

# WEST WAYS

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

# MANAGER'S MESSAGE

*Derrick Hedges*

Rotonda West Association Manager



Happy Summer! Florida is living up to its name of being the Sunshine State.

As members travel around our community, the continued effort to remove *Schinus Terebinthifolia* or Brazilian Pepper Trees may be noticed. The Rotonda West Association has been steadily removing these non-native invasives along with other invasive species from around the common areas and lakes inside Broadmoor Park.

Some members may ask why the Brazilian Pepper Trees are so detrimental? There are several reasons why the association is focused on the eradication of this species. Originally imported in the 1840's from South America, they were introduced to new areas and the Brazilian Pepper Tree quickly took over native tree hammocks, mangroves, natural grasses, vegetation, and other native trees. The invasion of these pepper trees kills the native species that so much wildlife relies on. Not only are Brazilian Pepper Trees extremely invasive but the sap of the tree can cause an intense skin rash if a person comes in contact with the sap while cutting or removing the tree. It is against the law to sell or knowingly plant the prohibited Brazilian Pepper Trees in Florida.

Since the Brazilian Pepper Tree Eradication Removal Program was initiated, native grasses and trees are thriving again throughout areas of Rotonda West and Broadmoor Park. Before the steady effort to eradicate the Pepper Trees, important native plants would have been choked out providing no habitat for animals. The process of removal begins with areas that are left as dirt for a short time, but quickly native species start to grow, and the areas are soon lush with greenery.

For more information, please visit:

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/habitat/invasive=plants/weed-alerts/brazilian-pepper/>



Brazilian Pepper  
Trees





## **JULY SPECIAL EVENTS**

**July 4th, Monday: RWA Offices and Community Center closed**

**July 4th, Monday: Independence Day Local Fireworks**  
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**July 7th, Thursday: MSBU Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Mac V. Horton West County Annex**  
**6868 San Casa Dr. Englewood, FI**

**July 13th, Wednesday: Frank Levin Lecture**  
**“Atoms Are Real, Aren’t They?”**  
**1-2:30 p.m. in Community Center**

**July 15th, Friday: Candidate’s Workshop (Election Committee)**  
**9:45 a.m. in Community Center and on Zoom**



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

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

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Sitting left to right: Sam Besase (Treasurer), Patricia Aho (President)  
Patti Cowin (1st Vice President), Jerry Eldred (Secretary)

Standing left to right: David Kelly (Director), Andy VanScyoc (Director),  
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Photo: Deb Orchard

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## **FINES INCREASED; OTHER BOARD ACTIONS IN JUNE**

**By: Barry Kean**



At its meeting on June 9, 2022, the RWA Board of Directors adopted a recommendation of the Residential Modification Committee that fines for some categories of deed restriction violations be increased from \$50 to \$100. This increase was found necessary largely due to the increasing number of residential modifications being undertaken without residential Modification Committee approval. The fine for such violations will in the future be \$100 in all cases. In addition, the higher amount will apply to certain other violations involving walls and fences, structures, flagpoles and antennae, and canal area maintenance and improvements. This change does not require the approval of the Developer. The increases will take effect August 9.

The Board also approved language previously approved by RWA's attorney regarding a uniform charge to owners of unimproved lots for mowing of those lots by RWA, and approved and sent to the Developer for approval several recommendations by the Residential Modification Committee, including a requirement that site screens (for trash cans etc.) must be solid; lattice would no longer be permitted, though existing lattice screens would be grandfathered.

The Board met again on June 23 and approved, with one dissenting vote, the association's three year plan for capital improvements, including enlargement of the RWA building and the community center, improvements to the Oakland Hills Marina, gazebo and bridge deck, and replacement of certain vehicles. These plans are preliminary at this point and firm cost estimates remain to be determined.

A proposal to transfer another \$300,000 to RWA's Reserve Fund was approved unanimously. No decision was made regarding Charlotte County's proposal for a land swap to facilitate construction of a lift station, County representatives will attend the July 14 Board meeting to further discuss this issue. Finally, the Board approved a new charter for the Community Outreach Committee.

The RWA Board of Directors meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 2 p.m. at the Community Center. All RWA members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.



