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Sarasota County Planning Dept Sponsored DeSoto Acres Community Meetings - In Progress - Your Participation and Input are Critical

KICKING OFF THE DESOTO ACRES COMMUNITY MEETINGS sponsored by the Sarasota County Planning Department, County Neighborhood Services representatives Kristin Ward and Jane Grogg, spoke to residents at the DeSoto Acres Association annual meeting on January 17th.

Kristin and Jane reviewed the background, purpose and process for these County Community meetings.

Background For These Meetings

Last year the County held small resident conversations to better understand what community characteristics DeSoto Acres residents want to maintain, to improve and issues to stop / mitigate. From these small conversations, a category of topics was developed by the County to further discuss in "at-large" community meetings, now in progress.

This County initiative stems from Sarasota County Planning Department and Board or County Commission (BOCC) activities from the early 2010's.

DeSoto Acres Association became involved in May 2012, when at the end of a BOCC hearing for a land petition to increase the density on a Lockwood Ridge parcel, which was denied on the basis of 1) "The neighborhood compatibility was a huge issue" and 2) "...you need to preserve the character of the low-density estate area here." The Commissioners held an impromptu discussion about preserving the DeSoto Acres low-density character. Here are direct quotes by various Commissioners:

- "You know since I have sat on this board this is at least the sixth such hearing that we have had such turn outs from this particular neighborhood whose vision of themselves is a low-density community where you could have horses and you could have things you normally can't do in an urban area. And I think that is really relevant to comprehensive planning. "
- "Well if the board has concurrence with that I guess I feel like it is a really kind of an imposition on the neighborhood to have to every few years turn out and have this discussion. And if we could somehow shore it up. I'd be interested in hearing from others. "
- "I think I would like to know what our options would be because it is a little, it is slightly out of the box but I'm ok with that. And anything to shore up the reliance would be a good thing. I think I recall Commissioner Barbetta and I sitting on the Planning Commission some 15, 18 years ago reviewing petitions not unlike what we just saw today. And so, I can, I share in their frustration because it's been decades of attempts. And I think so far that the board has been able to preserve really the unique character of the neighborhood. I mean there's no place like it in Sarasota County where you have this type of a land use in such close proximity to the Gulf of Mexico anywhere in the County not just North County all the way down the coast line. So I think it is worthy of at least considering. "
- "Thank you Madam Chair, I think it would be up to the neighborhood to ask us for that before we proceed and do something. "

The full transcript is on the Association website, DeSoto Acres.org.

DeSoto Acres Association, acting on this advice, proceeded to contact the Planning Department and BOCC to initiate a process to preserve our community's unique character. In a formal letter to the Planning Department, DeSoto Acres Association with resident input, requested County assets to review and initiate a DeSoto Acres Overlay District due to our community's unique character versus other Sarasota County communities.

In July 2012, the BOCC held an open discussion regarding this request. It was at this hearing your Association learned of the County Critical Area Plan (CAP) initiative "North Lockwood Ridge Corridor Study", which was 4th on the CAP list. The BOCC discussed including our community in this study as a Community Plan versus a Corridor Plan, for example to have different codes for our one-house per two acres zoning (RE-1) from the rest of the county. The BOCC result was, DeSoto Acres Community is included in the Corridor Study.

The wait for County resources is over. DeSoto Acres Association and residents can now begin to address

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Message from President Bob Heere

What makes Desoto Acres Home to each one of us?

We hear planes flying over, the many cars passing by, the noise of sirens running to the next University Parkway incident.

So, the old-timers' isolation, separation, solitude and tranquility are not necessarily the reasons for living in Desoto Acres. Yet, I look into my yard and I see the solitude, isolation and tranquility my neighborhood still offers. I see healthy, fast squirrels chasing each other through the mature trees, a red-tail hawk landing on a high branch to hungrily observe the nutty pair while a majestic eagle flies over. The animals and I love the elbow room my property offers. Our spacious lots give residents of Desoto Acres their independence or *buffer* from the outside world. We have chosen to live in the Acres because of our lot size, not in spite of it. Our desire for *elbow room* is something our varied residents can agree on and it often brings us together to work to preserve our quality of life. Now more than ever, we need to come together to work toward preserving our tranquility, solitude, and independent isolation by voicing our concerns at the upcoming meetings. The proposed development of areas around our neighborhood and the impact it will have on us needs to be addressed before it is too late. With more traffic, real or proposed, we need to push for better control through better management. Good management would perhaps consider traffic circles at choke points like 47th and Tuttle. If actions are not taken to preserve Desoto Acres and its entire, 850+ acre, low-density area, large 4-lane roads will split our Eden. Friendly neighborhood bike rides, evening and early morning walks, golf-cart outings, walking your dogs and horses will become too dangerous. In MY opinion, heavily traveled, multiple lane streets will produce a lot more traffic ruining our tranquility. Now is time show up in large numbers to every planning and county board meeting to give the direction that preserves our neighborhood of low density, country estates in the heart of the town.

