

# WEST WAYS

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**Rotonda West 50th Anniversary**  
**1972-2022**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Patricia Aho*



June signals the start of our storm season, whether it is frequent rain and thunderstorms or the more serious hurricanes. Once again, we will be hosting Patrick Fuller, Charlotte County's Director of Emergency Management to walk us through how to be prepared for the possible storms and hurricanes. Please join us on June 15 at 6 pm at our Community Center (or join us on Zoom) for his presentation and to learn more about our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), who actively assists the County in many different types of emergencies.

The rain season is also a good reminder for us that the over thirty 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 greenbelts are a system of water retention areas, which is why it takes time for them to absorb the water. The swales in front of homes also help carry the water into the system.

The Board wanted to ensure that our Office and Community Center were prepared for electrical outages, we are therefore in the process of installing a generator which will provide power to both buildings during outages. While our Community Center cannot function as a shelter, it will provide RWA members the ability to cool off, use the bathrooms, and importantly charge cellphones and tablets if the need arises. While we had hoped the generator would be installed by May, as with all projects these days, it has been delayed, but we hope the installation will occur soon.

Please make sure that you and your home are prepared for our annual storm season, whether it is high winds, heavy rains, thunderstorms or hurricanes, a few hours now will save you countless hours of worry later.



## SPECIAL EVENTS JUNE 2022

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH AT 6 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER, BROADMOOR PARK

PRESENTER: PATRICK FULLER,

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY

\*CERT WILL ALSO BE AT THE PRESENTATION



### Summer Storms

The earth falls silent,  
The wind doesn't breathe,  
The birds chirpless,  
A misty wall in the horizon,  
The leaves wait in anticipation,  
A few droplets,  
A blast of fresh air,  
The clouds crack a summer torrent.

M. Abel

CHECK THE ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION ONLINE CALENDAR FOR JUNE'S SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CLUB AND OTHER ONGOING ORGANIZATION MEETING TIMES.

GO TO: [rotondawest.org](http://rotondawest.org)



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## REMEMBERING AND HONORING VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Pictures by: Joe Gallagher

On Memorial Day 189 flags were set out to honor and remember those who served and offered their lives so that we may live in freedom.

The observance began at 8 a.m. with the flags being placed around the flagpole at Broadmoor Memorial Park. Michelle Scott then read the poem, "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem was played. Then Kathryn Gallagher read the names of the honored veterans. Mike Dalgliesh, a gold star father, led a group into Broadmoor Park and around Lake Farrell.

The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, that sponsored the event, had collected names of veterans throughout the month of May. Those who signed up a special veteran walked at their own chosen time during May to honor and remember them.

The flags remained only for Memorial Day.



Above:  
Mike Dalgliesh  
Below: Mike and  
Janice Dalgliesh,  
honoring their son,  
Rory



Left: Members of the GFWC  
Rotonda West Woman's Club,  
spouses, guests.

Right: Broadmoor Memorial Park  
189 flags were set out to remember  
veterans on Memorial Day



# RECYCLING-NOT ALL PLASTICS ARE CREATED EQUALLY

By: Connie Smith

Recycling is definitely something to feel good about but if you're not recycling or buying the proper plastics, you're not really going green!

Remember that little triangle on your plastic bottles that's sometimes hard to find with a number in the center that can be even harder to see? The number is a big clue to the recyclability of the plastic container you've purchased and whether it can safely be reused to make products that people and pets can be exposed to.



It comes down to whether that plastic can be returned to the pellet from which it was made – the true definition of recycling - or whether it must go to a landfill where it will add to the trash problem by languishing for hundreds of years before finally decomposing.

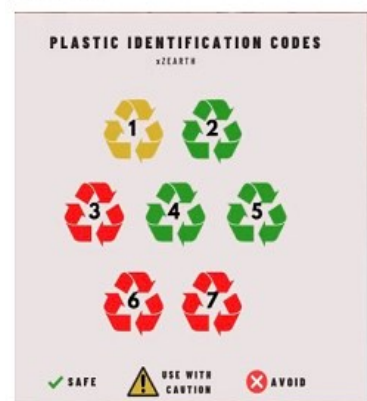
Those little numbers inside the triangles really have nothing to do with recycling. They were created by an organization called the Society of Plastics Industry to identify the plastic resin content. It is the type of resin added to plastic that determines whether a plastic is safely recyclable.

