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SARASOTA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT SPONSORS DESOTO ACRES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Summary -

Over the past two months, Sarasota County held seven DeSoto Acres community meetings. The County mailed notices to each DeSoto Acres resident and emailed notifications to those on the County email list. The purpose of these County meetings was to obtain resident input on a variety of topics. From this input, County staff will distill resident input into a recommendation to the Sarasota County Commissioners for future plans on each of these topics. (See page 4 for links to each County meeting.)

The February 2019 Newsletter provided detailed background as to how and why these meetings are taking place. In summary, *DeSoto Acres is a unique community*. At 850 acres, we are the largest, oldest platted neighborhood in Sarasota County (not including the City of Sarasota). As we near our 100th anniversary, we are attempting to gain County recognition of this uniqueness, as we work together to preserve our character, the integrity of our neighborhood, and our zoning. This includes properties along Lockwood Ridge, west to Shade / Middle Ave, and North from University Parkway (with the OPI light office zoning specifically created in 1996 to minimize UP commercial development impact next to DeSoto Acres low-density residential zoning), south to 47th St / 51st St (adjacent to the industrial park).

The North Lockwood Ridge Corridor Study was the link by which the County allocated resources to determine how best to assist DeSoto Acres to preserve our uniqueness. The seven meetings were designed to discuss this uniqueness, and to voice our community concerns. County staff, and representatives related to the meeting topics, listened to resident's input on each topic to assess current status, gather data and input, and recommend how to move forward.

DeSoto Acres: Strengths and Uniqueness

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful community, and many of the things that make us unique, we take for granted. Not many cities can boast to have large residential, open greenspace parcels nestled five minutes from a thriving downtown, Sarasota Bay, and every big box store and restaurant any human could want! Below are some additional characteristics that make DeSoto Acres a "one-of-a-kind" in the state of Florida:

- We are the only one-house per two acres community in North County west of I-75.
- Our large lots provide aquifer replenishment and stormwater infrastructure control for areas to the south of our community.
- Our lots have old growth vegetation, including grand trees. Our neighborhood offers a rich habitat for wildlife, and includes protected wetlands. This is a relief area for Florida plants, animals, and humans.
- Our area is known for stabling horses. DeSoto Acres horses are part of our heritage and we remain a horse friendly community. Zoning code was "grandfathered in" to allow stabling horses on our properties, and chickens as well.
- Our community has a relationship with the John Ringling History. Many circus families lived in our area from the 1930's, close to the winter home of the Ringling Circus in North Sarasota County.

- Our founder, William Van Dame, contributed to Sarasota County's growth and connection to the north by donating his land to connect 301 from 17th St. north into Manatee County. His vision for Van Dame Estates, was to offer large lots for suburban homes or small farms close to the City (based on a 1928 ad from the Sarasota Herald Tribune). In the 1950s/ 1960s, the area was re-platted by the County to include all parcels within our Community. The zoning designation was "E" for Estate 1 house per acre. In 1975 DeSoto Acres was re-designated as RE-1 for Residential Estate 1 house per 2 acres.

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Meeting Overview

Through discussions in the meetings, several challenges were identified and presented to the County. Below is a brief overview of each meeting:

Land-use/Long-Range Planning and Lockwood Ridge Corridor CAP Meetings: Given our large lots in an area where land is in high demand for development, a property owner can request a zoning change with the County. (See February 2019 Newsletter for a summary of the Land-use/Long-Range Planning process). A proposed change in DeSoto Acres or within 3 miles or more can affect DeSoto Acres, as we experienced with the recent change to Rolling Green Golf Course (see page 3 for more info) County Staff can also recommend changes to the Sarasota County Commission. For example, a proposal is being explored by the County to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit on any resident parcel. (See page 10 for details.) The meeting on the Lockwood Ridge Corridor CAP was to obtain residential input on what makes DeSoto Acres unique. Then staff may determine if an Overlay District is warranted or if it's a neighborhood plan, which identifies what should be considered as Sarasota County departments move forward to evaluate planning for future capital improvements. These may include sidewalks, turn lanes, road designs, etc. Whereas An Overlay District defines physical characteristics, uses, etc., within an area that are different than the rest of the County. The County staff defines uniqueness as zoning uses outside of the current code. Examples were provided for areas that qualify as "unique", such as Siesta Key with their resort, beach, residential lifestyle mix, and Pinecraft with their 1920's structures on small lots with no set-backs and their unique lifestyle use of bicycle retail/rental within a residential area.

