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Rotonda West Association

# West Ways

## It's Celebration Time for An Important Anniversary!

*By Don Mahon*

Just ahead... a community-wide celebration and you're invited!!

The First Anniversary of the Grand Opening of the new, 8,000 square foot Community Center will be celebrated on Sunday, July 22. And all are invited to join in the festivities from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the sprawling Broadmoor Park at 646 Rotonda Circle, rain or shine.

The event will feature a Hawaiian theme. Island music, a luau, hula girls doing their thing, and Hawaiian treats will wow the party-goers. Tiki Tom, who lived in Hawaii for 20 years, will be one of several musicians being lined up. Others committed so far are Drum Circle People and Conch Blower.

The party site will feature appropriate decorations, and lots of them. Limbo and Hula Hoop Contests are planned, as well as other activities.

Coordinating the event as Chairperson is Claudette Romano, RWA Lead Administrator, with an assist from committee members Linda Bondeson, Steve Froggatt, Sue Killion, Donna Stogsdill, Sue Superak, Andy Vanscyoc and Scott Feldkamp.

The Hills Restaurant will cater the event and serve hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork and Hawaiian treats. An abundant number of snacks will also be available.

Two cash bars will be located near the Community Center and in the Tiki Hut. Tropical drinks with and without alcohol will be available,



Grand Opening of the Community Center was a success, join us July 22 for the anniversary celebration. *Photo by Wayne Mengel.*

as well as beer and well drinks. Three white tents will provide shade if needed, along with adequate seating outside.

As an added attraction, members of the Rotonda Cruisers Car Club will have their classic cars on display, polished up and hoods open, coordinated by John and Barb Peszko.

Saturday, July 22, 2017 was an historic day in our community. An estimated 600 guests ventured through the brand-new building and there were lots of oohs and aahs. They toured the main meeting room and three smaller meeting rooms and kitchen and feasted on coconut shrimp and other delicacies prepared by The Hills Restaurant staff.

Since its opening, the Community Center is getting plenty of use, as was anticipated. Some 70 meetings and events are held monthly. Multiple meetings held simultaneously are a common occurrence. Don't miss it! Follow the crowd on Sunday July 22nd to the party and enjoy a very special day!

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## Candidates for Primary Elections to Appear Here on August 8

*By Don Mahon*

For the first time, a political forum with State and County candidates is coming to our Community Center for Rotonda West residents at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8.

The forum is being held in conjunction with primary elections in a "Know Your Candidate" format.

On a State level, candidates will be invited seeking a U.S. Congressional seat representing this area and the State Attorney's office.

For Charlotte County offices, candidates

will be invited who are running for the Airport Authority and the School Board. Candidates for other positions may also be invited to participate.

Just like our Candidates Night for candidates to our Rotonda West Board, this is an opportunity to meet the candidates up close and personal and learn about their platforms. A Question & Answer session is also planned.

The forum is a project of the RWA Activities Committee chaired by Andy Vanscyoc.

Register toVoteFlorida.gov



## Neighborhood Watch Needs Volunteers

By Barry Kean

The Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch Program is a proven crime fighter. Neighborhood Watch patrols provide a visible demonstration of the community's commitment to support local law enforcement to keep Rotonda West safe and free of crime. Neighborhood Watch volunteers perform two distinct duties. Base stations work from home, providing a communication link between individual patrols and the organization, and when necessary the Sheriff's Department. Patrols drive designated, overlapping routes based on the neighborhoods in Rotonda West, between the hours of 9 and 11 PM, normally once a month. They use their private vehicles, marked with magnetic signs and, in most cases, flashing roof lights, providing a visible presence and deterrent to crime. Patrols report to their assigned base, by cell phone, any observed situations indicating actual or potential violations of law; they do not intervene or attempt to enforce the law themselves. The base relays these reports to the Sheriff's Department as appropriate.

But the success of the program is entirely dependent on volunteers, and recently volunteers have been in short

supply. This is especially true in the months when our snowbirds are not in residence. For example, a full schedule in April would have involved 145 patrols, but only enough volunteers were available to schedule 81, and only 66 were completed. This is typical of schedules in the warm months when part time residents are not available.