Bob Heere, President
Desoto Acres Association

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concurrently with all County Departments such aspects/ concerns as mobility (roads, sidewalks, traffic calming devices, pedestrian safety, etc.), planning (maintaining our low-density land use and planning in our Community), environmental (stormwater, wetlands), etc. Participation by the Association members and residents is all to keep our 850+ acres community connected and well planned for the future, as the county continues to grow around our borders.

First County Meeting Summary

- Sarasota County Planning Process -

The Planning Process overview meeting was held on Wed., Feb 13th. The Meeting was well attended by DeSoto Acres Residents. County personnel were: Kristin Ward, Neighborhood Services, Elma Felix-Lamontagne, Long-Range Planning, and Steve Kirk, Long-Range Planner. The meeting summarized the planning process.

Land Planning Processing has 4 Steps:

- Comprehensive Plan (Amendment)
- Zoning
- Site Development
- Building & Inspections

There are 5 Types of Residential Zoning:

- Rural = 1 unit per 5 acres
- Semi-Rural = 1 unit per 3 acres
- Low Density = 1 unit per 1 acre (RE-1; DeSoto Acres Zoning)
- Moderate Density = 2-5 units per 1 acre
- Mid-range Density = 5-9 units per 1 acre
- High Density = 5-13 units per 1 acre

Step 1 – Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The Future Land Use Map indicates the current and allowable future use of the land approved by the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). This map is updated based on Critical Area Plans approved by the BOCC and Petitions for Comprehensive Plan Amendments. A comprehensive Plan Amendment can change two land planning aspects only.

1. Policy that guides the community's goals in terms of community development.
2. Parcel's land use designation from one classification to another. (see FLUM at sc.gov.net website / GIS Map)

There are four times during this process where public opinion is gathered:

1) Neighborhood workshop, 2) Public letters sent to Planning Department and forwarded on to Commissioners, 3) Planning Commission public hearing - the advisory board to the BOCC., and 4) Board of County Commission (BOCC) public "adoption" hearing - where the board votes to approve or deny the Comprehensive and / or Rezone petition.

Step 2 – Zoning

Concerns can be expressed to the Planning Department by walk in, mail, or emailing planner@scgov.net These concerns are forwarded to the Planning Board or BOCC.

BOCC hearing is a quasi-judicial hearing, which means the BOCC alters the law, never makes the law. They cannot

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Memory Lane Presents
A Tale of Two Ranches
Painted Pony of Lake Luzern, NY and Johnson Ranch of Sarasota

Family and DeSoto Acres history submitted by Charles Kohrs, of 61st Street, residing in the original 1950s Cochrane home

A long time ago, way up north right after WWII, people who had worked long and hard during the war were looking for something to do. The government didn't need welders and shipbuilders anymore. In 1946, my father-in-law Harry Cochrane, bought a dairy farm in the Catskills of upstate NY. His friend, Walter Issacson, wanted to open and run a dude ranch in the mountains near Lake George, NY. There were other ranches around Lake George, so this idea fit right in.

Meanwhile, the Government was getting rid of surplus land and horses in Montana, so Don Baxter and several other cowboys rounded up a herd of horses and shipped them by train to NY. This really made the headlines back then, especially when they had to drive the herd from the train station through several upstate NY towns to get to Walter's ranch! Walter and Betty named their ranch Painted Pony Ranch of Lake Luzern, NY. The Montana cowboys worked most of the winter training the horses for riding. Some of horses could not be trained, so they decided to build a rodeo arena. With that decision, they needed bulls, steers and calves. Sarasota, at that time, was home to a large cattle auction house.