Confusingly, all the names of the resins start with the letter P and seem to differ by just a couple of letters, so it is best to remember which numbers are **“good”** for purchase and recycling and which numbers are **“bad”**.

Ready? Here are the **good numbers** that are reusable and safe to repurpose: **#2, #4, #5.** **#1** is fine to recycle but these containers are only made for one-use applications, so don't reuse in your own household.

The plastics numbers that contain toxins that may leach or cause health disruptions – definitely **bad** – are: **#3, #6, #7.** Do your recycling center a favor and keep them out of your yellow recycling bin. Just try not to buy them if possible.

Here is a quote from The Old Farmer's Almanac that puts it all into perspective: “A kid buys a plastic beverage bottle. It's tossed in the trash and buried in a landfill where it will take over 400 years to decompose. However, if that bottle is recycled, it can be transformed back into the same plastic pellets used to make it in the first place. Yes, it still takes some energy to recycle but this bottle's life is not over and it is part of a “cycle” in which natural resources do not go to waste. Before you toss something in the trash, be sure to ask yourself: Is this really garbage?”







## ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Junk Mail
- Steel Cans
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Paperboard
- Newspapers
- Phone Books
- Aluminum Cans
- Cartons (no liquids)
- Plastic containers (codes 1-7, empty)
- Clear, Brown, and Green Glass

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Toys
- Food
- Yard waste
- Pool covers
- Coat hangers
- Foam (cups, meat trays, egg cartons, packing materials)
- Electronics or hazardous materials
- Plastic bags (return to supermarket)
- Medical waster (sharps, medicines, etc.)
- Extension cords or Christmas lights or wires

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:** [charlottecountyfl.gov](http://charlottecountyfl.gov) and go to  
Residential Curbside Service



# **ROTONDA RESIDENTS CELEBRATE THE CIRCLE! 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROTONDA WEST**

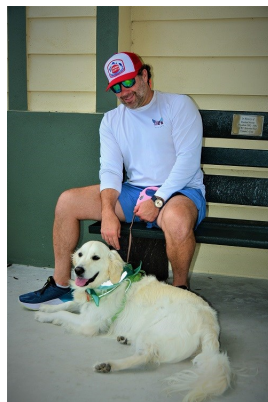
Many Rotonda residents enjoyed the 50th Anniversary festivities held on April 30th. Thank you to the Community Outreach Committee!



The Community Outreach Committee put together an exciting, fun-filled slate of events for Rotonda West residents to enjoy. Taking place inside the Community Center and at various locations at Broadmoor Park, there were exhibits, games, food, and music for all ages. Hope you joined us and helped to celebrate the first 50 years of history and people that have made Rotonda West a special place to live. Watch West Ways for more events.



Pictures by: Dave Pulaski  
Red-nose girl by: Grace Chetcuti



Community Outreach Committee Members: Standing L to R –Karen Harvey, Deb Orchard, Gwen Grace Sitting L to R– Denise Slovinski, Lynn Smith. Not in picture: Nick Gizzi, Grace Chetcuti, Barry Kean, Patti Cowin, Nadine Clough, and Thom Lisk



**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE  
VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED TO MAKE  
ROTONDA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION SUCH A SUCCESS!**

**THANK YOU TO THE RWA BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

**THANK YOU!** HARRY WITT, PENNY WIZA  
"POCKETS" (CLOWNS); ENGLEWOOD FISHING CLUB; CERT;  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH; CARICATURIST JONNY PUMA; RWWC;  
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## **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**

