

WEST WAYS

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2023 Rotonda West Parade: New Time, New Route, Same Christmas Spirit

By: **Connie Smith**

Besides a new starting time, there will be a new route that's shorter and definitely easier for marching band members and walking parade participants (see end of story). Perhaps, residents will even find the route easier to access. The new theme for 2023 is Santa's Workshop Toys-Toys-Toys. Just as important, there's a new coordinator – Pam Pierce - and she is in need of volunteers with lots of job choices for whatever amount of time you desire to spend.

A professional event planner, Pierce brings years of experience and organizational ability to Rotonda's parade. As owner of the Grand Rapids, Michigan, *Events by Design*. Her company was the corporate go-to for fun themed parties. After Pierce's retirement and move to Rotonda in 2019, she took on the contract of executing the Barrier Island Parks Society's Green Gala fund raiser. The event, held at the Boca Grande Pass Club, that benefits Gasparilla Island's two light houses, as well as Stump Pass, Gasparilla Island, Don Pedro and Cayo Costa state parks, normally averaged \$30,000 in donations. Pam's last year of involvement was just before COVID hit in 2020 and the gala earned \$90,000.



Pam Pierce, RWA's new Christmas Parade coordinator, has years of event planning experience and loads of ideas to make the 2023 parade better than ever, but she needs volunteers for every job! There's a sign up sheet at the Community Center or she may be e-mailed at: parade@rotondawest.org.

The success was gratifying, but after that level of intensity, donating her services for a simple, one-morning community event seems like a refreshing change of pace, right?

"It was put out that Rotonda needed a Christmas Parade coordinator. I attended a Community Outreach Committee meeting to mostly fact find and before I left, with a little arm twisting, I took on the role", Pierce laughs.

She already has a three-ring binder of job descriptions and believes that the army of volunteers required can work under three team leaders; the Awards/Judging team leadership has been filled by Tammy Birdsong, Marketing/Public Relations & Logistics/Staging are still available.

"Jump in and volunteer," she urges. "I will support you through all you need to be successful!"

She has also compiled a budget for the RWA Board of Directors which may require some discussion and future identification of funding streams. A purchase of a Mrs. Santa Claus costume is just one of the hoped-for expenditures Pierce believes will make the parade a better experience. She plans to keep records of in-kind contributions so the Board will have a full idea of the value and costs of the Christmas Parade.

She has placed a volunteer sign up display already in the Community Center lobby. "I am hoping to minimize the number of meetings our volunteers will need to attend," she said. "Volunteers can be as busy as they want to be and provide much needed help."

So, whether one wants to be on Elf Patrol the day of the parade and help guide along the parade route, or serve as one of the street performers or costume characters Pierce envisions, there's a job for everyone. For questions, e-mail Pam Pierce at:

parade@rotondawest.org or call her at 616-540-7557.

Parade entry applications will be accepted, beginning September 1. Entries may register online at Rotondawest.org and look for the **Christmas Parade Forms** link.

The RWA will be supporting the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program by collecting new, unwrapped toys the day of the parade along the route. Of course, we will continue our work collecting food items for Englewood Helping Hands as well.

And now, for the new parade route: Fellowship Church, at the corner of Parade Circle and Rotonda Boulevard West, (140 Rotonda Blvd W.) will be the staging location. The route will exit the church lot onto Parade Circle, traveling east to Rotonda Boulevard North and turn north, continuing north to Rotonda Circle. The route will then turn east onto Rotonda Circle to Broadmoor Park (646 Rotonda Circle), where the parade will end.

"This new route takes ½ mile off the old route, which should be easier on the band and parade walkers. I also think the earlier time (10 a.m.) will make the temperatures cooler for parade participants and parade watchers," she explained.

Pierce looks forward to helping get our community in the Holiday Spirit and hopes you will join her in the fun event.



Anyone willing to do any amount of work to make the 2023 Christmas Parade a success need only stop by the Community Center to sign up.

The display in the lobby area is easy to spot!



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

West Ways Editor Nadine Clough



Dear Readers,

West Ways newsletter is the official newsletter of Rotonda West. It is your newsletter, reflecting the wonderful people who make up our community. With so many ways to communicate nowadays, West Ways remains a form of communication that offers completely researched and approved articles and stories about Rotonda West in a positive manner. West Ways is now in its twenty-seventh year serving Rotonda, reaching over 4,000 residents each month. There has been many changes over the years, but the standards of West Ways remain high.