## GOOD LIFE ON RW CANALS: LIBATION, SOFT MUSIC, AND A SUNSET

By: Connie Smith

Photos Courtesy of Rotonda West Yacht Club

It's only natural that Rotonda residents would want to join the birds, fish, and other aquatic-loving beings on the 26 miles of canals that literally surround this circle of paradise.

We can all agree that swimming is not an option. Kayaks, canoes and paddleboards strike fear for the same reason (there's predators in them canals!). Fishing boats are an option, but those meant to accommodate large numbers of family and friends aren't sized for Rotonda's canals.

But, pontoon boats – there's a reason they're the primary vessel you'll see passing on the canals. They have comfy seating for a crowd. They're ideal for an evening cruise and can unfurl ample canvas to protect from the Florida sun.

Andy VanScyoc has been commodore of the Rotonda West Yacht Club since its inception. Said Andy, "back in 2007, my boat was the only one out here. It's amazing how many of us there are this year." In mid-June, the group's Facebook page reached 1,000 members.

Not all of that number are boaters, but it's a safe bet that a preponderance of the boat owners among them have pontoons. They can be depended upon to light up the immediate canal area whether there's a holiday or not. When they're out, they may parade anywhere from 1½ to 2 hours. They've delivered Santa to the official holiday lighting festivities, and have installed green lights in observance of St. Paddy's Day. Perhaps the occasion is, that it's Sunday night and the weather is lovely.



Although not many *NO WAKE SIGNS* are posted along the RW canals, slow boating is good for our local environment and is part of the Boat Ramp Usage Agreement signed by all boaters who are granted canal access.



The Rotonda West Yacht Club has 1,000 Facebook members, many of them boaters who enjoy gathering for boating convoys on holidays or lovely evenings.

Commodore Andy VanScyoc far right.

Both Commodore Andy and Tammy Birdsong, Rotonda West HOA Administrator, indicate that applications for boats and for construction of canal-side decks are regularly submitted at the HOA office. Access to Rotonda canals is limited to a single locked ramp that is located adjacent to the marina, across from The Hills Country Club, in the 100 block of Rotonda Circle. Before boaters can access Rotonda waters, they must first go to the HOA office at 646 Rotonda Circle and complete a boat ramp user agreement, as well as provide their Florida boat registration information. Waterway access is then provided by contacting Rotonda's harbor masters. For questions, contact the HOA office at 941-697-6788.

Some residents go through the time and expense of obtaining county and HOA approval before constructing a canal deck/dock, then deal with fluctuating water levels by season as they attempt to keep their boats afloat. The HOA does offer a less expensive and more convenient alternative – slip rental in the Rotonda West Marina. The cost is more than reasonable - \$40 per month or \$400 per year. Contact the HOA office for a rental agreement. Best of all, Yacht Club convoys usually meet up at the marina.

When joining the Rotonda West Yacht Club on Facebook, Commodore Andy and the site's other administrators implore boaters to "keep their speed down and please don't crank up loud music, I get complaints from the residents when anybody is making a wake and we don't need the bad PR."

While law enforcement may be as scarce as hen's teeth on the waterways of Rotonda West, the HOA boating agreements clearly state in bold caps the canal system is a **NO WAKE ZONE**.

Because all boaters live in Rotonda West, it's in their interest to observe the **NO WAKE ZONE**. Rotonda canals are relatively narrow and wake can cause erosion, damaging banks and ultimately, property values. Wake also disturbs waterfowl and aquatic wildlife in a small water space.

There's plenty of good being done by Rotonda boaters. Several times a year the Yacht Club organizes a canal cleanup. "It's hard to organize, but it's worth it," says VanScyoc. "We call it Decrapification Day. Sometimes we'll tell folks where we'll be and they'll bring us beer. It's nice of them."



Lighting is a big part of the Yacht Club experience. In fact, Commodore Andy VanScyoc says his bright lights close to the water help his boat avoid collisions with dozing alligators.





What better way to enjoy a moonlit night than on the Rotonda canals with a few of your best boating buddies?