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# HURRICANE SEASON

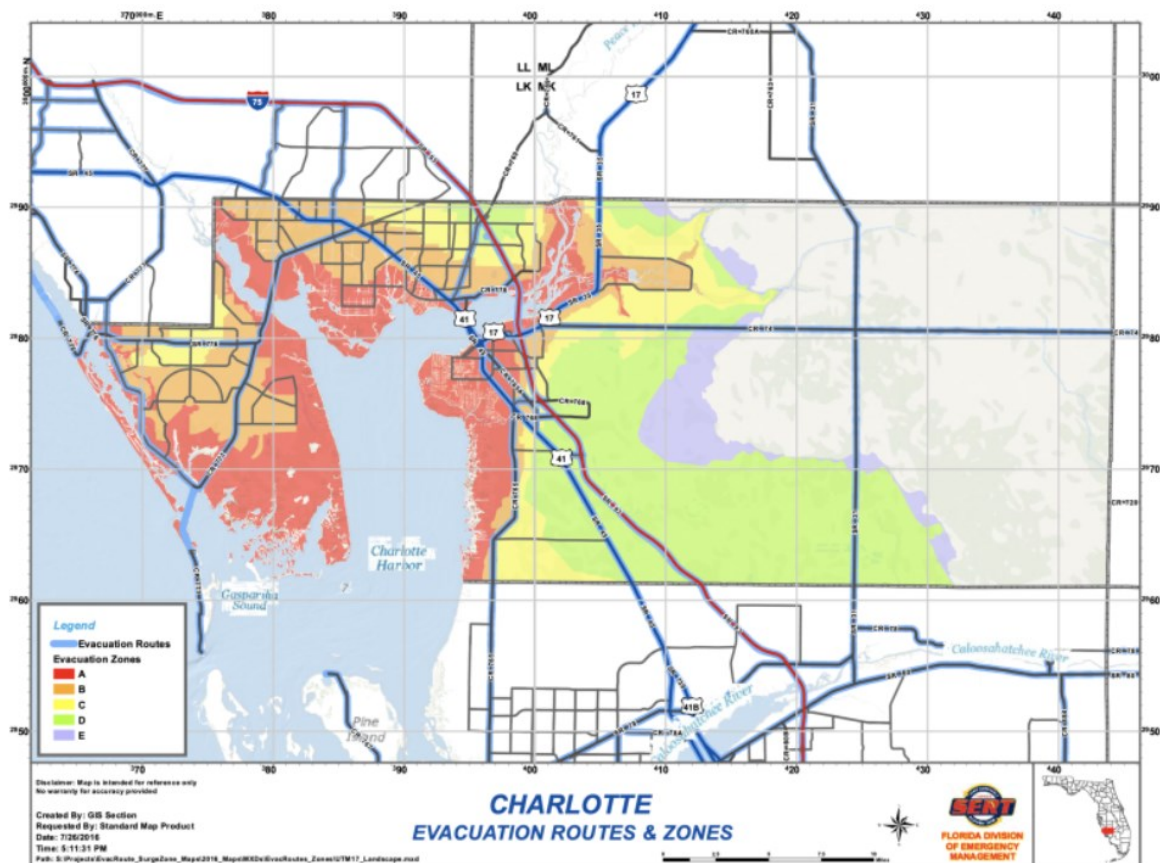
## TIME TO PREPARE! KNOW YOUR ZONE

**EVACUATION:** An evacuation is the immediate and rapid movement away from the threat or actual occurrence of a potential hazard to you and your family. Charlotte County is divided into 5 evacuation zones. Depending on your zone and the type of structure you live in, you may be asked to evacuate. It is important to know your zone and have an emergency plan in place.

As you can see from the map below, most of Rotonda West is in the **ORANGE ZONE** with some areas closer to the coastline in the **RED ZONE**.

**FIND YOUR ZONE:** Go to: [charlottecountyfl.gov](http://charlottecountyfl.gov) and scroll down to “Find Your Evacuation Zone” where you will add your house number and street.

**HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO EVACUATE?** If you hear or get a text message code, or red alert code. Also, pay attention to the radio, television, or your mobile news app to know if you need to evacuate. You will hear from your police, fire, or other local officials over the emergency alert system on whether to evacuate, or stay put and seal off your space.