For this reason, Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch President Jack Horner has requested that current volunteers consider doing two patrols a month while the snowbirds are away. If you are interested in doing that, please contact your Area Coordinator. If you are not currently a Neighborhood Watch volunteer, please consider becoming one. The writer of this article has served as a Neighborhood Watch patrol driver for over three years. It has been in every respect a rewarding experience. Neighborhood Watch provides comprehensive and effective training for all volunteers. This is an effective way to make a significant contribution to our community with a small-time commitment.

Neighborhood Watch meets monthly, at 2 PM on the second Thursday of each month, at the new Rotonda West Community Center in Broadmoor Park. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend one of these meetings, or to check out the web site at [www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com](http://www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com).

## Englewood Fishing Club Brings Anglers Together

By Barry Kean

The area around Rotonda West offers some of the best fishing in the world, and many Rotondans are avid anglers. A few have discovered the Englewood Fishing Club; more may be interested in learning about it.

The Englewood Fishing Club was started fourteen years ago by a small group of recreational fishermen who wanted to meet, talk and socialize with other fishermen, go fishing more, and in the process become better fishermen and help conserve the marine environment. The Club now has a membership of 112 fishing enthusiasts, some 28 of whom are Rotonda residents.

In addition to holding fishing competitions and informational events for its members, the Englewood Fishing Club sponsors a Children's Fishing Awards Program in which Club members take youngsters under 12 fishing; children receive recognition and a prize (a fishing rod) for the fish they catch. Club members also participated



Fishing for the big one. Photos by David Pulaski.

in the Big Brothers Big Sisters annual fishing day this past April at Chadwick Park, assisting 47 young anglers, most of whom had little or no previous fishing experience. The Club also collects food for a local food bank year-round and toys for Toys for Tots every Christmas.

The Englewood Fishing Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Rotonda West Community Center. Meetings generally feature an informative presentation on some aspect of fishing or boating. Membership is open to both individuals and families at a cost of \$40.00 per year. Prospective members can join at a monthly meeting or on line at [www.Englewoodfishingclub.net](http://www.Englewoodfishingclub.net).

## Residents Hear Fish & Wildlife Scientist

By Don Mahon

Invasive plant management was the subject of a presentation attended by 20 interested residents at the Community Center on May 23rd.

Michael Sowinski, Biological Scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission was the guest speaker. He addressed the ever-present problem of invasive plants in our canals, lakes and ponds and offered recommendations.

Mr. Sowinski was introduced by Stan Plizga, chairman of the RWA Aquatics Committee.

For future meetings and presentations at the Community Center, go to [www.rotondawest.org](http://www.rotondawest.org) and on the Home Page, click on to the "Community Events Calendar."



Michael Sowinski during his presentation. Photo by Wayne Mengel.

## “Rotonda West Night” Takes on New Twist... Eats, Lots!

By Don Mahon

From their perch in the centerfield boardwalk picnic area at Charlotte Sports Park, 57 residents shared an old-fashioned barbecue with hot dogs, burgers and other grillin’ favorites, plus plenty of camaraderie and a competitive baseball game.

It was “Rotonda West Night” at the Sports Park and the Charlotte Stone Crabs beat the Bradenton Marauders, 8-6 in an early-season Florida State League contest. A highlight was the post-game fireworks.

“Rotonda West Night” has become a 10-year tradition at the Sports Park, initiated by Earl Haas. For all those years, fans filled Section 216 behind 3rd base. As a change of pace, a picnic format offered by the Stone Crabs marketing group was introduced this year. Coordinator was Susan Superak with a big assist from Hank Killion. Steve Superak was the grill-man, dishing out all the meals.

All smiles around the table with “Clawford,” the Stone Crabs mascot, are, left to right, Claudette Romano, Margaret Johnstone, Rosemarie Morris, Susan Superak, and Linda Bondeson.



Rotonda West fans watch the action from the centerfield boardwalk picnic area.

Photos by Sue Killion.