My involvement with West Ways began in 2017, when I responded to a “Writers Wanted” ad in a West Ways issue. I took over as editor in August, 2020 under the guidance of fellow committee members, and my friend and past editor, Don Mahon. As I begin my fourth year as editor, I have come to understand the importance of our residents in the success of our community. Without the involvement and volunteering by residents, Rotonda West would not be what it is today.

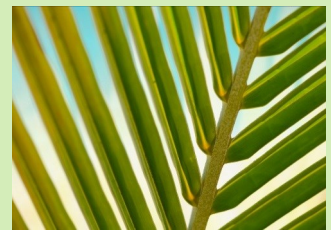
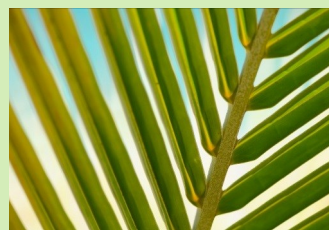
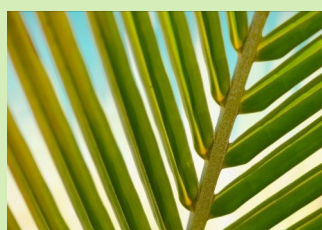
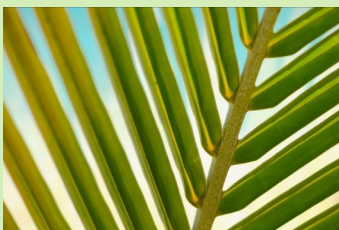
Everyone’s situation is different and therefore every person gives to their community in different ways. Looking out for your neighbor, keeping your home and lot clean, joining clubs, attending events, volunteering in any small way, being on a committee, or serving on the Board of Directors are all important ways we take responsibility for the health of our community. Each and every piece adds to the success of Rotonda West.

I thank you for continuing to support West Ways. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions for future articles.

Nadine Clough

West Ways Editor

westways@rotondawest.org.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

FOOD TRUCK UPDATE and HOLIDAY PLANS

By: Barry Kean and Nadine Clough

There is an update about the food truck that has been operating at the Rotonda West marina, across from the Hills since last fall. The presence of the food truck was approved by the Rotonda West Board of Directors after Hurricane Ian, as a response to the disruption and unavailability of facilities resulting from the storm. At its meeting on June 22, the Board concluded that recovery from the storm had proceeded to the point that the food truck was no longer needed, and unanimously adopted a motion to end the term of permission for the food truck to operate at the Hills marina, effective June 30th.

However, many people in the community felt that keeping the food truck was good idea and voiced their opinion on the matter. There was still a need, said members, to provide quick, convenient lunches for the local contractors and the many workers who are still here working to get Rotonda back to normal.

UPDATE: In response to the community, RWA President Andy Van Scyoc in conjunction with Fellowship Church, arranged for the Food Truck to be parked in the parking lot of the Fellowship Church on Parade Circle. The truck opened up for business July 1st.

Many community members were happy to continue to be able to still visit the food truck. So were the many local contractors and workers who appreciate the convenience and the good food.

The Food Truck is there Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m.—4p.m.



Street Harvest Food Truck now
at Fellowship Church location



In other action, the Board announced that a chairman has been found for the 2023 Rotonda West Christmas Parade, so the parade is on; it will be held on December 2 at 10 AM. There will be some changes, including a change in route. In addition to the parade, there will be a “Holiday Stroll” on December 3. Watch this space for parade and stroll news and ways you can help.

The Board also authorized the Community Outreach Committee to begin procurement of needed new and replacement holiday decorations. \$5000.00 has been allocated for this purpose in 2023, of which \$1000.00 is available for immediate expenditure.

PLEASE NOTE: The Rotonda West Association Board of Directors meeting for August will be held on THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, AT 6 P.M. (only meeting in August).



Sgt. Al Sacco 1965-2023

SERVICE FOR SGT. AL SACCO HELD IN ROTONDA COMMUNITY CENTER

By: Nadine Clough



On Sunday July 30, 2023, a service was held in the Rotonda West Community Center to honor and remember Sgt. Al Sacco of Rotonda West, who recently passed away due to illness.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office stated that Sacco was hired in February of 1993, and retired in December, 2022 due to medical problems just months shy of serving the citizens of Charlotte County for 30 years. Al achieved the rank of Deputy first Class in 1995, then was promoted to Corporal in 2007, and finally to Sergeant in 2013.