Environmental Protection Meeting: As County building and infrastructure codes have changed, DeSoto Acres is now challenged in how our neighborhood is perceived. While the county's grand tree zoning has helped to save larger, older species of trees and digging retention ponds for building pads is no longer allowed, native plant and wild life is de-emphasized as seen in the reduction of greenways in the 2050 plan. Attending residents voiced strong opinions to protect our unique habitats, protected wetlands, and declining variety of animal, bird, and insects. Beyond sharing an appreciation for nature, the County representatives knew little about the past or current status of our natural environment.

"Now is the time to be engaged, to be a part of the process so the County can hear you."

Pileated Woodpecker on 57th St

Transportation Meeting: All of Sarasota County and Florida are experiencing major transportation issues. Increased vehicles along minor and major arterials have pushed overflow traffic into adjacent residential areas, throughout Florida. DeSoto Acres grid system, with two minor arterials cutting our community into quadrants is our challenge. During morning and evening commute times, especially aggravated during snowbird season, the cut through speeding traffic is quite evident. Attending residents were very vocal about the increase in traffic and safety and provided many ideas of what the County could do to mitigate and keep our community intact.

Safety/Traffic Enforcement Meeting: With increased development around our borders and increased traffic cutting through our community, walking on our streets, riding our horses or bicycles, or driving our cars to visit a friend down the street is a challenge. The County is working with DeSoto Acres Community to install sidewalks along DeSoto Rd and Tuttle Ave. Future County workshops will be scheduled. For other streets with proposed sidewalks, **the County has sent out a survey to residents along those streets to determine if they want sidewalks or not.** Other options such as round-abouts, marked pedestrian crossings, road designs to slow traffic were proposed to County staff, however the Deputy representative at the meeting kept reminding us that they can only enforce speed. The other traffic mitigating issues need to be addressed at the transportation department. Other safety issues that were mentioned included the growing concern over homeless encampments and illegal substance sales.

Stormwater/Drainage Meeting: We learned the County has a drainage survey of DeSoto Acres from the 1970's. Building requirements have changed, increasing finished floor height, requiring water drainage from our lots to go into the County drainage swales, etc. Residents questions included coordination between stormwater and the building department, and the representative replied no coordination on an individual lot basis. When asked about new residential construction requirements of water drainage control to other properties, the county representative indicated this was not a consideration.

(See *County Meetings* continued on page 11)

President's Message

My Fellow DeSoto Acres Residents,

Over the past two months, there has been a series of meetings with county representatives from various departments. All residents were asked to identify common issues and complaints from within our DeSoto Acres area, plus our unique characteristics. In these meetings, a common thread emerged, heavy intrusive traffic. And as time passes and Sarasota and our immediate area grows, ongoing traffic and growth will continue to adversely affect our area. The tranquility of the north end of Sarasota county has been changed forever with the willful destruction of the rustically, beautiful Rolling Green golf course and the rampant housing growth in southern Manatee County. I can't begin to compute the number of acres of natural drainage and animal habitat forever lost, and how the apparent mitigation falls directly into DeSoto Acres' lap. DeSoto Acres was platted in 1921. Each home built during the 98 years that followed has left its family's mark and flavor. We have grown into a very unique area with equally unique zoning. Our challenge is, how do we preserve this rare county gem? We have chosen to live in the Acres because of our zoning not in spite of it. What changes can we help the county create to preserve for another 100 years, the natural drainage, quiet greenspace, natural animal and bird habitat, safe horse and pedestrian walk space…our list goes on. We all, including the county, must keep an open mind and be ready to discuss and work together to reach speedy consensus. The goal is to make our streets safe and maintain our area as an oasis amid the busy outside area.