## Hurricane Preparedness Seminar Draws Capacity Crowd

By Barry Kean



A capacity crowd filled the Rotonda West Community Center on the evening of May 30 to see and hear an informative presentation on hurricane preparedness by Charlotte County Emergency Management Director Jerry Mallet. He was assisted by Bernie Schmeltz, team leader for the Rotonda West Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Mr. Mallet emphasized that everyone in our area needs to have an evacuation plan – know where you are going and know when to go. Be sure you have three days supplies – nonperishable food and potable water – for each member of your family. You also should have a smartphone, and a means of keeping it charged, as this is an essential source of emergency information. Go early – he recommends considering evacuation if your residence is within the five-day cone of probability of a hurricane. This is especially important if you live in a mobile or manufactured home or are dependent on electricity to power a medical device or for similar reasons. He recommends avoiding public shelters if possible; if you have nowhere else to go, he suggests heading across Alligator Alley toward the east coast. This may seem counterintuitive, but he points out that there are far more shelters and hotels there, and the Atlantic coast is less susceptible to storm surge than the Gulf coast because the coastal waters are deeper there. Charlotte County has only two regular shelters and one special needs shelter; because the western part of the county is so low lying, there are no suitable locations for more.

Many of us have heard local weather forecasters say, “hide from the wind, run from the water.” Mr. Mallet confirmed the wisdom of this saying. Storm surge is the deadliest aspect of a hurricane. The way storm surge predictions are expressed has been changed recently; if a storm surge of, say, ten feet is predicted for your location, that means ten feet above ground level at that location, not ten feet above



Right: Jerry Mallet emphasized that everyone in our area needs to have an evacuation plan. Above: A capacity crowd filled the Rotonda West Community Center. Photos by Barry Kean.



sea level. Charlotte County is divided into evacuation zones based largely on susceptibility to storm surge. You should be sure you know your evacuation zone; this information is available on the county web site.

Charlotte County issues emergency alerts by telephone but these can go only to persons with listed home phone numbers. A better source is the Alert Charlotte app, [www.alertcharlotte.com](http://www.alertcharlotte.com), but to use it you must get the app and register. The site covers more than hurricanes; when you register you can choose the sorts of emergencies for which you want to receive alerts.

The Charlotte County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) offers a three-day training course on how to respond to emergencies, including but not limited to hurricanes. This training is free to Charlotte County residents. Graduates of this training are eligible (and encouraged!) to serve as CERT volunteers. You can register for the course on the Charlotte County website; click on Emergency Management.

Overall, this was an excellent presentation with lots of worthwhile information. Thanks to Charlotte County Emergency Management and CERT for bringing it to Rotonda.

## Important Dates for Candidates for the Board

By Don Mahon

As we reported in the last issue, two openings will occur on the 7-member Board of Directors at the end of the year.

The openings will be created with Andy Vanscyoc completing his second 3-year term and Stan Plizga completing Glynn Perkins' term.

As a first step, candidates must submit a Letter of Intent that he or she will be running for the Board. The letter must be submitted to the RWA Administrative Office in person, or via postal mail or email to [info@rotondawest.org](mailto:info@rotondawest.org).

Next is a Candidate Information Statement that must be submitted by 12:01 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2018. The Statement envelope must be sealed and placed by the candidate into a special Lock Box located in the Administrative Office.

The Statement must be prepared on one page and in written and electronic format, such as a compact disk, and USB flash drive and include the following:

- brief personal summary about the candidate's background, education and work experience.
- list of all community activity and organization involvement, including RWA listed by dates of involvement.



- brief statement as to why the candidate would like to serve as a member of the Board and what he or she would like to see the RWA accomplish in the future.
- a photo of the candidate only is optional.

A Candidates Orientation will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 in the Community Center to discuss policies and procedures to run for the Board.

Candidates Night will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 18 in the Community Center. The election package will be mailed to all owners following this meeting.

The two successful candidates will serve 3-year terms.

For more information, candidates should check the Elections link on the RWA website, [www.rotondawest.org](http://www.rotondawest.org).

The RWA Election Committee is chaired by Barbara Peszko.

## It's the Rainy Season, Folks

By Don Mahon



A question often asked: Why does my neighbor have a greener lawn that is loaded with 'dollar weed?' Answer: Over-watering.

There is no explanation for residents who activate their irrigation systems while it's raining, or rain is on the way. And it happens too often! Seeing is believing.

The month of May brought a record 13 inches of rain in our community with the usual heavy rain months expected just ahead.