O.C. Hawkins of Sarasota was a prominent cattle dealer. He was able to put a good herd of cattle together for Walter's ranch, and friend Buddy Johnson was able to provide trucking to move the cattle from Sarasota to the Adirondack ranch. Buddy was a veteran and at the time, Sarasota County was offering free land to WWII veterans if they would live on the land and improve it. The property between Shade and Tuttle Avenues along County Line Road (now University Parkway) was open land, however it had a large wet marsh in the middle. Still, this land was perfect for cattle and Johnson Ranch was established around 1950.

After living on the land for six years, Buddy decided to sell off some of the acreage that was suitable for building. When he mentioned this to his ranch friends in upstate NY,

he had interest and several buyers instantly. Hub Hubble, a ranch entertainer and his wife, bought 4 lots next to Buddy's. These lots are now the new assisted living center along University Parkway. Jim Rosano, a mechanic and part time rodeo cowboy, bought the lot next to that (currently vacant) and Walter Issacson bought the next 2 lots that are now the 5th/3rd Bank at University and Tuttle. Harry Cochrane (my father-in-law) bought 2 lots behind the others on Johnson Lane (now 61st Street).

Back in the 50's, my in-laws built a house on Johnson Lane. My wife was a teacher and I ran the farm for my in-laws back in NY. In the winter we could only manage a ten-day vacation to visit my mom in St Petersburg and the in-laws Sarasota, FL home. Imagine…

Coming from St. Pete, there was a two-lane bridge into Bradenton, several turns not well marked to the small airport. In the southeast corner there were four or five P51 Mustangs, on them were Confederate flags and a sign nearby proclaiming, Confederate Air Force. Just beyond the airport was a lot of digging going on and being loaded onto railroad cars. They called it Dolomite- the holes became DeSoto Lakes. The loading area became the Herald Tribune. We were told to take DeSoto Rd to Tuttle as County Line Rd was merely a dirt road full of deep ruts.

Johnson Lane was maintained by a lawn mower. My in-law's place was a nice little house with a Florida room on one side. This was all the rage at the time. It was a screened in porch with half roof and a dirt floor. The house was built in summer and now it was winter, so inside the Florida room the grass was 3 feet high. We cleaned it out and covered the floor with paving blocks. My in-laws still had a young daughter in school up north, so they could not spend much time at the Johnson Lane house. They were approached by a young man getting married and needing a home. Would they be willing to rent him the house when they were not here? My father-in-law said fine, but instead of rent, would he close in the Florida room? Upon our next visit, the room was closed in. The back lot was now a nursery for citrus trees. His father owned the groves on the other side of County Line Road. His name was Traylor.

DeSoto Acres Real Estate Update

Article By: **Lee Brewer, Broker/Realtor** CDPE, Equator Platinum Certified
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The Sarasota real estate market finished strong in 2018. Overall, sales, inventory and median pricing were slightly higher than 2017. Sales in The Acres were a bit slow at the end of 2018, however, there have already been 2 sales so far this year which is a good start. I anticipate a steady market this year as inventory increases slightly and pricing begins to level.

I recently found some interesting statistics with regard to the expected return for various remodel projects (source: https://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value/2018/south-atlantic/sarasota-fl). I must say I was very surprised by the findings. The 3 projects with the highest return on investment were: Manufactured stone veneer (104.1%); Upscale garage door replacement (116.2%); Steel entry door (107.6%). The 3 items with the lowest return were: Master suite addition (56.6%); Upscale bathroom remodel (58.1%); Major kitchen remodel (58.9%). If you'd like to see a home in your neighborhood with just about everything you can think of recently remodeled, 2217 DeSoto Road is a great example.

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

DeSoto Acres Home Sales
Sept. 1, 2018 to Jan. 31, 2019

Location	Price	Bd/Bath	sqft
5100s Shade Ave	$500,000	4/2	2,390
6100s Tuttle Ave	$321,000	3/2	1,896
2700s 53rd St	$375,000	3/3	4,088
2900s 51st St	$315,000	3/1	2,017
2100s 57th St	$ 15,000	Vacant Lot	
2200'S 53rd St	$ 80,000	Vacant Lot	
2400's DeSoto Rd	$155,000	Vacant Lot	
2900's 61st St	$349,000	Vacant Lot	
6200s Traylor	$590,000	Vacant Lot	