Sincerely, Bob Heere, President, DeSoto Acres

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Newsletter Update

Welcome to the June 2019 issue of the DeSoto Acres Association Newsletter. A big thank you to Director Lisa Moody, for her time putting together this newsletter. And a bigger thank you to Diana Harvey and Jane Paquette, for all their years of service on this newsletter and all-things DeSoto Acres!

ROLLING GREEN GOLF COURSE APPROVED

In a 4 to 1 vote, the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners approved the rezone to allow the construction of 487 single-family homes and villas on the 139.28 acres. The only entrances and exits are on Tuttle Ave. The Rolling Green Golf Village Condominium Association, directly to the north of the property reached a settlement with the rezone applicant and attorney for buffer concessions, sealing the deal. Voting For the rezone, Commissioners Maio (District 4), Ziegler (District 2), Detert (District 3), and Hines (District 5). Voting to Deny, Commissioner Moran (District 1).

This rezone was opposed by the residents of the Winds of St. Armands, Rolling Green Golf Village South, Northwoods Community, and DeSoto Acres Community for many reasons, the most cited being safety as the County refused to address the "failed" condition of Tuttle Ave and lack of traffic planning concurrent with the development's estimated construction. The legal basis cited for not applying traffic concurrency standards to the rezone, is the Community Planning Act(2011) and its companions, F.S. 163.3180 and F.A.C. Rule 9J-5, have banned "traffic" from any consideration as it relates to anything to do with proposed development. This verbiage to "not apply traffic concurrency standards" is also incorporated in County Policy 1.3.12. For many, this makes no sense. Residents sent in letters, and both attended and spoke against the density of the project at the public hearings. It was asked at the Planning Commission if there were any dollars in the County budget to address Tuttle's "failed" level of current usage and the inevitable increase in Tuttle traffic from this development. The answer was, "there are no dollars in the budget at this time". Communities surrounding this now approved rezone, are watching how the County will address the expected aggravation of current issues.

The next County Commission election is in 2020 for District 1, District 3, and District 5. Don't forget, the Sarasota County Charter amendment to restrict voting in each commission race to residents who live within the district passed 60% to 40% in the Nov. 8th, 2018 general election. This voting rule is in place for the 2020 upcoming elections.

MEMORY LANE - ZIPPING THROUGH THE ACRES

I've lived on 59th street 35 years now. I can't imagine a better place to have raised our two sons. The large property afforded us the quiet privacy I needed as a medical professional, working nights and sleeping days. The four+ acres also provided a large playground for the boys, reminiscent of the farmland I grew up on in Indiana. For years we had a zip line up between two trees in our front yard. Birthday parties at the Harveys always ended up outside, with a long line of kids waiting their turn to squeal and zip across the 50 yards from tree to tree! A few parents even gave it a try, myself included. I always felt that the zip line was the best toy I ever bought the kids. We talked about that this past Christmas and #1 son said the best toy ever was the monster truck...and it's true, our bit of the neighborhood was rarely without the constant whine of the Mattel monster truck if our sons were awake and outside. #1 son was always the driver, #2 son content to be driven by older brother for years! #1 then segued immediately into driving the riding lawnmower while pulling a wagon full of kids (blade never engaged) and then onto an 80cc dirt bike that we built several jumps in our backyard. Our boys and their friends did not play quietly, and I would not have wanted it any other way. *~Article by Don Harvey*