"Sgt. Sacco represented the ideals of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office," the Sheriff's Offices said in a statement Monday, "and will be remembered for his contributions around the agency and throughout the community." The Sheriff's office stated that throughout his nearly 30 year career, Sacco was a member of Road Patrol, Community Policing, School Resource, and was supervisor in the Volunteer Services Unit.

A devoted family man, Al leaves behind his wife Sharon whom he married in 1999, and two sons, Joseph and Matthew. He also will be missed by his extended family, his friends, and his many co-workers from the past three decades.

"We will always remember Al for his positive attitude and unwavering sense of humor."



AUGUST EVENTS

- Thursday, August 3rd. AED/CPR Training. 6-9 p.m. at the Community Center (see page 13).
- Saturday, August 5th. Bloodmobile from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hills marina (see flyer on page 23).
- Friday, August 4th & Saturday August 5th. “Kicks for Kids” (See flyer page 22).
- Thursday, August 17th, at 6 p.m. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.** Only August meeting and it's in the **EVENING.**
- Wednesday, August 9th. GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club. Happy Hour Social 4-6 p.m. **Held at the South Gulf Cove Clubhouse** (see flyer on page 21).
- Tuesday, August 22th from 5-8 p.m. Meet & Greet Potluck Supper in the Community Center. (Info on page 20).
- Saturday, August 26th. MUSIC BINGO 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center, an inside event. (see page 16.)

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sunday, September 17th. BINGO RETURNS! Doors open at 12:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 20th, *Ask the Pharmacist*, at 3 p.m. in the Community Center



Rotonda West Association Board of Directors 2023



Sitting L to R:

Sam Besase, Treasurer; Andy VanScyoc, President;
Les Goodman

Standing L to R:

Patricia Cowin, 1st Vice President;
Jack Metz, Director; Karen Harvey, Secretary
Right: David Kelly, Director



**PLEASE NOTE: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE MEETING ONLY
ONCE IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.
IT WILL BE AN EVENING MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 6 P.M.**

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WONDERFUL STAFF**

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RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATION APPLICATION PROCESS IS MORE USER FRIENDLY THAN EVER

Submitted by the Residential Modification Committee

Did you know that you can go to Rotonda West association website and complete an application to have your exterior home improvement project approved without leaving the comfort of your home? The process is simple and efficient. www.rotondawest.org

Hard copies of the Residential Modification Application can be found in the administration office at 646 Rotonda Circle or on the website.

If you have difficulty, all you need to do is call the office ([941-697-6788](tel:941-697-6788)) and talk to one of the staff, or email: Tammy@rotondawest.org and we will get clarification or the guidance you need.

Helpful Hints:

If it is alive...flower, grass, plant or tree no application approval is required. *If you want to accent your landscape* project with curbing, rock, shell, or stone you will need an application approval.

The RMA (Residential Modification Application) is not a permit - it is an application for approval from the Residential Modification Committee. Charlotte County issues permits.

Fascia, Gutters, Soffit and Windows no longer require an approval from the RMC (Residential Modification Committee).

Just because you do not see the project listed on the application, does not mean you will not need approval for it - please contact the Association for guidance!

Please remember:

The Residential Modification Committee will not approve incomplete applications.



PROTECTING YOUR HOME DURING STORM SEASON

THERE ARE SEVERAL PRECAUTIONS THAT YOU CAN TAKE NOW TO PREPARE AND PROTECT YOUR HOME DURING HURRICANE SEASON:

WINDOWS:

One of the easiest ways to protect your home from hurricane-related damage is to install storm shutters over all exposed windows and glass surfaces. Shutters can be made from steel, aluminum or heavy-duty materials. Even plywood shutters will provide protection from winds and flying debris.

ROOF:

As we saw with Hurricane Ian, roofs are especially vulnerable during a bad storm. Proper roof construction with adherence to the Miami Dade building codes will help with lower category storms. If you are uncertain about the strength of your roof, have an inspector determine if it needs reinforcement.

DOORS:

Many homes in Rotonda have double-entry doors that have one door which remains latched. These doors are especially vulnerable to hurricane winds. The bolts and pins that secure these doors are usually not strong enough to withstand high winds. Treat these doors as if they are windows and secure them with hurricane shutters. Make sure you provide yourself with another way to exit your home.