Sarasota County Single Family	2018 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	2018 Dec
Homes for Sale*	3008	3151	2754	2737	2808	2743	2018	2595	2583	2866	3131	3148
Homes Sold*	519	569	766	751	820	798	2605	716	548	598	572	527
Pending Sales*	765	1156	888	715	770	724	704	799	797	605	709	652
Average Days on Market*	46	46	51	40	45	52	952	44	46	39	38	41
Median Sale Price (000)*	276	273	287	285	281	279	52	283	280	270	300	285
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	95.0	95.5	95.2	95.2	94.8	95.2	280	95.4	95.9	95.7	95.7	95.6
DeSoto Acres Single Family	**2018 Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**June**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**2018 Dec**
Homes for Sale*	6	1	3	4	5	5	6	6	4	5	6	4
Homes Sold*	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Pending Sales*	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Average Days on Market*	38**	No Sale	116**	47	5	No Sale	No Sale	10	No Sale	1	No Sale	No Sale
Median Sale Price (000)*	660**	No Sale	470**	341	480	No Sale	No Sale	315	No Sale	349	No Sale	No Sale
Sold Price vs Orig. List Price*	96	No Sale	95.5**	91	97	No Sale	No Sale	93	No Sale	99.9	No Sale	No Sale

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ROLLING GREEN REZONE

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

Please Write the Planning Dept and / or Attend the Thursday, March 7th Hearing to Voice Your Concerns and / or Opposition

THE ROLLING GREEN REZONE PETITION IS MOVING AHEAD.

Your attendance at and input in the Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:00pm Planning Commission Hearing is critical to oppose this density increase.

Rezone Specifics

The subject property is generally located west of Tuttle Avenue, one parcel north of Myrtle Rd and South of 47th St. It is 139.28 acres currently designated as Moderate Density Residential (MODR, >2 and <5 Dwelling Units/acre) on the Sarasota County Future Land Use Map as Residential Estate (RE-2, 1 Dwelling Unit /acre). See map below for the Future Land Use Map and surrounding zoning designations.

The petitioner is requesting approval to rezone the subject property from RE-2 (one unit per acre) to RSF-2 Max (3.5 units per acre) to allow for the redevelopment of the subject property as a new in-fill residential development including a combination of detached and attached single-family homes. All existing structures are scheduled to be demolished.

The type & number of proposed residential units are:

- 233 Single Family detached units - lot size 42' or 52 'minimum width x 130' depth with setback sides 6', back 15' and front 25'.
- 254 Single Family attached units - lot size 72' width x 130' Villas with setback sides 6', back 15' and front 25'
- Equates to almost 1,000 new residents, based on an average of 2 people per Dwelling Unit.
- Building separation is 12'

Proposed Access:

- Two entrances / exists
- Both on Tuttle Avenue

Open space required: 30%

Onsite Amenities

- Club site and other amenity areas

Incompatible Density Increase

This proposed density increase is incompatible for all surrounding communities.

- A 350% density increase, from 1 house per acre to 3.5 houses per acres adds up to 1,000 more individuals coming and going from the development.
- Addition of 500 to 1,000 vehicles to Tuttle Avenue, whether one or two lanes decreases the quality of life for all adjacent communities.
- Only Tuttle Rd servicing the 500 - 1,000 additional vehicles will further increase North and South traffic through our community!
- East/West cut-through traffic within our community will increase due to the increased number of vehicle going to and from Tuttle Ave.
- With the increase in impervious area, stormwater runoff will increase.

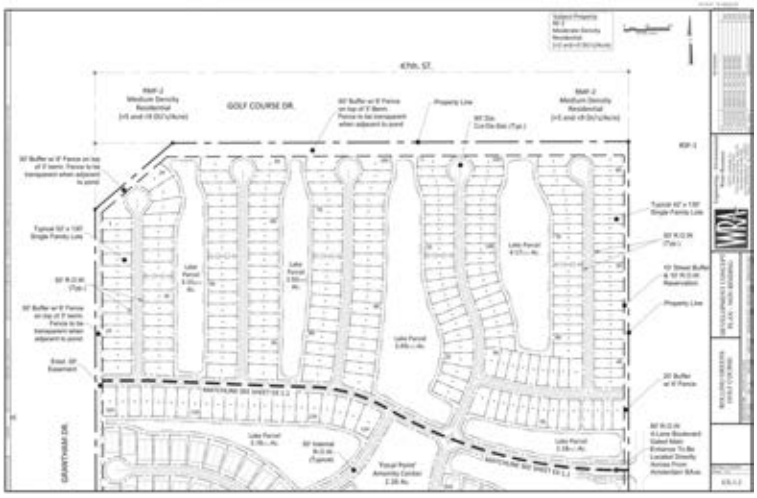
The Rolling Green Rezone Petition is on the DeSoto Acres website - DeSotoAcres.org./Announcements.