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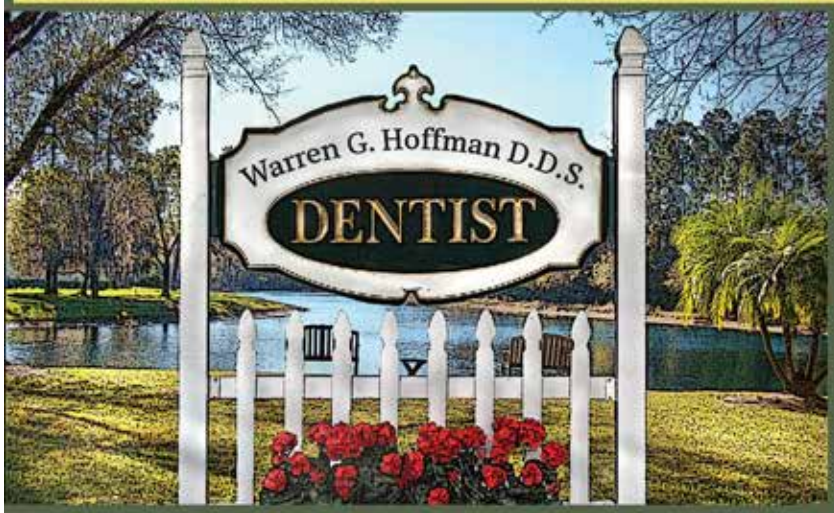

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DESOTO ACRES REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Article by Lee Brewer, Broker/Realtor, CDPE, Equator Platinum Certified, REMAX Alliance Group

After a bit of a slow start, the first quarter finished strong in Sarasota County for single home sales. At the end of the first quarter, inventory levels, pending sales and closed sales are higher than last year, although the median sales price is slightly lower. With nearly 6 months of inventory the real estate market has shifted from a seller's market to a balanced market.

In recent weeks and months some of my customers have had concerns about the market softening and whether there will be "another bubble". Some say because the market has been so good for so long it can't last. Others have noticed there hasn't been much appreciation of late. First, let me say my crystal ball has been broken for some time and now only works in reverse. Having said that, I would like to point out that the last "bubble" was caused by a number of factors which together created the perfect storm. Our current real estate environment is vastly different from days gone by. For starters, we are currently experiencing the lowest unemployment rates nationally in my adult life.

Wages are increasing due to competition for skilled employees and some employees are even being offered signing bonuses and/or bonuses for bringing other good employees to work. Lenders no longer offer "liars loans" to the mainstream.

You know the "stated income/stated asset" loan product that would allow a school teacher in Sarasota County to claim to earn $40,000 per MONTH (seriously!) and get a loan (or several loans) based on that income.

Loans today are fully documented and fully underwritten which has all but removed from the market those who would speculate while using "other people's money". So, for now, just relax and enjoy living in paradise.

As always, feel free to call me with any real estate related questions you may have. If you have a lot (preferably a corner lot) you would like to sell I am currently working with buyers actively looking to purchase in The Acres.

Sarasota County Single Family	January		February		March	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Homes for Sale*	3008	3548	3151	3581	2754	3515
Homes Sold*	519	460	569	593	766	778
Pending Sales*	765	891	1156	1086	888	1210
Average Days on Market*	46	45	46	60	51	51
Median Sale Price (000)	276	286	273	287	287	285
Sold Price vs Original List Price*	95.0	95.3	95.5	95.9	95.2	95.4
DeSoto Acres Single Family	**January**		**February**		**March**	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Homes for Sale*	3	6	1	5	3	6
Homes Sold*	1	2	0	1	2	0
Pending Sales*	1	1	2	0	0	1
Average Days on Market*	7	38*	No Sale	138	116*	No Sale
Median Sale Price (000)	293	660*	No Sale	550	470*	No Sale
Sold Price vs Original List Price*	90.15	96	No Sale	92	95.5*	No Sale

*Data sources: Multiple Listing Service, Sarasota Association of Realtors, Sarasota County Property Appraiser, which are solely responsible for their accuracy.
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HOME GROWN - LETTUCE LOVE THE WEEDS

Good morning, afternoon, or evening (depending on when you're reading this). Spring is here and as our rainy season approaches, one thing that is on the mind of fellow gardeners or lawn maintainers alike is… the many flourishing weeds to come. Oh yes, the dreadful weeds that love to grow in places we don't want them. Their seeds stick to our socks and they often take over our garden beds. I am here today to suggest a different way to look at these intruders, and that is, as volunteers.