GARAGE DOORS:

Although your garage may look solid enough to withstand a bad storm, hurricane-force winds can force their way through your garage door, leaving the rest of your home vulnerable to greater damage. Make sure your garage door is reinforced and solid. Retrofit kits are available at local hardware stores.

REMOVE SMALL OBJECTS:

Any loose objects laying around outside your home, have the potential to become dangerous flying projectiles that may cause damage to your home, pool cage, or other outside structures. Spend a morning walking around your home collecting and storing objects that may be dangerous when airborne.

TRIM BUSHES AND TREES:

Cutting back and trimming landscaping can help protect the bushes and trees from extensive damage. It can also help prevent branches and small uprooted plants from becoming projectiles that may damage your home.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Submitted by: Deb Orchard

While we have our ongoing events, such as Meet & Greet the 4th Tuesday of each month and Bingo resuming in September and monthly through May on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are planning some wonderful one-time events for you. Here are some highlights, so you may mark your calendar now so you don't miss out on the fun.

August 3rd @ 6pm is our next "Emergency Preparedness" presentation. C.E.R.T. will be presenting training in CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation). We will also have training is using the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Did you know we have one mounted on the wall just inside the main entrance to the Community Center? Please join us in the Community Center.

Saturday, August 26th Music in the Park, *MUSIC BINGO* @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 14th Food Drive from 9-12 a.m. in the Broadmoor parking lot.

Thursday, November 2nd our annual Open House in the Community Center.

Friday & Saturday, November 3rd & 4th the Community wide Garage Sale. More information later.

Friday, November 24th is our annual Gazebo Lighting and Boat Parade at the Marina.

Saturday, December 2nd our Holiday Parade returns. There are some big changes coming this year; but, more information about that in the upcoming months.

Sunday, December 3rd our Holiday Stroll. Wooden cut outs will be staged around the pond next to the Community Center for you to "stroll" around seeing them. More details later on this event.

We will continue to advertise our events on the RWA calendar, RWA e-mails through Constant Contact, West Ways Newsletter, FaceBook posts on Rotonda West Property Owners page, the portable sign at the entrance to Broadmoor Park and flyers posted on the bulletin boards outside the office and in the Community Center along with ones you may take home by stopping in the office or from the table in the entrance to the Community Center. We, on the Community Outreach Committee, hope you will come join us for these events.



Community Outreach Committee hosts:

RWA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SERIES

FOURTH IN A SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS

**Thursday
August 3rd
6:00 pm**

**RWA
Community
Center
646
Rotonda
Circle**

**Welcome to all RWA
residents, renters, and
their guests.**

**RWA BOD members Patti Cowin
and Sam Besase are active
members of the Rotonda CERT
and will be on hand for
this training.**



**Rotonda Communities
Emergency Response Team**

**John Blanchette, CERT
Jack Metz, Rotonda West, with
background in EMS**

**Demonstration of hands only CPR, hands
on for as many as time will allow. AED
review and training,**

**Community Emergency Response Teams
(CERT) are made up of community
residents who are trained in basic
fundamentals of emergency assistance.**

**Teams are deployed when traditional
emergency services are overwhelmed or
cannot reach an incident area such as
when a tornado or hurricane strikes.**

**FIRST DISCUSSION
GROUP IS NOW ON THE
SCHEDULE:**

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPT. 20TH,**

**AT 3 P.M. IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

ASK THE PHARMACIST

By: Sarah Swiatek



Sarah Swiatek, Pharmacist

In last month's edition of West Ways, I expressed an interest in meeting with all of you to host an open discussion about pharmacy and healthcare related solutions. Residents were encouraged to email me with topic ideas and thoughts, and here are some questions I received:

What do the letters stand for after your name? What training is required for a pharmacist?

Answer: Pharm.D. stands for "Doctor of Pharmacy". It is considered a professional level degree, similar to that of a Master's. Two years of pre-requisites are needed (unless an alternate Bachelor's or other qualifying degree has been obtained first), followed by four years of Pharmacy School. It is not the same as a Ph.D., which requires several additional years of education, and is more of an academic degree. R. Ph. Stands for "Registered Pharmacist", which means I hold a license for the state in which I practice. I possess additional credentials and state licenses as well.

How do you remember and stay informed about all of the medications?

