conversations.

Your engagement in the discussion about DeSoto Acres land planning is very important. Only your input in these discussions can affect the outcome. Yes, your input matters!

DESOTO ACRES COMMITTEES

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Board members are elected by the Association Resident Members.

Shade Ave No Parking Signs are Installed and Working

Congratulations to all the residents on your success getting the No Parking Signs petition through the process, attending the advisory and county commission meetings, and getting the signs installed.

The signs are installed along the roadside abutting the industrial border. The interval placement of the signs appears to perfect. When this writer has passed by the area, they have not seen any cars parked along the roadside.

If you do see any cars parked along this roadside, please call the Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center Non-Emergency Number 941-316-1201.

Thank you for everyone's tenacious help making the signs happen.

The next step is to get the walkway structure that is still across the ditch removed. This is in the County Right-of-Way and not permitted.

The County Contact Center at contactcenter@scgov.net has received our photos and location for the removal,

Upcoming Events

DeSoto Acres Association

Fall Community 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
7:00pm Annual Meeting

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

HOME PRODUCTS

Good Earth Pure Soap *941.400.8607*
Handmade Natural & Nourishing Soaps

Decorating Madness, Inc. 941.266.6303
Custom window treatments & bedding

Sulcata Grove ..... SulcataGrove@gmail.com
Organic Pastured Eggs, Raw Honey & Fruit Trees

Yellow Barn 941.355.1656
Exclusive handmade items made with personality!

HOME SERVICES

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Tree Service, Stump Removal & Grinding

Green Hornet Lawnscape 941.232.4824
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Maintenance, Landscaping, Trimming, ROW Services

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Constructing with Experience

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Call Lee Brewer today! Your local real estate expert

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Architecture, Interior Design – New & Renovation

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100% Satisfaction Guaranteed! SuperBusinessAward

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Abrams Dermatology *See ad, pg 4* 941.926.2300
Your Dermatology Specialists - 3328 Bee Ridge Rd.

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The Fine Art of Gentle Quality Dentistry

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Area Office Machines 941.365.3343
We Service & Sell Office Machines

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Utility, Cargo, & Boat Trailers-Sales-Service-Parts

CenterState Bank *See ad, pg 8* 941.355.5749
Your locally owned neighborhood bank

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Complete automotive repair service - ASE Certified

Healing From the Heart 941.358.0807
Family Business Consulting, Kathleen Raskin MBA CCH

Print my T's 941.706.0561
Custom Screen Printing and Embroidery

Swift Auto Repair 941.922.3011
Full-service maintenance & automotive repair center

TinWoman Productions, Inc 727.488.6332
Branded Video Content & Video Production

Trident Building Systems 941.755.7075
Fabricate & Erect Metal Buildings—Hydrolic Doors

Univ. Parkway Gold/Silver *See ad, pg3...* 941.232.1177
Buying Gold & Silver; Seeking Quality Art & Antiques

Wayne's World Tennis 248.705.2262
Private Tennis Lessons in DeSoto Acres

RESTAURANTS / HOSPITALITY

Jo-To Japanese Steak House 941.351.4677
Tableside Cooking and Sushi

Public House Tap & Grill *See ad, pg 4* 941.822.0795
Great Food & Full Bar, Delivery to DeSoto Acres

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Northminster Presbyterian Church 941.355.4729
Caring, Connecting, Community Involved

Sarasota Friends Meeting 941.358.5759
57th & Lockwood Ridge Rd.

SARASOTA COUNTY (North County)

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211 Referral Line.....211
Agriculture Extension.....941.861.9900
American Red Cross 941.379.9300
Animal Services.....941.861.9500
Building Permits.....941.861.6678
Catholic Charities 941.355.5965
Code Enforcement 941.861.5000
County Commissioners.....941.861.5344
Evacuation Information 941.861.5000
FPL (general number) 800.468.8243
Fire prevention 941.861.2290
Fire Hazards.....941.861.2290
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Highway Patrol 941.492.5850
Salvation Army..... 941.954.4673
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Sheriff Dept. Emergency Number..... 911
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Important Dates for Your Calendar

- **October 9th, 2018, Tuesday,** is the deadline to register to vote in the November General and State Senate Special Election. New residents, be sure to note this date in order to participate in the upcoming election.
- **November 6th, 2018, Tuesday,** is November General and State Senate Special Election day. Know where to vote. Refer to your voter's registration card you received from the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections for your voting location.
- **November 10th, 2018, Saturday,** is our Community Fall Clean-up Day. Participate and have a bit of fun too. Please see page 11 for the details.
- **January 17th, 2019, Thursday**, is the DeSoto Acres Association Annual Meeting. Attend to learn about County and other activities in and around your community. Meet our business advertisers. Drawings for gift certificates available during the business showcase starting at 6:00pm. Annual Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker is being finalized. The meeting notice will be mailed to you at the beginning of January.