If your system does not have a rain sensor to shut it down automatically when it rains, you can add one to your system.

Reminder -- if your house number ends in an even number, Thursdays and Sundays are water days before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. If your house number ends in an odd number, your watering days are Wednesdays and Saturdays before 10 and after 4. These are Charlotte County rules that deserve the attention of all.

## Call Is Out to Help!

By Don Mahon

With 'snowbirds' back up north for the summer months, Englewood Helping Hand always experiences a dramatic drop-off in donations this time of year.

The RWA is about to do something about that.

Residents who plan to attend the Anniversary Celebration on July 22 are asked to bring donations. According to the Helping Hand staff, items most needed are non-perishable food items such as canned goods, as well as toiletries, diapers, personal hygiene products, and dish and laundry detergents.

Bins for deposit will be located on the grounds of the Community Center. If attendees wish to make cash donations, containers will also be available and marked.

The mission of Helping Hand since its founding in 1983 is to help prevent homelessness among its clients, including young children.

The call has gone out for donations for RWA Christmas Parades for several years and residents have helped to fill Food Pantry shelves with literally tons of non-perishable food items.





August 9 is the date for the Bloodmobile aboard this bus. *Photo provided by the Woman's Club.*

### Big Red Bus to Pay Us a Visit!

By Don Mahon

The Big Red Bus is heading this way!

What's the Big Red Bus? It's a fully-equipped Bloodmobile on wheels with an experienced staff and with all the bells and whistles.

Our community Bloodmobile is set for Thursday, August 9th. It's sponsored by the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club to support its on-going involvement with worthy community programs.

The bus will be in the Community Center parking lot at 646 Rotonda Circle on August 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to accept donors.

Everyone at least 17, in good general health, feeling well and at least 110 pounds is eligible to give blood.

The actual donation takes 8 to 10 minutes. Donors enjoy a snack and drink after and in 10 to 15 minutes are on their way to continue their day.

Donors always have the satisfaction of knowing they can save up to 3 lives.

There are always patients out there in need. Will you do your share? Mark your calendar.

Kathryn Gallagher, Treasurer of the Woman's Club, is coordinating the Bloodmobile. For more information, call her at 610 952-1333 or email her at [kathryngal@yahoo.com](mailto:kathryngal@yahoo.com).



Tennis instructor Art Richards doubles as a huge Boston Red Sox fan. *Photo provided.*

### USTA Recognizes Art Richards

By Don Mahon

Art Richards has been teaching tennis for beginners and advanced of all ages for 48 years.

His lessons include adaptive tennis for deaf, sight-impaired, blind and wheelchair students, Master Tennis, and POP Tennis on short courts. He can be seen on Saturday mornings, year-round, at Rotonda Community Park doing his thing with his students.

In May, he was honored by the United States Tennis Association of Florida as Florida's Tennis Volunteer of the Month, an award richly deserved. His work has been recognized by other notable awards.

"All of my classes are free," he said. "To better serve all our community, having dedicated courts specific to players needs is a must."

He started teaching in his native Massachusetts on 1970, and in Florida in 2000 when he and his late wife, Doris settled in Rotonda West.

It's worthy to note that the vast Richards family consists of 5 children, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Interested in learning tennis or honing your skills? Call Art at 698-9480, or email him at [dodirichards@icloud.com](mailto:dodirichards@icloud.com). Congratulations, Art!!!

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Grand Opening of the Community Center was a success, join us July 22 for the anniversary celebration. *Photo by Wayne Mengel.*



## President's Message

By Russ Kulp

The Association will host the new Community Center's 1st Anniversary Party on Sunday, July 22nd from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Details on this event appear elsewhere in this newsletter. I want to especially thank the Planning Group chaired by Lead Administrator Claudette Romano and including Susan Superak, Linda Bondeson, Sue Killion, and Donna Stogsdill, Andy Vanscyoc and Steve Froggatt for all the work they have done in helping to ensure that this will be a fun-filled day to celebrate the Center's tremendously successful first year. If you are here on July 22nd, please come to Broadmoor Park and enjoy the festivities.