It's definitely challenging. New medications are released frequently, as well as new indications for older medicines. Many medicines are used for more than one condition. Each state requires continuing education credits every year to remain licensed. I attend courses, read a lot of daily emails, have discussions with peers, and rely on the software at work to help recognize interactions. Learning is a constant, never-ending undertaking. It is not possible to remember each and every medication. Pharmacists rely upon resources and repetition.

What are the differences between generic and name-brand medications?

Every drug is created with two names. Upon release, a new medication is recognized primarily under its brand, or trade name. At that time, it is under patent protection, and can only be manufactured by one company until the patent lapses. This usually spans several years. Once the patent lapses, the medication can then be manufactured by other companies. The cost usually starts to lessen because of the loss of exclusivity. The active ingredients are not necessarily the same and neither is the shape and color. Additionally, there is some leeway allowed for the amount of active ingredient required to be present in the generic version. It may contain anywhere from 85-115% of the active ingredients required for the formulation.

What precautions should be taken to be safe in this Florida heat?

Drink your fluids! I find that many people who live here do not drink enough water. A good guideline is a minimum of half your body weight in ounces of water every day (more in the hot summer months) unless you are on fluid restriction. For each serving of coffee, tea, soda, alcohol, etc., it is recommended to drink an additional serving (8 ounces). Make sure to also replace electrolytes, perhaps by substituting some of that water with sugar-free sports drinks or by adding a tiny amount of sea salt in your water.

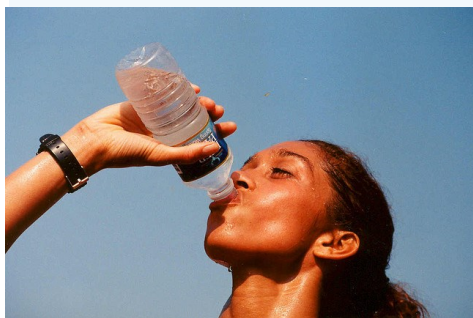
Wear sunscreen and reapply liberally— I dispense a lot of medications for patients who affected by skin cancer. Wear hats, sunglasses, and light clothing to protect your skin and eyes. Avoid outdoor activities during the hottest hours of the day, opting instead for early morning walks, rides, and sports.

Follow the news every day to keep an eye on air quality if you have a respiratory condition. Schedule regular maintenance on your air conditioner, at least once, if not twice a year. Set the thermostat to stay at a constant temperature. Running your oven will increase the heat level in your home, opt instead for grilling outside or eating meals that don't require long cook or bake times.

Create a buddy system where you and a friend or family member check in on each other on a regular basis.

The first quarterly event in the Community Center, where we can meet, share ideas, and have a discussion, will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 3 p.m. in the RWA Community Center. I invite you to email me at SRxSwi@gmail.com if you would like to offer topic suggestions, or with questions that you might have.

Thank you and hope to see you there!



Drink plenty of liquids

**TAKE CARE
DURING
HOT
FLORIDA
SUMMERS!**



Check on each other



Air Quality Index (AQI) Values	Levels of Health Concern
0 to 50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups
151-200	Unhealthy
201-300	Very Unhealthy
301 to 500	Hazardous

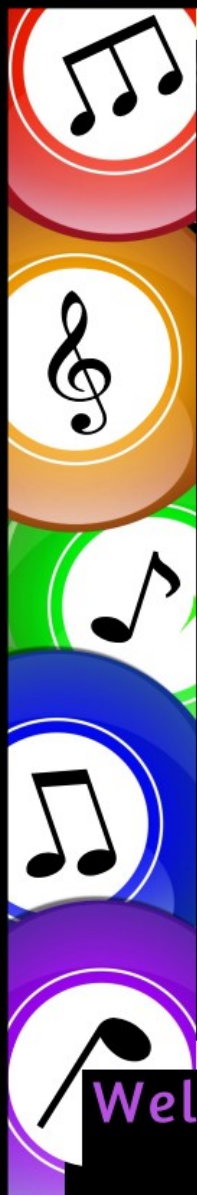
Check Air Quality



Use sunscreen



Keep home comfortable



Music *in the* Park *indoor*

Music Bingo with
Mr. Game Show Host

Bring your
sing-a-long voice, snacks & beverage!!

Welcome RWA members, residents, renters,
and their guests.