"Weeds", or 'Volunteers', as I like to call them, are really a blessing as much they are a curse. For instance, my yard and many DeSoto Acres yards are not covered in traditional grass, but a collection of volunteers who are happy to grow where other plants will not. They give our yards shades of green to cover and protect our sandy soil, so inhabitants may live there and keep our ecosystem happy. Volunteer plants also provide beautiful flowers if not mowed or pulled too early. I don't know the name, but every Spring the yard gets filled with tall, little purple flowers that we used to pick as children.

One more thing I want to mention about weeds that you may be a little skeptical about is… many of them are edible! That's right; I said it. I know a few of the many plants that grow wild in our yard are totally edible. There is one that tastes like ground pepper that can be sprinkled on salads, and another called Bidens Alba that you've all seen. It grows almost shrublike if let be, and has little daisy looking flowers that have a yellow center with white petals. This plant is not only edible like spinach, but is known to help reduce the pain from ant bites, along with other medical properties. Did you know that dandelions are considered weeds up north, but is bottled and sold in health food stores for aiding in the healing of multiple ailments?

Its root is even brewed and made into a delicious tea. If dandelions can be used in so many ways, I am sure that we have food and medicine growing wild in our backyards as well. I must mention that it is VERY important to not consume anything without knowing for sure what it is and that it is indeed edible, as approved by a professional. If you are curious about a plant, I suggest taking pictures and a few cuttings to the Sarasota County extension office, where the real experts are.

I can admit that I too, sometimes find weeds to be very annoying. It's true, they do get in our socks and our gardens and just seem to pop up in places where we really don't want them. But I hope this bit of prose has given you some food for thought (and food for free) on the potential that these little guys do have- the life they give and joy they provide. Thank you for reading, Ariel Friedman

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.

COP'S CORNER

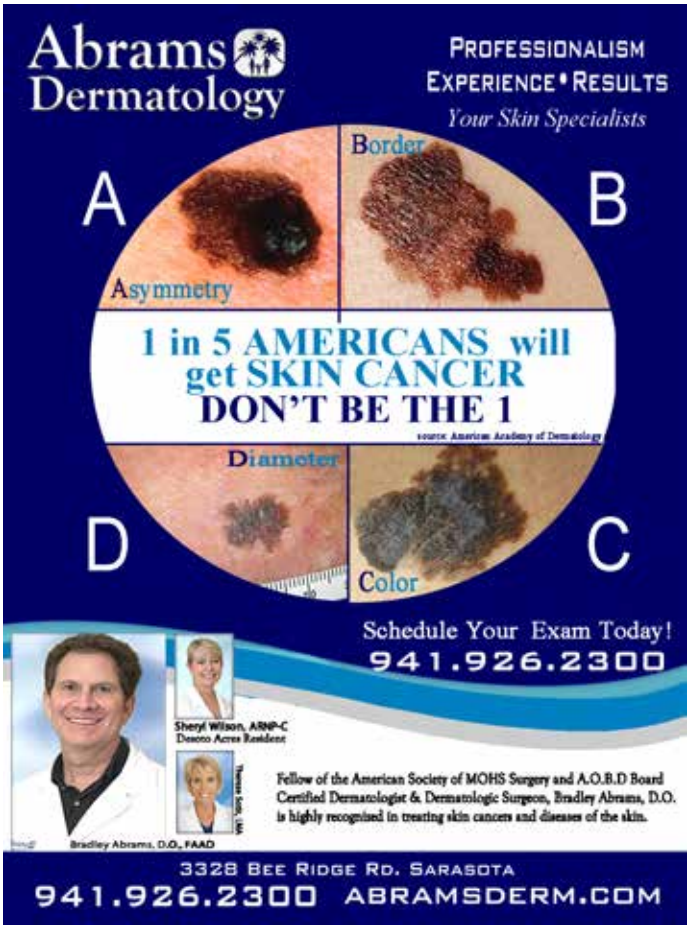
Feb 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019