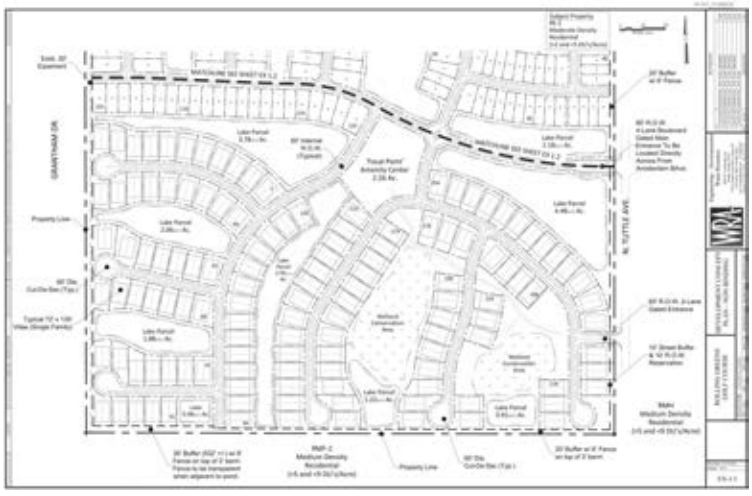
Communicate your Opposition / Concerns

Please write to the Planning Department to express your concerns and / or opposition to the proposed density increase. Email Planner @scgov.net and cc: the County Commissioners.

Plan to attend the Thursday, March 7th 5:00pm Hearing to voice your concerns or just show up . Having strong resident representation carries a lot of weight on the Commission decision.

Thank you to all, for your unity to stand against this rezone.





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Home Grown

Hello! I hope you all had a fabulous growing season here in the Acres. At this time, if planned accordingly, our vegetable gardens are flourishing and almost done for the season. Being in the middle of the winter, there is not much new gardening to be done without wondering if they'll get nipped by some arbitrary, February frost. You may be thinking, "Well, gee, Ariel. I didn't plan accordingly and I've got nothing growing this season! What's there to do?" Do not fret!

As Florida winter is coming to an end, now is a fabulous time to start planning your larger plantings (trees, shrubs, ornamentals, etc.) to establish and thrive in the warmer months. You can also plant “quick crops” at this time, like radishes or greens, that will yield in just a couple of months before it gets too hot for our lovely veggies here. NOW you may be wondering, "Are there really no veggies to be grown through the summer here in Florida?" and my answer would be- I'm not sure. Summer vegetable gardening in Florida is a rare sight. Most farmers will plant a cover crop to help build the soil through the summer and start planting again in the fall. Here at our yard, we will be experimenting this summer with some heat-loving vegetables and monitoring if they can weather the… weather. I will let you know how that turns out.

I wish you all, happy planning and a congratulations to everyone for making it through this unusually long winter as we look forward to a prosperous, mango-filled summer.

Ariel, our new gardening columnist, is very nearly an Acres “lifer”. After high school, she travelled to the western United States to study organic farming. Her intent is to share her knowledge and passion for growing edibles.

“Pictured is a bee hard at work on one of my favorite garden flowers/herbs- Borage. Borage makes beautiful blue/purple flowers that are edible, attract many bees, and fall on the earth when mature.. leaving star shaped flowers in your walkway.”

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Sept 8, 2018 to Jan 31, 2019

Date	Crime Type	Location
12/21/2018	Assault	2600's 59th St.
12/25/2018	Assault	3000's 57th St.
10/01/2018	P/Theft Auto	2200's 61st St.
09/17/2018	Larceny	3100's 57th 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 Crime Mapping 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

Spring Community Clean-Up

Saturday, April 13th
8:00am to noon

Where To Meet

Sam and Candy Miller are hosting the Spring 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 April 13th.

Thinking of Holding a Yard Sale This Year?

DeSoto Acres Association Community Yard Sale is Fri, Sat, & Sun, March 8th, 9th & 10th, 2019

DeSoto Acres Association Community Yard Sales is three days on Fri, Sat, and Sun, march 8th, 9th and 10th.

