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Annual Election Absentee or Mail-in Ballot

Due on December 6, 2023

Submitted by the RWA Election Committee

Every year we request your vote for two (2) open Board positions and Rollover of Excess Membership Income over Membership Expenses. The Board of Directors recommends a vote in the favor of rollover as provided by IRS Ruling 70-604 (See page 3 for rollover explanation).

Candidates Information sheets and ballots were mailed to you. All Candidates' Information sheets are also available at rotondawest.org under Governance, RWA Elections. Absentee ballots have specific instructions to follow. Please read them carefully and follow exactly to ensure your vote counts. You may vote for one but no more than two individuals.

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If you did not follow the directions included with the ballot, lost or discarded your hard copy, please contact the RWA office at (941) 697-0788.

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Candidate Information Statement

Jerry R Eldred

My wife Barbara, and I moved to Rotonda West eight years ago. We picked this area for its attractiveness, limited traffic and very low crime rate. We are permanent year-round residents. We love our place in paradise. Barb and I are blessed with a blended family of seven adult children and six grandchildren.

You may contact me at jeldred1449@gmail.com, PHONE: 937-620-1865 or as soon as I have it up and running visit my website at Jerry Eldred RWA Director,

As for my background I grew up in a small rural town in Northcentral Pennsylvania. After high school graduation I attended Corning Community College in Corning NY and entered the United States Air force in 1970. Receiving an honorable discharge.

I decided to become active in our community when I began learning about taxes being levied on residents living in Rotonda West through the county MSBU District. I firmly believe that our tax dollars are to be spent wisely on projects that will benefit the entire community. I understood the need of improving our roads, drains and bridges but the addition of a sidewalk masterplan, the initial addition of five miles of sidewalks (670,000 per mile) and beautification projects, I felt these were not needed. Our boulevard sidewalks are paid by Gas Tax funds. I promised to be open and work for the community and I will continue to do so. I was secretary of RWA and served on the Building and Grounds committee and the Aquatic's subcommittee. I have no hidden agenda; I want to help ensure the quality of life in our community. Sometimes as a board member you have to make difficult decisions and I try to make ones that are best for the entire community. As a retiree I have seen my funds disappear due to cost of living and tax increases I am not in favor of any new taxes



Education

Masters in Arts: Public Administration, Akron University
Bachelor of Arts in Parks and Natural Resources Management, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director Miami County Park District, Miami County Ohio, Retired (Jan. 1991-2012)

The position I retired from and loved the most was the Miami County Park District. I feel humbled that I was able to work for a governmental agency that was recognized nationwide as being unique. As a Park District in Ohio, we were created by the State Legislator in 1917, our Ohio residents may be familiar with Metro Parks found around the state. The Miami County Park District and all Metro parks are each governed by their own three-member Board of Park Commissioners. In order to be a successful Park District in Ohio you must gain voter approval by passing property tax mileage levies. We successfully passed three voter approved levies, during my 20+ years. When I left the district had 13 parks and 2,500 acres, we started with 3 parks and 600 acres. The districts primary mission is natural resource management.

City of Alliance, Director of parks, Recreation and Public lands, 13 years.

Name: Karen W. Harvey
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Background:

I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and I lived there until my father was transferred with the Federal Government to Rockville, MD. I finished my education and decided to work in Washington, DC where I remained until retirement in 2018. I worked as a Senior Director of Human Resources for a large trade association in Washington, DC.

Education:

Associates of Arts degree in Business Management from Montgomery College
Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Columbia Union College

Experience:

My husband and I joined Neighborhood Watch upon moving to Rotonda West and then I became a Writer for West Ways. I then became very interested in the committee work of the RWA. My Rotonda West Association Committee work includes:

Chair of the Communications Committee for 2 years – 2019 – 2021
Member of the Community Relations Committee – 2019 – 2021
Co-Chair of the Community Outreach Committee for 1 year – 2021 to 2022
Holidays Decorations Coordinator for 3 years – 2020 – 2022
Event Chair for Gazebo Lighting for 3 years – 2020 – 2022
Elections Committee for 3 years – 2020 – 2022; Secretary for 1 year - 2021 to 2022

I am currently serving a 1-year term on the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors in the Developer's position.