When asked about nighttime boat lighting, Commodore Andy said since he added bright lights at water level to his boat, he hasn't run into an alligator. "Alligators will sleep while floating on the water," he explained. "If you're well lighted, they'll see you coming and get out of the way." He added that boating regulations require certain minimum lighting at night. Coast Guard boating safety requirements may be found at [fau.edu/ehs/info/florida-boating-handbook.pdf](http://fau.edu/ehs/info/florida-boating-handbook.pdf)

VanScyoc said he has another boat on the Intercoastal Waterway, but boating on Rotonda's waterway has its charm as well:

"Some libation, soft music and a sunset is all I need."

Adds the RW Yacht Club Facebook page statement to members: "...we have a good thing going here let's keep it that way and be considerate of our fellow residents in Paradise."



## ATOMS ARE REAL, AREN'T THEY?

### A Lecture by Frank Levin

About 2500 years ago, the Greek philosopher Leucippus asserted, correctly, that everything is made of atoms that were too tiny to be seen. If they cannot be seen, then their existence-i.e., their reality-must be inferred.

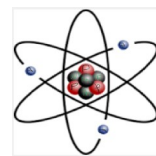
Yet it was not until experiments were carried out early in the 20th century that the overwhelming majority of chemists and physicists finally accepted the reality of atoms (and molecules). They did so because the experimental results could not be explained in any other way.

If you are interested in why/how it took so long for this acceptance to occur, you are invited to attend a 90-minute lecture on this topic given by Frank Levin, a retired Brown University professor of physics who has taught and written about this topic.

**Date: Wednesday, July 13th**

**Time: 1-2:30 p.m.**

**Where: Broadmoor Park Community Center**





# Hurricane Preparation Presentation

## By Karen W. Harvey



The Hurricane Preparation presentation was a well-attended event at the Community Center on Wednesday, June 15 with 40 plus in the room and over 40 on zoom.

Patrick Fuller, Director of Emergency Management at Charlotte County was the guest speaker along with the Rotonda CERT team. Mr. Fuller's presentation included a 4-step plan to keep you and your family safe from the storm. The theme of the presentation was to be prepared and to make a plan.



### **Know your risk**

- \*Know your flood zone, know your home insurance coverage



### **Make a plan**

- \*Where will you go, prepare your home (shutters, etc.)

- \*Communicate with family

- \*Write the plan down and share it with family



### **Prepare for the storm**

- \*Within 5 – 7 days before the storm, get groceries

- \*Medicines

- \*Make a kit

- \*Don't forget your pets' supplies

- \*Shelters are the last resort – stay with family and friends outside of the immediate danger zone.

- \*All Charlotte County shelters are pet friendly



### **Stay informed**

- \*Sign up for Alert Charlotte at [charlottecountyfl.gov/EM](http://charlottecountyfl.gov/EM)

- \*Sign up for CharCoCares – text 777-888 for alerts

- \*Listen to county local media (FB, Twitter, Instagram)

- \*Monitor local media (WINK news, radio)

## Did you know:

- ⇒ Busy intersection have a colored band just below the sign which signifies which evacuation zone you live
- ⇒ Libraries, after a storm, can be used for charging and cooling stations
- ⇒ If you leave your house for an evacuation, you should turn off the electric at the breaker box
- ⇒ Rotonda West Community Center, in the near future, will become a charging/cooling station

## *Rotonda Communities*



**Rotonda Communities CERT –  
a 501C3 non-profit Corporation**

**Rotonda Communities CERT** team members will put up hurricane shutters at homes in the Rotonda area during the 2022 Hurricane Season. Residents who are elderly or otherwise unable to install shutters themselves will be given priority. Panels must be factory made panels or pre-cut to fit in an opening. CERT Team Members are NOT authorized to cut or modify panels.

**Mr. John Blanchette and Mr. Steve Ball will be coordinating the hurricane shutter program. They can be reached as follows:**

**John Blanchette 301-807-9777**

**Steve Ball 502-316-2330**

Please plan ahead and don't wait until the last minute to have hurricane shutters put up. The National Hurricane Center forecasts usually provide residents with at least 5 days advance notice of a storm event. Please be sure to monitor your local news and weather outlets and plan accordingly. Last minute requests may not be accomplished as volunteers have their own preparations to make.

The Rotonda Communities CERT Team is made up of community volunteers who are trained in basic fundamentals of emergency assistance. CERT Teams are sent out when traditional emergency services are overwhelmed or cannot reach an impacted area such as when a tornado or hurricane strikes.

