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## RTTB WILL HELP HOMEOWNERS WITH REPAIRS



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DESOTO COUNTY SPORTS

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Polk Ave. just north of Cypress St. is now repaired enough to permit traffic; however, it will not be repaved until all the roads damaged by flooding following Hurricane Ian are reconstructed and ready for paving.



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Photos provided

April is National Rebuilding Month, and Local Resident Chris Reesor, the Southwest Program Manager for Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB), told the Council that his organization recently "repaired 14 roofs in Harlem Heights in Lee County... and I selfishly want to bring those services here." According to the Website ([www.rttb.org](http://www.rttb.org)), RTTB is "expanding [its] service area to Hurricane Ian devastated communities throughout Southwest and Central Florida."

In a presentation to the Council, Executive Director Jose Garcia said that RTTB has

extended its services into Charlotte and Lee counties and now wants to partner with DeSoto County's existing nonprofits to provide "residential repairs to low-income residents." His organization has allocated \$250,000.00 donated by corporate partners, sponsors, and individuals to make sure that homeowners have a safe and healthy homes. Homeowners have to fill out an online application and agree not to sell their houses for five years.

In addition, Mayor Robert W. Heine, Jr., proclaimed April as Donate Life Month and thanked Assistant City Administrator Beth Carsten for her donation of an organ. The waiting list of those needing transplants is more than 103,000 people, and of those, nearly 4,900 are Florida residents; plus, "the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation remains

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DESOTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF MEDITATION HEARING

FRI

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APR  
19

DESOTO COUNTY

MITIGATION STRATEGY WORKING GROUP MEETING

WED  
10:00 AM

<https://desotobocc.com/calendar/event/2477>

APR  
25

DESOTO COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

TUE  
3 & 6:30 PM

<https://desotobocc.com/calendar/event/2236>

MAY  
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DESOTO COUNTY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THU  
NOON

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