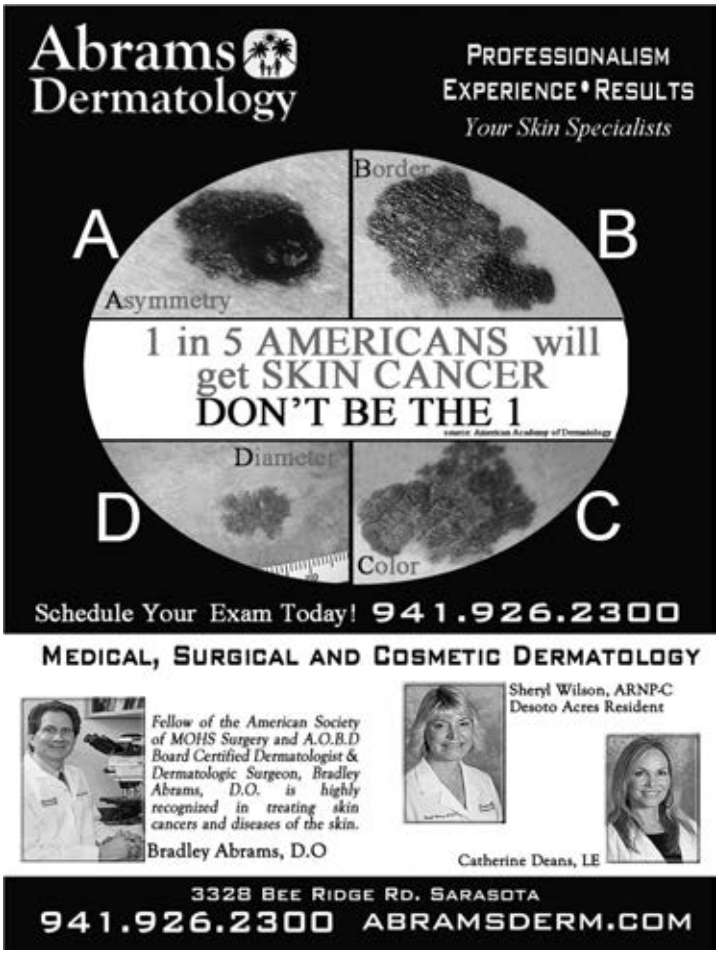
When planning for your yard sale, here are some suggestions you might consider.

- Let everyone know you are holding a yard sale. Participate in the Association Yard Sale Map. Put balloons or sign on your mailbox, Post signs at the closest intersections, put signs up in the right-of-way in front of your home. Make your yard sale very visible.
- First impressions count. People driving by will judge your sale by how organized, tidy and clean it is. Make sure your customers are presented with a welcoming and organized entrance from the street.
- Line your big items along your driveway or in the front yard, especially if you plan to display all your items in your garage. This "softens" the barrier between your garage and the public to help enter your "space."
- It helps to have two people working a yard sale. One person to handle the money, the other to answer questions and watch the shoppers.
- Displaying items; use benches, tables, use bulletin boards to tack up jewelry, and many more ideas are listed at this website www.bestgaragesaletips.com.
- Price everything you can with small stickers or group same price items in containers the night before. This makes the purchasing process easier on you. Items are picked up and moved from "batch" price places and many times become mixed up.
- Consider the weather, any plastic items in sealed plastic bags will “disfigure” in a strong Florida Sun. Yes, this happened and the Legos my kids were selling were ruined. Yup, keep in a shaded area.;
- Think "value pricing" when you set a price on an item. Rule of thumb is maximum of 30% of original price. Decrease price from that point for condition of item .
- Have everything out in your yard or garage by 7:00 am. Many "professional" yard sale goers start early.
- If you have a front facing garage, consider set everything up in your garage the night before and all you have to do is open the door and move a table or two out onto the driveway.
- Keep the doors to your home locked for your safety. Do not allow shoppers to enter your home unless you personally know them.

You should have received the DeSoto Acres Community Association Yard Sale postcard notice.

To increase treasure seekers at your yard sale, join the Association, contact John Murray at 941-402-0111 or email yardsale@DeSotoAcrs.org, and participate in the Yard Sale locator map, look for the Association Yard Sale Signs posted prior to March 8th, plus Association sponsored yard sale ads in local papers and Craig’s List

We look forward to seeing you having a successful yard sale or treasure hunt.