**Rotonda Communities CERT gladly welcomes donations**

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**Rotonda Communities CERT Inc accepts cash donations**

### **DONATION RECEIPT**

Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CERT Team Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### **FOR CERT RECORDS**

Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_





## Sew Much Fun Tours “InStride” Therapy Program

By: Deb Orchard

Ladies from Sew Much Fun replaced worn out binding on 6 saddle blankets for InStride Therapy, Inc. Since many of us are quilters, each blanket received a different, brightly colored fabric binding.

In return, Patrick Frost, InStride Equine Performance Coordinator, treated us to a tour of their facilities including the barns, grounds, and therapy arena. We also learned more about the therapies offered, and the horses and volunteer opportunities.

InStride Therapy, Inc. is an equine therapy center in Nokomis. They provide physical, occupational and/or speech/language therapy, also known as hippotherapy. Currently, they work with 83 clients per week, mostly children, and are using 11 therapy horses.

InStride is also starting a new program called Easterseals Operation Stride a Veterans Horsemanship Program. Training is free and available to Veterans and First Responders. If you are interested, Contact Easterseals or InStride Therapy for more information.

Those of us who visited InStride had a wonderful time and are looking forward to making a return trip. Sew Much Fun meets Thursday mornings in the Community Center and is open to all who wish to work on their own projects and enjoy the camaraderie of others. Please come join us.



L to R: Patrick Frost, Denise Slovinski, Linda Kelly, JoEllen Pozarek (InStride Assistant), Lynn Smith, & Deb Orchard

Photo by: Sherri Pellerin, InStride Program & Office Coordinate



InStride Information-  
from their website



JoEllen Pozarek with Simba, modeling his refurbished saddle blanket.

Photo by: Deb Orchard

DEAR READERS: The following three pages contain the draft minutes and the summary of the most recent meeting of the Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU). The draft minutes and summary was provided by Kelley Kimberly, Community Liaison.

**DRAFT MINUTES (to be approved at next meeting)**

**ROTONDA WEST STREET & DRAINAGE**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT (MSBU)**

**ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:54 a.m.**

**West County Annex, Room 120**

**6868 San Casa Drive, Englewood, Florida**

**Members Present:** Nicholas Kotzalas, Chair

Samuel Besase, Vice Chair

Carol Delucca

Laura Ingrassia

**Members Absent:** Denise Burns, apologies sent

**County Staff:** Kimberly Kelley, Community Liaison

Kelly Slaughter, Project Manager

Jeff Litherland, Project Engineer

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit):**

Hank Killion inquired on repair versus rehabilitation, questioned why the bridges are being made to be American Disability Act (ADA) compliant, the order of which bridge will be repaired first, if the project is out to bid, why there have been delays and the humpback bridge changes.

Jerry Eldred reviewed a list of questions provided to Ms. Kelley for the Engineer and Manager.

Leo VanOrden also provided a list of questions, inquired on the paint and commented on the Texas barrier style bridge and its future deterioration.

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## **Unfinished Business:**

Bridge Maintenance/Repair Update: Ms. Kelley reviewed the initial bridge maintenance plan, past scenarios, the budget provided and the current design project to start the needed repairs. Mr. Litherland explained the current thriebeam is not crash rated, and the vertical face barrier was initially the recommendation due to increased costs of a Texas barrier; however, either barrier are viable options. He noted that no bridges are being replaced, lowered, all are considered humpback and not being brought to ADA compliance as that would require widening. Ms. Kelley confirmed that staff would not recommend keeping the current style thriebeam, as it could lead to a liability issue, and Mr. Litherland stated it needed to be brought to current safety standards. Ms. Kelley provided information received from the Fiscal Department as follows: In a “worst case” scenario (meaning if the Advisory Board chose the higher of the two options, the more expensive rails, and the cost of keeping one lane open during bridge construction) the budget can afford the extra expense. Fiscal built the numbers into Fiscal Year 2023, Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025. Fiscal Year 2025 would be at 13.1% of reserves because of the anticipated paving program in Fiscal Year 2025.