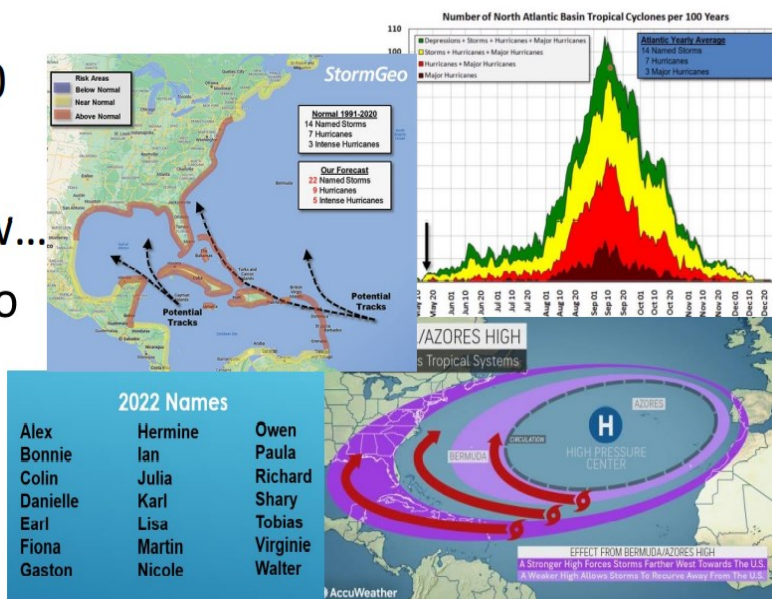


## HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK 2022

- June 1 – Nov 30
- Above average
- 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row...
- Increased risk to Gulf Coast
- Only Takes One

2022 Hurricane Season

Charlotte County Emergency Management



## HURRICANE SEASON PREDICTIONS 2022

	Seasonal Average	National Hurricane Center	Colorado State University	StormGeo
<b>Named Storms</b>	14	TBD	19	22
<b>Hurricanes</b>	7	TBD	9	9
<b>Major Hurricanes</b>	3	TBD	4	5

**DON'T MISS!**

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COMMUNITY CENTER, BROADMOOR PARK  
PRESENTOR: PATRICK FULLER,  
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# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

## MAY 28th-JUNE 10th

This is not the first time Florida has provided a sales tax holiday for items that can help residents weather a storm, but some eligible items are new this year.

Sales tax does not apply to the following items during the tax-free period:

**\$20 or less**

- Reusable ice (reusable ice packs)

**\$40 or less**

- Any portable, self-powered light source
  - Candles
  - Flashlights
  - Lanterns

**\$50 or less**

- Any gas or diesel fuel container, including LP gas and kerosene containers
- Batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only:
  - AA-cell
  - AAA-cell
  - C-cell
  - D-cell
  - 6-volt
  - 9-volt
- Radios (powered by battery, solar, or hand-crank)
  - Two-way
  - Weather band

**\$60 or less**

- Coolers and ice chests (food storage, non-electrical)
- Portable power bank

**\$100 or less**

- Bungee cords
- Ground anchor systems
- Ratchet straps
- Tarpaulins (tarps)
- Tie-down kits
- Visqueen, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting

**\$1,000 or less**

- Portable generators used to provide light or communications or to preserve food in a power outage

**Always Exempt**

- Bottled water (unflavored, uncarbonated)
- Canned food, including meats, vegetables, fruits, peanut butter and other nonperishable items
- First aid kits
- Prescription and nonprescription medications (all Rx and most over-the-counter are exempt)
- Baby food and formulas
- Feminine hygiene products

\* Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed this bill on May 6, 2022

## **DON'T FORGET THE PETS!**



### **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY**

#### **PET SUPPLIES TOO!**

**MAY 28TH-JUNE 10TH 2022**

**NEW THIS YEAR: PET OWNERS CAN PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING  
PET EVACUATION SUPPLIES TAX FREE:**

- **Priced \$2 or less per can or pouch: wet food**
- **Priced \$15 or less per item or package: cat litter pans; collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls; hamster or rabbit substrate; manual can openers; pet waste disposable bags**
- **Priced \$20 or less per item: collars, leashes; muzzles**
- **Priced \$20 or less per box or package: pet pads**
- **Priced \$25 or less per item: cat litter weighing 25 lbs or less**
- **Priced \$30 or less per item: bags of dry pet food weighing 15 lbs or less**
- **Priced \$40 or less per item: pet beds**
- **Priced \$100 or less per item: pet carriers; portable kennels**

**For more information visit:  
[MyFloridaHouse.gov](http://MyFloridaHouse.gov) or [flsenate.gov](http://flsenate.gov)**

## CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR NEXT ELECTION CYCLE!



Have you considered becoming a candidate for the Rotonda West Board of Directors? This year, 2 seats will be up for election. The election term is for December 2022 through December 2025.