26
AUGUST
SATURDAY

RWA
Community
Center
646 Rotonda
Circle



Rotonda West
Association
Community Outreach Committee

6:30
PM
TO 8
PM

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT members learn to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The CERT program is a hands on all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable 3-day course is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

Find training information, manuals, brochure, and more online: CharlotteCountyFL.gov/CERT

CERT Training

Disaster preparedness: Instructs team members how to prepare themselves and their community for the various types of hazards that may occur.

Team organization and disaster psychology: Learn to work well in a team setting under stressful emergency event.

Fire safety: Covers proper techniques for preventing and extinguishing small fires.

Medical operations: Conduct triage, establish medical treatment areas, and provide basic first aid for victims.

Basic search and rescue: Learn search and rescue planning, techniques, and rescuer safety.

Terrorism Awareness: Define terrorism, terrorist goals, weapons, and indicators of a terrorist attack.

CERT's Role in the Community

The Charlotte CERT program has a role for everyone. Members use a combination of CERT training and community knowledge to serve their neighbors in a time of disaster.



Charlotte County CERT members serve the community during a disaster as shelter workers, call center operators, and as a support role during wildfires. CERT members also participate in public outreach events, support Fire & EMS by providing first aid at large events and provide lifesaving training throughout the community.

Become a CERT Member

The three-day Basic Training is scheduled on a quarterly basis. Training is at no cost and open to the public. Anyone under 18 needs to fill out a parent consent form to attend training. For more information, email CharlotteCountyCERT@gmail.com.

Get Involved

Charlotte County CERT offers supplemental training and opportunities to volunteer. For more information, email CharlotteCountyCERT@gmail.com.

CCFLARES AMATEUR RADIO

CCFLARES (Charlotte County Florida ARES) is fully committed to support digital communication modes via Amateur Radio. Winlink-Email is actively deployed, tested and exercised throughout our teams. We continually upgrade and test our digital infrastructure for dependability and reliability.

Our Mission:

To partner with our community to create, maintain, and improve a portfolio of reliable emergency communications capabilities.

Find more information online at ccflares.org.

Charlotte County Projects Benefit Rotonda West Residents

FIRST IN A SERIES

Project Description

Provide an additional boat ramp facility utilizing property adjacent to the existing boat ramp. The scope of design is to include a 2-lane boat ramp, kayak launch, additional parking for both vehicles and boat trailers, asphalt ADA parking, and a restroom facility.

Project Location

12560 Placida Road, Placida FL 33946

Project Impacts

The property is on a corner which makes meeting the DOT guidelines for access difficult. After meeting with Public Works to determine access points, the project has proceeded with design of a master plan given the direction that access and redesign of traffic flow within the existing park will need to be considered in planning. This master plan presented to the Board of County Commissioners on April 12, 2022 exceeds the current funding and budget for the project.

Latest Updates

Project is in design development moving toward the direction of a full park development master plan. Master plan includes one large interconnected park, approximately 158 boat trailer parking spaces, 6 launch lanes with boarding piers, centrally located restroom building, ADA accessible kayak launch, pavilions and shade structures, an ice vending machine, and accessibility from Placida Road and Boca Grande Causeway.

Design development master plans were presented to commissioners during a Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 12, 2022. The engineering design team has submitted permit applications for the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection (FDEP) based on these approved master plans. A meeting is scheduled with FDEP in early August to review permitting comments.

Budget







PHASE	COST
Design	\$900,000
Construction	\$5,800,000
Other Costs	\$300,000
Total Budget	\$7,000,000

Funding source(s): 2014 1% Local Option Sales Tax

Schedule

PHASE	ESTIMATED START DATE	FORECAST COMPLETION	ACTUAL COMPLETION
Design Development	03/03/2020	08/09/2024	



-  **Project Phase**
Design Development
-  **Last Updated**
07/25/2023
-  **Project Manager**
Jenny Buccieri
-  **Public Relations**
Brian Gleason
[Email Public Relations](#)
-  **Project Number**
c721902
-  **Sponsor Department**
Community Services
-  **Design Engineer/Architect**
Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc
-  **Construction Contractor**
Florida Premier Contractors, Inc

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***Thanks to Glenn Semanisin of Rotonda West for submitting this series idea**



LOCATION



Park Property



EXISTING PARK

Features

- 5.6± AC (4± AC above MHW)
- 3 launch lanes/3 boarding piers
- 79 boat trailer parking spaces
- Ice vending machine



MASTER PLAN

Features

- One large, interconnected park (15± AC)
- 158 boat trailer parking spaces (~43 increase)
(Charlotte County MPP ~ 188 trailer spaces)
- 6 launch lanes with boarding piers
- Centrally located restroom
- ADA accessible kayak launch
- Pavilions / shade structures and ice vending machine
- Accessible from Placida Road & Boca Grande Causeway

MEET & GREET



Tuesday, August 22th from 5-7pm

*RWA Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle*

Open to all RWA members and their guests

Bring a dish to share, and your drink of choice and cup. We will provide the rest of the tableware.