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Company Tag Line (48 characters / spaces maximum length)

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(**Planning Meetings**- continued from page 3)

speak to each other or us, once a formal petition has been submitted to the Planning Department, and includes before and during hearings. This also prevents the BOCC from responding to emails and concerns - but they still receive them and take everything into consideration.

At a public hearings, speaking is limited to three minutes per individual.

Types of rezone petitions are:

- RZ = Rezone Petition
- SE = Special Exception Application

Things that are taken into consideration by County Staff and Planning / County Commission Board when a RZ or SE is requested:

- Current and surrounding zoning compatibility
- Transportation, Environmental Protection, Stormwater, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Landscaping and Tree Protection, Fire, Historical, Schools, Fees
- Just to name a few, see County Planning Documents for a more inclusive list.

At a public petition hearing, if you want to speak against the petition you must provide "competent evidence". Commissioners are not moved by emotion or wants.

**To access the Planning Date Explorer GIS Map, go to the main county website: scgov.net / Map It button / GIS / Planning Data Explorer .

At neighborhood meetings, the Planner who handles the application usually is the one who attends and answers process questions at the neighborhood meetings.

You can email the Planner and request the "formal summary" of the neighborhood meeting.

As mentioned, if the petition moves forward to a "formal application", the next step is the Planning Commission Hearing. A petition package is assembled by the Planning Department and provided to the Planning Commissioners two weeks prior to the public hearing. You can obtain a copy of this package on line (Planning Commission Hearing Agenda Item) or by requesting from the Planner associated with the petition.

Public input is valuable to the process whether verbally present at workshops / public hearings or in writing to the Planning Department prior to any public hearing. You can physically mail in a letter stating your position on the proposed land use / rezone change. Or, you can email to the Planning Department at planner@scgov.net and cc all the County Commissioners.

When you write or email, say up front "Please approve/ deny", then list your reasons. Keep it short and with "competent evidence". The planners and commissioners appreciate when you are clear and concise.

An example of competent evidence follows: (both when you email and at a hearing) "I live X number of houses from this stop light and I use this turn X numbers of times per day, and I have seen this (i.e. traffic, people running lights or stop signs, pile up of line of cars), and I have these photos to show."

Because you share this information under oath at a hearing, your word and photos are taken as the truth.

Step 3 – Site Development

Prior to consideration by the County, any proposed site development must have the appropriate Future Land Use and zoning for the intended use. This does not include any building(s). The County Land Development Department reviews the proposed plan for land development, transportation planning, stormwater, utilities permitting, fire marshal, environmental health, history center, environmental permitting, tree protection, air & water quality, landscape, zoning, planning design standards review (if applicable), and traffic operations (if a signal is required).

The meeting ended. For clarification, an example of "site development" is the proposed Rolling Green conversion from a golf course to residential. The site development is detailed, while the building types are noted but not detailed. This site development plan is part of the proposed rezone to higher density.

This ends the summary of the first DeSoto Acres Community Meeting on the Planning Process.

Next 5 Community Meetings

There are five more meetings scheduled - see page 12.

Please attend to provide your input, with facts, on each of these topics, understand the meaning of competent evidence so we all engage the County staff in meaningful discussions. A calm professional discussion is important to keep the County's attention.

Only your input in these discussions can affect the outcome. Yes, your input REALLY matters!

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Notice of Sarasota County DeSoto Acres Community Meetings

DeSoto Acres Neighborhood Plan

You're invited to Sarasota County's next meetings!

All residents and stakeholders of the DeSoto Ares Community are invited to join for meetings hosted by the Sarasota County Neighborhood Services.

Land-use/Long-Range Planning	**Monday, March 4, 2019**
Environmental Protection	**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**
All Things Transportation	**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**
Safety / Traffic Enforcement	**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**
Lockwood Ridge Corridor CAP	**Wednesday, April 24, 2019**

At Longwood Run Community Center
6050 Longwood Run Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34234

6:00pm

Sarasota Counmty Staff representing each topic will join the meetings.

Please RSVP and send questions to neighbor@scgov.net

Encourage your neighbors to join the meetings.

Notice of Rolling Green Rezone Petition Planning Commission Hearing

March 7, 2019 at 5:00pm **(see page 8 for more details)**