There are several actions dates that you need to be aware.

**Friday, July 15 at 9:45 a.m.** is a Candidate Workshop. It will be available live by Zoom or recorded and on **RWA website-elections**. This workshop is intended to familiarize candidates with all the information needed to file a notice of intent to become a candidate. All candidate documents need to be **filed by 12:01 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2022**.

Get all the facts and information from a committee member or if you have any burning question, please consider sending the election committee members an email at [electioncommittee@rotondawest.org](mailto:electioncommittee@rotondawest.org).

## STAY TUNED!

More information will be coming your way through  
West Ways and Constant Contact  
over the next several months







## SYMMETRY IN NATURE, ART AND THE LAWS OF NATURE

By: Nadine Clough

On May 25th, a lecture on symmetry in nature and art was presented by Frank Levin, a retired Brown University Physics professor. The lecture is the fourth lecture that Professor Levin has given at the Community Center. A group of twenty people attended the 90 minute lecture. The Community Outreach Committee sponsored the event, and it was hosted by Patti Cowin, who sits on the RWA Board of Directors, and on the Community Outreach Committee.



Professor Levin explained that something is symmetric if it can be manipulated in some way that leaves it unchanged. These manipulations include rotations, reflections, translations in space, and time reversal. He demonstrated these manipulations by using simple polygons and polyhedrons.

Professor Levin then shared real-world examples of symmetry. Every where you look, you are able to find examples in the natural world (humans, flowers, butterflies, jellyfish etc.) Pictured below: butterflies, okra, and snowflakes.



There are also many examples of symmetry in man-made objects (architecture, art, sculptures, quilts, friezes, stained glass, inlay designs, etc.) Pictured below: a quilt, the Tai Mahal, and a stained-glass window.





## **\$17,000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ROTONDA MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION**

On May 9th, Senior Awards Night, \$17,000 was awarded to seventeen Lemon Bay High School Seniors from the Rotonda Men's Golf Association. The association raised funds from the annual golf tournament through the generous contributions of local businesses, from RMGA members, from friends to Rotonda Golf & Country Club, and from the 144 golfers who took part in this year's fund-raising event.

RMGA President Ted Manahan, and RMGA Treasurer Roger Holck awarded the seventeen \$1,000 scholarships to all the deserving recipients. Treasurer Holck stated, "The financial success of our golf tournament has grown each year and it is exciting to present the scholarship certificates to so many worthy graduates". The club hopes to increase contributions for the scholarships in the coming years.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!**

## **ROTONDA WEST IS A GOLF COMMUNITY, WEST WAYS IS ROTONDA'S NEWSLETTER, PUT THEM TOGETHER....**

**\*\*WEST WAYS IS LOOKING FOR GOLF ARTICLES!\*\***

**GOLF NEWS**

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**GOLF GAME POINTERS**

**GOLF STORIES**

**GOLF COURSE EVENTS**

**ROTONDA COURSES**



**You may contribute one article or several, it's up to you.**

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[westways@rotondawest.org](mailto:westways@rotondawest.org)**



## GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Inc.

Donna Krabbe, Former-President



### WHERE COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP MEET!



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will continue volunteer activities during June, July and August although General Meetings will not occur during those months. The next General Meeting will take place at the RWA Community Center on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> with a Welcome Back Celebration and a chance to share "What did you do this summer?!"

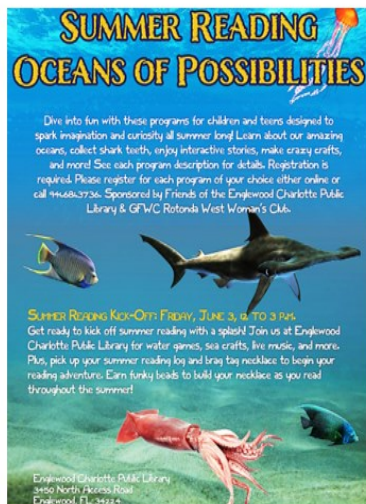
Before the May General Meeting took place on May 19<sup>th</sup>, members were very active within the community. On Mother's Day Weekend we visited residents of the Memory Care Unit at Heritage Oaks to give them new Fidget Sleeves, Mats and Shirt Protectors. It's always a rewarding experience visiting Heritage Oaks. And our members enjoy making the items which the residents enjoy using!