*To try and even out the dishes, we are **suggesting** the following (we will rotate this every month):*



If your last name begins with:

A-H -Dessert

I-P - Salad or Side

Q-Z- Main Dish

(ie: casseroles, baked pasta dish, etc.)

This is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends!!!



**There will be
a 50/50 pot**



Rotonda West
Association

Presented by the
Community Outreach
Committee



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Inc.
Gwen Grace, President



During the hot weather of summer, the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club slows down a bit while members travel and/or head north to their "snowbird" homes. But there is always something going on back here.

Our members have been meeting at the beach, enjoying lunch at local restaurants, entertaining at nursing homes and taking a dolphin cruise. All the while volunteering in the community!

A few August events include the **Kicks for Kids** sneaker collection and the **Big Red Bus Blood Drive**. See more information on pages following this article.

Please Join Us For
GFWC Rotonda West
Woman's Club
Happy Hour Social

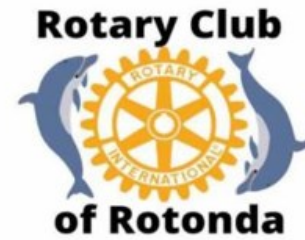
Wednesday, August 9th
4 pm to 6 pm
South Gulf Cove HOA Clubhouse
14859 Ingraham Blvd
Port Charlotte

Bring Your Own Beverage
Everyone is welcome to attend!

We are also having a **Happy Hour Social** on Wednesday August 9th. I hope you can help and participate!

If you are interested in joining GFWC RWWC, please go to our website at www.gfwcrotondawest.org for information.

You can also find us on Facebook at GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Group. Our next General Meeting is Thursday, September 21, 2023.



Kicks for Kids

Please help GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club & Rotary Club of Rotonda provide new sneakers for Kids' Needs of Englewood.

HOW? Drop off pairs of new sneakers

Junior sizes 10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 or

Men / Women sizes 6 - 13

July 24 - August 4 is a tax-free holiday for back-to-school items

When, Where, What Time?

1) Friday August 4th

- Rotonda West Association (RWA) Community Center
- 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947
- 8am – 11am

2) Saturday August 5th

- At the Big Red Bus by The Hills Golf Club / Marina
- 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947
- 9am - noon (donate blood at the same time!)

Contact for further info:

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Clare Imrie clareimrieuk@hotmail.com

Thanks for your support!



DONATE BLOOD

**Together Saving Lives: The Rotonda
West Rotary Club & The GFWC
Rotonda West Woman's Club
Saturday, August 5
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood Swag Bag**
- **Chick-fil-A Coupon**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

*Rotonda Golf and Country Club - The Hills Course
100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit **oneblood.org/donate-now** and use **sponsor code #39275**.

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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Receive



- PLUS -



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GENERAL INTEREST

**Administrative Office - Community Center
Broadmoor Park**

**646 Rotonda Circle
Rotonda West, Florida 33947**

**Office Hours: 8:00AM - 4:00PM M - F
TEL: (941) 697-6788**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

HOW TO REGISTER

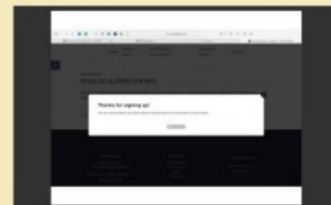
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**On any device with
website access go to:
rotondawest.org**



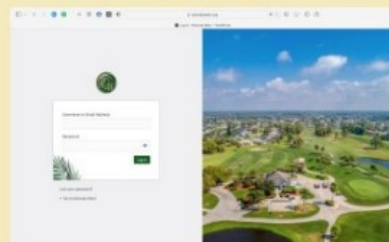
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**Fill out the pop-up screen
information.
Enter "Sign-up"
Close screen**



Step 3.

**To enter into website,
log-in again at
rotondawest.org**



NEED HELP? CALL 941-697-6788