The projections would be revisited when the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget cycle is proposed. There was additional discussion on the increased costs of materials for both bridge and paving programs, as well as the drainage maintenance programs that need to be done within Rotonda West. Mr. Kotzalas stated that the Rotonda West Association has asked, no matter what recommendation was made on the type of thriebeam chosen by the Advisory Board, if the Texas barrier style bridge option could be considered for the Gas Tax Road bridges, as these are the face of the Rotonda West entrances. Mr. Litherland stated staff would consider the request but cannot guarantee that design would be chosen. Mr. Litherland and Ms. Slaughter reviewed the questions provided. There was discussion on painting of the bridges, maintenance of traffic (MOT), road closures and one lane road closures. Mr. Litherland stated that staff is conscious of the flow of traffic, and other departments such as Fire/EMS and school bus transportation would all be notified and involved. Public Works also sends out traffic advisories.

## **Citizen Input on MSBU Items (3 Minute Limit):**

Hank Killion stated the first bridge to be closed would be acceptable and he asked that humpback bridges remain the same height.

Jerry Eldred inquired on the steel guard bridges and the historical preservation of the bridges.

Kathy Hadamik commented on the budget of the bridges, future budget and rate assessments.

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### **Advisory Board Open Discussion:**

Ms. Kelley shared Ms. Burns input via email as she was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. She stated the following: If I am allowed to vote remotely, I vote for the Texas barrier and the \$34,250 additional cost over the vertical face barrier with the funding predicated on closing both lanes with detour signs that will pay for the better aesthetics and leave a small balance of \$1,750 (\$36,000 for no detour - \$34,250 additional cost for barrier selection = \$1,750). Ms. Kelley stated that unfortunately an Advisory Board members cannot vote remotely, however, felt it was important to provide her input. Mr. Kotzalas asked each individual Advisory Board member to share their input. Ms. Ingrassia stated that she likes the Texas barrier, but the vertical face barrier is fiscally more practical.

Ms. Delucca agreed with the upcoming projects and that the vertical face barrier is the best option as far as cost. Mr. Besase does not support either option and wants to keep the current style. Mr. Kotzalas believes with the increased costs of concrete and other materials, and drainage maintenance and paving projects, that the vertical face barrier would be the best option for seventeen bridges. Mr. Besase motioned to move forward with the Texas barrier, there was no second and the motion failed. Ms. Ingrassia motioned to move forward with the vertical face barrier, seconded by Mr. Kotzalas and was approved 3:1 with Mr. Besase casting the dissenting vote.

### **Schedule Meetings / Items for Next Agenda:**

Future meetings are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. as follows:

Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Mac V. Horton West County Annex

Thursday, October 27, 2022, at the Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center

Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Mac V. Horton West County Annex

Submitted by Kimberly Kelley

Public Works Department

**\*\*\* In Summary: The Rotonda West Street and Drainage Advisory Board approved 3:1 to move forward with the vertical face barrier thriebeam style. This was determined to be the most fiscally responsible decision, the current style is not crash rated and had to be brought up to safety standards.**

**Kimberly Kelley, Community Liaison**

# **WANTED!**

## **PICTURE OF A YOUNGER VERSION OF YOURSELF PARTICIPATING IN A SPORT**

In recognition of the 1970's Rotonda West Superstar competition, West Ways is creating a picture collection of community members taking part in a sport from their youth. These pictures will be used to help celebrate the upcoming Superstars festivities, and will also appear in future West Ways issues. Let's have some fun with this!

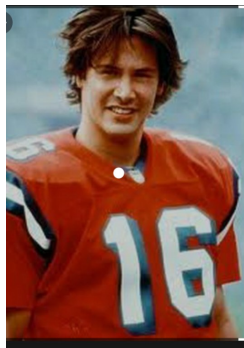
Take some time over the summer, enjoy the indoor air-conditioning, and go through some old pictures. Send your picture and name to: [westways@rotondawest.org](mailto:westways@rotondawest.org).

No hurry. These will be used early next year! BE A SPORT AND TAKE PART!!