There is another group in particular who I want to acknowledge and thank for their dedication and work. Those are the members of the Aquatic Committee and especially their Chairman, Director Stan Plizga. Besides Stan, the Committee includes Hank Killion, John House, Bob Winter, Wayne Mengel, and Nick Gizzi. The Committee has been working with Manager Feldkamp on a number of projects designed to help ensure the good upkeep and health of our waterways and ponds. On his own initiative, Stan has engaged over the past few months several experts who have visited the Community and Broadmoor Park to aid us in identifying and assessing the health of fish and other creatures in the ponds, plus recommending types of plants to assist in various locations with erosion control and to attract a wide variety of beneficial wildlife.

The Aquatic Committee's work includes the periodic sampling of the water from the finger canals and Rotonda River to be sent for water quality testing. John House and Hank Killion with help from other volunteers accomplish this important task; and, I am pleased to report that the test results have been indicating that Rotonda West waterways are in good shape in terms of the water quality and low levels of harmful chemical agents. Recently, the Committee also assisted in the evaluation of proposals leading to the renewal of the Association's Canal Maintenance Contract.

I am especially pleased in the resurgence of interest in the Community's waterways spurred on by Manager Feldkamp and the Aquatic Committee. Most residents usually are only concerned with the overall appearance of our canals and the Rotonda River. However, the 30 miles of waterways through Rotonda West plus the greenbelts and Ponds in Broadmoor Park are part of a crucial major area-wide drainage system into the Gulf which helps protect our Community from flooding disasters.

The swales in front of homes also help carry water into the system, and we should be concerned if they are not maintained properly over time to promote a proper flow. Finally, we receive a lot of complaints about the Greenbelts behind our homes filling up with water and not being able to be mowed for extended periods. For those who don't know, the greenbelts are actually a system of water retention areas which is why it sometimes takes them considerable time to absorb the standing water and dry. Under the recently renewed Canal Maintenance Contract, our contractor will now be able at certain times to use a special piece of equipment that can negotiate wet greenbelts and at least cut back some of the high grass and weeds. Hopefully, this will help. There will be more information about the issues related to our waterways and ponds and the work of the Aquatics Committee in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

One last reminder that probably is already on most people's minds and that is that hurricane season has officially arrived. Please make sure you take the necessary steps to be adequately prepared.

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## Summary of Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

### Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 15, 2018

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Russ Kulp (Chairman), Hank Killion, Andy Vanscyoc, Stan Plizga, Patti Cowin, and Peter Traverso

**DIRECTOR ABSENT:** David Kelly

For the Treasurer's Report, Director Killion stated that expenses to date relative to the budget are favorable by \$20,040.73.

Scott Feldkamp delivered the Manager's Report. The Annual Audit is nearly complete and will be presented in an upcoming BOD meeting. The rocks along the drive at Broadmoor Park have been removed. The two roadside parks for Pinehurst and Pine Valley are on schedule and permit applications have been submitted to the County. Plantings that are part of the shoreline restoration project at Broadmoor Park have taken hold and this has attracted some wildlife. Director Plizga has scheduled experts in to survey our ponds for their sustainability. And

about 185 persons per day are utilizing the Park.

Election Committee Chairperson Barbara Peszko announced that candidate statements for those running in this year's BOD election must be submitted in a sealed envelope by noon on August 2nd. She also recommended that Susan Superak be appointed to the Committee. **Director Vanscyoc moved** that the Board of Directors appoint Susan Superak to the Election Committee. **Director Traverso seconded** the motion; and, it carried unanimously.

Then, **Director Traverso moved** that, if allowed by Florida Statutes, the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors has the right, but not the obligation to cast votes at the RWA Annual Election based upon the number of lots owned by the RWA at that time. Further, if approved, this motion language is to be placed in the Election Committee Guidelines & Procedures. **Director Killion seconded** the motion. It passed unanimously. Also, **Director Traverso moved** that the Board of Directors instruct RWA Manager Scott Feldkamp to provide a lock box for the depositing of sealed Election Candidate

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## Residents Lead Start-Up of New Veteran's Post

By Don Mahon

Two Rotonda West veterans are playing major roles as leaders of the newly-formed AMVETS Post 777, serving the Englewood area, including Rotonda West.

AMVETS is an acronym for "American Veterans." The Englewood Post was created last Spring and has grown to 100 members in less than a year.

