Issue 1 2020

DeSoto·Acres

ASSOCIATION, INC.

Country Estates in the Heart of Town

New Year **New Decade** **New Century**

Message from the Prez

Hello Residents,

I have represented the residents of DeSoto acres for many years. I thank you all for the dedication and support you have given me in our efforts to keep DeSoto Acres the wonderful neighborhood we love and call home, but I have decided it is time for me to step down as the president of the Association.

The Association will continue to endeavor to preserve and be the voice of the residence of DeSoto Acres. I would like to thank those that worked on the board before me and those that volunteered with me and continue to dedicate their time, so please help to support them in making DeSoto acres the best neighborhood to live and raise a family.

Development will continue in our area that will try to change the face of our Oasis in the Heart of the City. It takes all of us to pay attention, to participate and get involved. All of us make up our neighborhood!

Thank you,

Bob Heere

Barred Owl - 57th Street

Great Backyard Bird Count

Citizen Scientists making a difference

Every February we are invited to become citizen ornithologists, as a part of the Audubon Society's backyard bird count. And what better place for birdwatching than right her in DeSoto Acres! Between Friday, February 14th through Monday, February 17th participants can spend as little as 15 minutes a day (or as long as you wish) observing and reporting your sightings online at birdcount.org. Each checklist submitted helps researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society learn more about how birds are doing and how to protect them in the environment we share. Last year, more than 160,000 participants submitted their observations online, creating the largest instant shapshot of global bird populations ever recorded! Grab your binoculars, whether it's one day or all four, and see how many birds you can count in your yard or on your street!

Cop's Corner

10/20/19 - Petty theft auto 61st & Traylor

10/25/19 - Fraud/use personal id 59th & Tuttle

11/13/19 - Petty theft auto Middle & 57th

11/25/19 - Poss/selling cont sub 53rd & Shade

12/12/19 - Fraud/use personal id 53rd & Middle

1/1/20 - DUI/traffic accident 59th & Tuttle

In Remembrance

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of a long time member of the DeSoto Acres Home Owner's Association board--Ted Whitman. Ted served as a volunteer on the board of DeSoto Acres HOA for more than 20 years.

He is a person remembered as a friend to all who would take the time to help however he could. He was a board member that would allow the use of his business facilities for our board meetings. He cared about his neighborhood but most of all, lived in DeSoto acres for more than 42 years where he made the neighborhood his home.

For all he has done, we say…
Thank you, Ted.

County Update

Presented by Ms. Kristin Ward & Ms. Monet Moore

Summary from 1/19/20 DSA Annual Meeting: Several community meetings were scheduled starting in February 2019 through April 2019. Planning and development discussed several topics over the last year, to include Planning process, Land use, Environment, Transportation, Safety & Traffic, and Lockwood Ridge Corridor.

Main Points:

- An overview was taken a look at traffic, safety, speed, etc.
- Tuttle and DeSoto sidewalks are planned
- Conservation and environment are a concern
- Storm water was a concern but Sarasota County will not be making any changes at this time
- City or county water is not in the plan for DeSoto Acres
- A complete neighborhood plan will be provided in a REPORT at the next Sarasota County meeting

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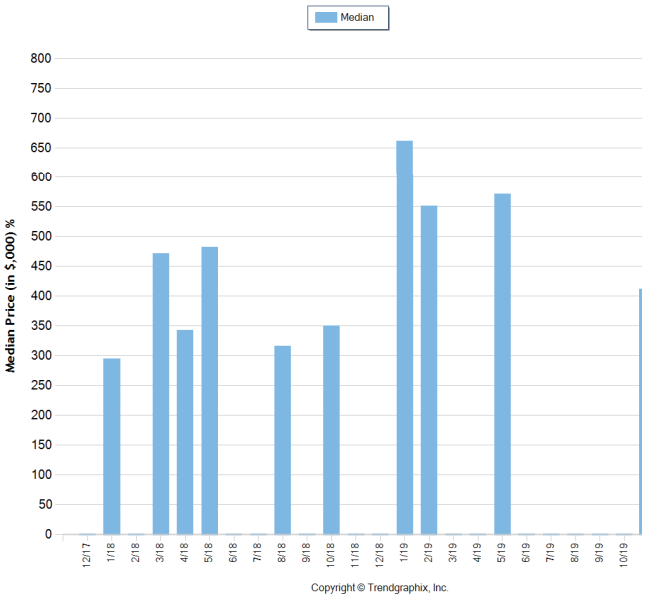