Date	Crime	Location
02/05/19	Poss Controlled Sub	2500's 47th St.
03/02/19	Burglary/Attempt	2100's 53rd St.

As reported on the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department Crime Mapping site February 1 - April 30, reported crime in our community is remaining very low. Still, remain vigilant and LOCK YOUR CARS, keep toys, equipment, bikes, locked out of sight.

More safety information is available at www.sarasotasheriff.org.

Please Report Suspicious Activity to the Sheriff's Department. Call 911.



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SARASOTA COUNTY EXPLORES ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (WITH KITCHEN) IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING

Your attention to the following topic is critical to determine if the evolving zoning change will or will not apply to DeSoto Acres zoning RE-1 (Residential Estate, one house per two acres). Please forward any future information you obtain about this possible change to President@DeSotoAcres.org and to VicePresident@DeSotoAcres.org. The County report, dated Feb 28, 2019 is available on the DeSoto Acres Association website DeSotoAcres.org under the Announcements tab.

The proposal is still under review and no ordinance has been drafted as the County is still obtaining data and input. The following are direct excerpts from the County staff report.

The Sarasota County Commission (Board) elevated housing affordability as a priority in 2017. Since that time, staff has presented data, engaged the community and compiled best practices into the Situational Report, delivered to the Board on May 22, 2017. In a report dated 2/28/2019, staff focused on smaller-sized units in a single-family setting, specifically an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ... The report contains a summary, data, and best practices relating to ADUs as a form of affordable housing.

Currently, Sarasota County ADU regulations consider a dwelling without a kitchen as not increasing the density on the property. If a kitchen is within the dwelling unit it would count as a separate unit on the parcel and pending the zoning and lot size this could restrict many properties from making these units available for rent or at all. An ADU (without kitchen) is permitted in Residential Estate (RE).

The County staff recommendation amending the Unified Development Code (UDC) is to encourage development and use of ADU's. Currently, Base Districts of the UDC allows ADUs in a subdivision platted after (the word "to" was removed) October 2003… One unit per lot

or parcel with the property owner occupying either the principal dwelling or accessory dwelling unit. Maximum floor area is to be no more than 500 square feet. Each accessory dwelling contributes towards the density of the subdivision and cannot exceed the subdivision maximum. (Other limitations are cited in the report.)

The recommendations at this time:

- Not counting ADUs with kitchens in residential single-family districts as an additional unit, for the purposes of density.
- Maintaining the setbacks, maximum lot coverage, and additional parking space requirements.
- Requiring owner occupied status (verified through the homestead exemption status) for those property owners who want to rent out either the ADU or the primary structure.

If the UDC is amended to encourage ADUs, staff would provide community outreach, education, and assistance on the topic of ADUs. This would primarily include the explanation of the regulations and intent of the code language, as well as potentially offer architectural design guidelines.

Your Association recently learned of this "proposed" evolution in the zoning code and is learning more to know how the UDC is amended, if the final version of the ADU will impact DeSoto Acres or not, and provide input. The proposed zoning change could be a realistic attempt to address affordable housing for elderly, recent graduates, and low-income, without affecting our residential character. Taking a pessimistic view, this could also be an attempt to change density. We all need to be vigilant and informed. Please help keep all of DeSoto Acres informed. Thank you.