Dick Young is serving as the Post Commander for the second year. He lives on Annapolis Lane in the Oakland Hills subdivision with his wife, Elaine. He is a veteran of 6 years with the 82nd Airborne, serving at Fort Bragg and was deployed for 1 1/2 years in Germany. Jumping out of airplanes became routine for Dick.

Dave Long is serving for the second year as 2nd Vice Commander. He lives on Mariner Lane in the Pinehurst subdivision with his wife, Evelyn. He is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in an Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Squadron in assignments in Europe and the Far East, including Vietnam, Thailand, Germany and Japan.

Three other Post Officers live in Rotonda West. They are Trustees Pete Gannon and Richard Dagnam, and Provost Marshal John Tedeschi.

AMVETS is open to all veterans. It was founded in 1944 and has 250,000 members nationwide.

Terry Corson, left, AMVETS Florida State Commander, hands over the gavel to Post 777 Commander Dick Young as he enters his second year leading the Post. Photo by Bill Bond.



Leaders of the new and growing Englewood AMVETS Post are Dave Long, left, 2nd Vice Commander, and Dick Young, Post Commander, both Rotonda West residents. Photo by Wayne Mengel.



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Statements. **Director Vanscyoc seconded** the motion; and, it carried unanimously.

Director Vanscyoc gave the Activities Committee Report with three events approved by the Committee for utilizing the Community Center. **Director Vanscyoc moved** that the Board of Directors approve the following events: the Baby Shower on April 8th; the Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch Sheriff's Night on April 19th; and the Hurricane Seminar on May 30th. **Director Cowin seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously. Next, Director Vanscyoc had denied the Graduation Party with 75-80 participants planned from 8 p.m. until midnight with adult beverages served by the Hills Restaurant. However, more information on the Party had been received by the Office in that there would be only 12 graduates attending with 62 adults to provide proper chaperones. With this new information, **Director Vanscyoc moved** that the Board of Directors overrule the Activities Committee and allow the Party. **Director Cowin seconded** the motion. Significant discussion ensued regarding the requested late ending hour for the event. The motion carried 4 to 2 with Directors Killion and Traverso voting in the negative. To conclude, **Director Vanscyoc moved** that the Board of Directors establish the ending time for all functions at the Community Center moved from Midnight to 11 p.m. going forward, **Director Killion seconded** the motion; and it passed unanimously,

With the Aquatics Committee Report, **Director Plizga moved** that the Board of Directors approve the Maintenance Contract

with Florida Aquatic for the Canal System and Greenbelt areas. **Director Cowin seconded** the motion. It passed unanimously.

Director Kulp gave the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report which included discussion of the removal of the rocks along the Broadmoor Park entrance driveway, the Marina Maintenance Access portal, repairs to the walkway at the Marina Island, the resealing and restriping of the parking lot and the purchase of a portable light tower.

Then, **Director Kulp moved** that the Board of Directors authorize the Manager to obtain two additional bids for procuring and installing the pavers as selected by the Buildings & Grounds Committee as flooring for the Tiki Hut, the cost not to exceed \$8,000. **Director Vanscyoc seconded** the motion; and, it carried unanimously. Also, **Director Kulp moved** that the Board of Directors approve the resealing and restriping of the parking lot at Broadmoor Park per the proposal from Asphalt Sealers in the amount of \$5,408.00. **Director Killion seconded** the motion. It carried unanimously.

Under "Member's Input", John Pesko, Chairman of the MSBU, reported that the project for completing the Bike Path at Parade Circle has been approved. Also, the County has advised that no trees can be planted or removed from the Center Islands by the RWA. He also reported that the proposed Sectional Signs for the Community will be going out for bid not to exceed \$7,000 to \$8,000 each. Finally, he said that the County will not be responsible for taking care of the waste containers or dog stations on Parade Circle.

**There was no Board of Directors' Meeting In April.**

**Rotonda West Association, Inc.**

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**Mission Statement**

The role of Rotonda West Association, Inc. is multi-faceted: To protect the property interests of the members; to enhance living in the community; to plan for the future in its role as a community association. (Approved November 13, 2002)

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- Election
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All committee meetings are open to RWA members.

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