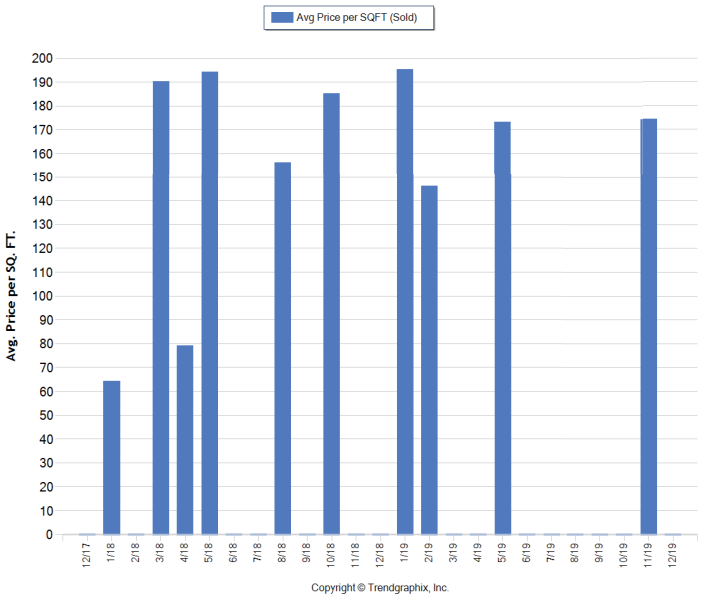

Welcome New Board Members!

President Alex Boudreau • **Vice President** Terry Lipman • **Secretary** Martha Hafner • **Treasurer** Vickie Crooke
Director Tim Lynch

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DeSoto Acres HOA Membership Dues are $35. If you are paid ahead, no amount change is necessary. To become members, please send $35 check payable to DeSoto Acres HOA, PO Box 556, Tallevast, FL 34270

Memory Lane visits the Yows

By Diana Harvey

With no immediate neighbors other than one family behind them to the south, Brenda and Johnny Yow moved into a very private 3/3 house on 59th street with their three children and it quickly became their beloved family home. The large lot was an easy ride to Brenda and Johnny's family business and allowed the kids and their friends lots of room for noisy play.

A humorous memory of the couple, which has become a bit of family lore, is the time the kids and their friends caught the vacant lot to the east on fire. Everyone was scrambling to hook up the garden hoses, and soon were dousing the fire. A short time later, a firetruck arrived to easily put an end to the blaze.....and that one lone neighbor from the south appeared in time to tell the firemen, "*the Yow kids had been shooting off bottle rockets!*"

The Yow's lot was improved with the ample four car garage, built by brother-in-law, Jay Smith. It housed son their son's race car for several years. "We had a bit of bad luck when we first moved into our home as both of us worked full time and the kids were in school all day. Our home was broken into three times in two years. The first time we lost the usual: TVs, electronics and a few personal items. The second time was stunning! We apparently outfitted someone's move into a new apartment or home. Our entire kitchen was gone when we got home: pots and pans, dishes, small appliances, placemats, silverware, food, chairs, everything! Pretty much outside of the refrigerator and stove, our kitchen was missing. We had to borrow dishes, silverware and pans from Johnny's parents on 51st street until we restocked our kitchen. The third break-in was pretty basic like the first, but for the fact that it was perpetrated by a single 15-year-old, wanted throughout Manatee County and tied to 50+ break-ins. An auditorium was needed to display the stolen items when trying to match property to its victims. We sure hope he has been rehabilitated, as sadly, he was obviously good at what he was up to".

"One Acres community project we were always involved in was the Acres' citizens patrol. We would take our once or twice monthly shift with the 2-way radio provided by the sheriff's department (pre-cell phone days) and "idle through the Acres". We'd watch for cars that did not belong, smoke, late night pedestrians, anything out of the ordinary. Usually it was just a pleasant drive with very little traffic and loads of wildlife. We all kept a notebook for signing in and out, and entering any observations. I remember reading, "*we needed to dim our lights as we disturbed a large owl eating a small rodent in the middle of Shade Avenue*." I'd sure like to see that notebook again and hope someone has saved it. It's a real piece of DeSoto Acres' history."

This coming August 2020, the Yows will celebrate forty years in the Acres.

The Goddard School Arrives

By Diana Harvey

The once vacant lot on the east corner at Traylor and University Parkway was cleared in early 2019, and construction is almost complete on The Goddard School. According to their website, the students will range in age from 6 weeks to 6 years, so it is best described a preschool. The Goddard School will operate during daytime hours, and is within the current OPi zoning.

The original Goddard School was created in 1988 by Lois Goddard Haines in an effort to better the lives of children and their families who required childcare. It's now franchised nationwide. The curriculum is meant to build children's emotional, academic, social, creative, and physical skills through play-based learning in a creative, fun setting.

This location is owned by Dr. & Mrs. Kayali, Sarasota residents since 2010. They have three sons, ages 6, 5, and 10 months, and the two youngest will attend the school. The Kayali's wanted more than a monetary investment—the'd like to make a positive difference in the community. The school has started enrollment and tours are available.

DeSoto Acres Needs You!

Let us know what you think.
Please take our recent survey at:
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- Manage our website

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Register by March 10th

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- Help Your Neighbor Day
- DSA 100th Anniversary Planning
- Block Party
- And More!

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