**BELOW: Examples of people you probably know (not Rotonda Superstars).**



Cameron Diaz



Keanu Reeves



Tom Brady



Joe Biden (circled)



Toby McGuire &  
Leonardo DiCaprio



Heather Locklear &  
Scott Baio



## ELECTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES WORKSHOP

Each year the Rotonda West Association (RWA) holds an election for two Board of Director's positions. To assist the candidates in preparing for the election process, the Election Committee will hold a Candidate's Workshop on July 15, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. in-person or live via zoom in the Community Center at 646 Rotonda Circle.

The workshop agenda includes:

- A review of RWA Election Committee rules, procedures and political campaign guidelines
- A review of the 2022 Candidate Information Packet which includes Notice of Intent, Candidate Information Sheet Guide, key dates, and timelines for the election process up to the annual Meeting
- Helpful hints about the election process

The goal of this workshop is to give interested candidates all the necessary tools to ensure their candidacy is approved at the August 12, 2022 Election Committee meeting. **A failure to comply with all requirements will result in a denial of your candidacy.**

All materials must be submitted per the guidelines of the Election Committee rules, Procedures and Political Campaign Guidelines which can be found online under Committees, Election Committee.

The recording of the workshop will be available through the RWA website under RWA Elections.

Thank you.





**JULY 8TH**

**SUMMER**

**FUN !**

**CLINIC**

**AND**

**DINNER**

**NIGHT**



**The Hills Restaurant 50th Anniversary Rotonda Golf & Country Club**

**Summer Series CLINIC & DINNER JULY 8TH**

**\$20 PER PERSON!**

**PRICE INCLUDES DINNER!**

**3:45 PM CLINIC, DINNER AFTER AT THE HILLS COURSE**

**941-697-2414**

*Come and learn with your friends!*

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

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

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

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

## LOCAL FIREWORK DISPLAYS



### Englewood 4th of July Fireworks Show

Where: Middle Beach (Blind Pass Beach) on Manasota Key

Date: July 4th

Time: 9 p.m.—9:45 p.m.

Price: Free

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### Fishermen's Village Independence Weekend Celebration

Where: Fisherman's Village

1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, Fl. 33950

Date: July 4th

Time: 9 p.m.

Price: Free admission and parking

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### Freedom Fest at Laishley Park

Where: 150 Laishley Court

Punta Gorda, Fl. 33950

Date: July 3rd

Time: 9 p.m.

Price: \$5 per person admission

# JULY ACTIVITIES

## FOR CHILDREN, TEEN, & FAMILIES

The Englewood/Charlotte Library will continue its summer program in July. The program lasts through July 30th, 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.

### **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.

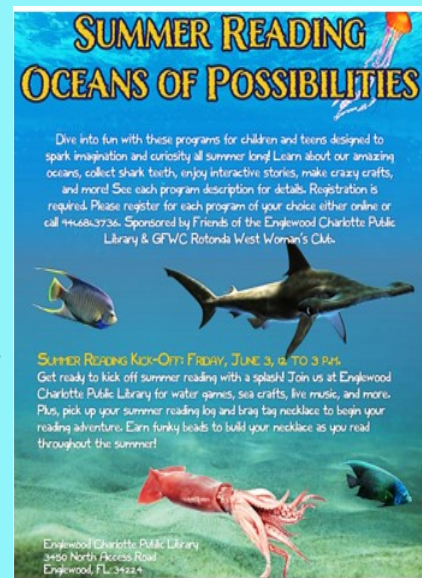
### **Wednesday, July 27, 10-11 a.m.-Interactive shark tooth hunt**

In the presentation, Dr. Ashley Oliphant (aka The Shark Lady) will lead children on an 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**



## COME AND JOIN US!



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Neighbors,

With the summer months being here, Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch finds itself with limited amounts of patrols and bases due to many volunteers heading north for the summer or going on vacation. Neighborhood Watch patrols each section of Rotonda West nightly and are looking for more patrols. Safety bases are needed each evening when patrols are out to act as the liaison and connection between the patrols and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

Are you thinking about volunteering? **What does this entail?** First, there will be a 20-minute in-person training but there is also a virtual training available if you would feel more comfortable. After training, your coordinator will contact you to get you on the schedule. **What is the time commitment?** Whether you are a safety base or patrol, the time commitment is one night per month, two hours that night.

For more information, please visit the RW Neighborhood Watch page or website.

Respectfully Yours,

David W Perry

President

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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