The Education and Libraries Community Service Program finished up the Club's Diversity and Kindness Library commitment to both Myakka River and Vineland Elementary Schools. Each school now has 100 books to be shared with the students to reinforce the daily need for Love, Respect and Kindness for all. Club members also honored Teacher Appreciation week at the Myakka River, Vineland and L.A.

Ainger Schools by delivering cookies for each school's teaching and administrative staff.

## SUMMER READING!



At Lemon Bay High School Senior Awards night, three graduating seniors received

scholarships from the Woman's Club in the amount of \$1,500 each. Especially meaningful to our members was the Elaine Claussen Memorial Scholarship for the Arts in memory of Elaine Claussen who, after joining in 1999, spent years sharing her artistic talents with her family, church and GFWC RWWC members.

Our relationship with the Englewood/Charlotte Library continues to grow. Many of our members will be volunteering at the Library's Open House and Program Kick-Off for children, teens and their families on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The summer program, lasting through July 30<sup>th</sup>, is called "Summer of Reading – Oceans of Possibilities." In addition to volunteers, GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will supply snacks and beverages for the program. Watch for our announcements in West Ways and on Facebook as we continue to "Live the Volunteer Spirit" all year through.

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

## **Friday, June 10, 1 p.m.— Stories with Windell Campbell**

Bring a blanket to get cozy on the floor and listen to this award-winning storyteller weave thrilling adventures and voice energetic characters sure to get little one bouncing in their seats.

## **Thursday, June 16, 2 p.m.-DIY Daddies**

Join us for a DIY workshop for caregivers and children ages 6-12 led by Hammer and stain. Celebrate Father's Day by making a special wood project together! Don't let our alliteration fool you, mommies and grandmas are welcome too!

## **Thursday, June 23, 4 p.m.—Kid's Craft \*Salt-Water Wonders\***

Embrace your whimsical side with these vibrant watercolor jellyfish designs for children ages 4-12

## **Friday, June 24, 12-2 p.m.—Portraits by the Beach**

Learn about the Florida Highwaymen and enjoy a painting session at the beach! Practice basic painting techniques and create your own work of art to keep! All ages are welcome.

## **Saturday, July 2, 4-5:30 p.m.-Children's Music Hour**

Children ages 4-12 will enjoy this interactive musical program with local musician Peter Sheridan.

## **Friday, July 22, 4-5 p.m.-Kids Craft \*Jellyfish Tentacles\***

Bring the ocean with you in this tentacular DIY sensory bottle project that teaches kids about jellyfish! Ages 7-12.

## **Wednesday, July 27, 10-11 a.m.-Interactive shark tooth hunt in the presentation,**

**Dr. Ashley Oliphant** (aka The Shark Lady) will lead children on a interactive adventure through the shark's domain. While hunting for shark's teeth, kids will learn how to identify various species of shark by their teeth, and they can keep what they find! Ages 5-12

## **Saturday, July 30, 11a.m.-3p.m.— End of Summer Reading Pirate Party, Ahoy Mateys!**

We worked hard all summer long, and now it's time to party hardy! AAARGH! Join us at South County Regional Park for some swash-buckling fun on the high seas! No registration required.

**For more information: call 941-681-3736**

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## **TO ALL ROTONDA WEST RESIDENTS,**

Have you signed up for the  
Rotonda West Association Website yet?

### **ALLOWS YOU TO:**

- Keep up to date on Rotonda's events & news
- Download applications & forms (see below)
- Have the ability to vote online (in the future)
- Have the ability to pay assessments online
  - Receive West Ways each month

Sign yourself up and help a neighbor sign up too!

### **APPLICATIONS & FORMS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE:**

- Residential Modification Application
  - Change of Address Form
- Yearly Assessment Credit Card Form
- Committee Membership Application
  - Sign Approval Application
- Community Center Application
  - Permission to E-mail