UPDATE: TRAYLOR/UNIVERSITY PARKWAY

The parcel at the southeast corner of University Parkway (UP) & Traylor Ave is currently under construction. The owners are building an educational facility. The parcel's educational use complies with the UP Corridor Plan and County Comprehensive Plan. Light Office, developed at the same time as the UP Corridor Plan, allows low-impact, business-hour professional uses next to our low-density residential area. OPI zoning allows Group Living (ex: Autumn Leaves), various types of Day Care, **Educational**, various types of Medical Facilities (ex: the Medical Building to the west of this parcel), etc. See Sarasota County Muni Code, Article 5.1 Use Table for more information. We welcome the Goddard School to our community. More about the new facility to come in an upcoming newsletter.

COUNTY MEETINGS, CONTINUED FM PG 2

Many residents differed, based on actual experience of water flooding or swale water backing up, as they have either worked with County staff to ensure water drains from their lot to the drainage swale or confirmed the height of driveway drainage culverts is in compliance. Many residents have experienced flooding from adjacent new residential properties that were not mitigated by the county building staff. More questions included, how the County plans for water flow into residential properties when street improvements are conducted. Currently, residents at 47th St west of Tuttle and residents north of DeSoto, along Tuttle to 59th St west are experiencing flooding during normal rain events. Stormwater / Drainage is a big consideration in DeSoto Acres 850+ acres and an important asset for Sarasota County Staff to keep in mind.

DeSoto Acres: Our Time is Now

The County staff will share their assessment of the DeSoto Acres' Community Meetings, including whether to include all of DeSoto Acres in the Lockwood Ridge Corridor planning or not, prior to sending forward to the County Commissioners. Our opportunity is to listen, review, and provide our edits or clarifications to the County. It is also our opportunity to understand what the County Staff can recommend for DeSoto Acres' future or what is for DeSoto Acres to take forward as their own initiative.

Now is the time to be engaged, to be a part of the process so the County can hear you. Please, take advantage of this rare opportunity to have the County to listen to you.

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DESOTO ACRES CLEANS UP!

21 lawn signs from around our homes

DeSoto Acres Association and residents send Sam and Candy Miller a big thank you for their continued hosting of the DeSoto Acres Clean-up day. Sam and Candy provide coffee, donuts, trash bags and the opportunity to get to know your neighbors. We wish to thank the other heroes of spring clean-up day 2019: the Podgis on 59th Street, Gore's on 47th Street, Bournivals of DeSoto Road, Lobos on 47th Street, Harveys on 59th Street, Haynes on 57th Street, and Langstons on 59th Street.

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.

A large part of the clean-up is removing yard signs illegally placed in the right-of-way. Homeowners can remove these signs any time they are in your adjacent right-of-way. These yard signs are a visibility issue for both drivers and walkers. The exception is political signs, which are allowed during the campaign period.

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 and the Millers 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 in November. Put in your calendar and please join all your neighbors.

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SUMMER IS HERE. PREPARE NOW.

As we learned two years ago, being prepared is a very good thing. Many residents sealed their homes and traveled north; many others hunkered down in place. Whatever you choose, Sarasota County and FEMA provide very useful information on hurricane preparedness online and through their print publications. Take time now to prepare.

Protect yourself and family with a Family Emergency Plan for your specific risks. Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals, including what shelters allow for vaccinated pets. If you have a horse, transport a sufficient distance from the coast at least 72 hours before the arrival of the storm. Transport boats inland or to protected rivers or bays. Remember, as the storm approaches, roads are clogged, plywood is gone, and water and food supplies are sold out. Stock your 3 day supplies in June so you are ready for any possible summer weather events. 60% of Sarasota County lost power due to Hurricane Irma. Large areas of DeSoto Acres experienced five to ten days without power. The winds we experienced were Category 1, 75mph+ with wind gusts at 92mph.

A comprehensive disaster plan includes how to prepare before the storm, what to have available during the storm, and considerations for after the storm. Refer to the Dept. of Homeland Security website for comprehensive information on Hurricane preparedness: https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes. After weather event refer to Sarasota County's website for information and updates.