Summary:

I am a leader who is dedicated and passionate about Rotonda West. I care about the residents of our community. Our community needs a strong female leader who is transparent and has a willingness to listen. I have more than proven myself a capable person who can get things done. I pride myself on gaining consensus among my peers and will work toward a better tomorrow. We need to have solid deed restrictions in order to maintain our little slice of Paradise called Rotonda West. I also volunteer outside of Rotonda West doing charity work that is vital to our community. This community suffered greatly at the winds of Hurricane Ian and I want to continue to build and restore our community. I am a person who can create and maintain ways to sustain and showcase Rotonda West as an exciting community.

2023 RWA Board of Directors Election - Candidate Information Sheet

Dale Jensen

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Greetings Rotonda West neighbors. My name is Dale Jensen and I'm running for a seat on the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors. I believe that Rotonda West is a wonderful place to live and, if elected, I look forward to working with the other board members, management team and committee volunteers to make Rotonda West an even better community.

A little information about me. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. My entire career was spent in the telephone industry, beginning with Ohio Bell and culminating with AT&T. I held a variety of positions ranging from cable maintenance technician to high-speed data product director (that was when 1.544 Mbps was considered high-speed) and finally as a director of corporate communications.

Rosemarie and I bought our home at 30 Sportsman Place in Rotonda in 2010 and after several years of "snowbirding" we moved to Rotonda West permanently in 2014. We love Rotonda West and once we became full-time residents I wanted to participate in the community, so I volunteered for a committee assignment. Since then, I have been a member of and/or chaired several committees and I have also attended many of the RWA Board meetings. My committee activity includes:

- Residential Modification Committee – member and Chair – 2016-2019
- Deed Restriction Committee – member and Chair – 2021 - present
- Election Committee – Chair - 2020
- Buildings and Grounds committee – current member

I also volunteer as a local coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide program and during tax season I manage a group of 20 tax counselors who provide in-person tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income.

I am a firm believer in our Deed Restrictions and, as a director, I will actively support monitoring, enforcing and revising of those restrictions to ensure that they meet their purpose of preserving and enhancing the appearance and property values of our Rotonda West community. I would also support an effort by the Association to explore electronic voting since printing, mailing and tabulating the election materials each year is a huge expense.

I believe the Board has performed well and I want to join it to ensure the same performance going forward. I'm asking for your vote so I can put my experience and ability to work developing, supporting and implementing Board actions intended to enhance and improve our Rotonda West community.

In closing, should you have any issues you'd like to discuss or have any questions you would like to ask – please, just call or email me. And don't forget Candidates Night on Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. when you'll have an opportunity to ask the candidates your questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to participate in the upcoming election.

David Kelly

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Personal:

Native of: Rotonda West, Englewood

Family: 3 Children (17,21,22) Resident of Rotonda West and Surrounding areas for over 40 Years

Education:

High School: Lemon Bay High School

College/Degree: BS Degree University of South Florida - Business Administration

Employment History:

Oyster Creek Golf Club 1998-2000

Rotonda Golf & Country Club 22 Years -2001-Present

Public Service:

Rotary Club of Placida 22 Years

Englewood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors-2004-2011, President 2010

Rotonda West Association RMC Liaison 2021-Present

Why I Want to serve:

It has truly been great to serve our community for the last 12 years. If I am elected for 3 more years I will continue to provide conservative financial logic to keep dues low and our standards high for my fellow directors and residents. Rotonda continues to grow at a rapid pace with permanent and seasonal residents moving to our great area every day. Our community is moving in a direction to be proud of!

My Vision of the future of Rotonda:

My vision for Rotonda is to continue our responsible growth and at the same time keep this an affordable community to live in for our residents. We need to continue to maintain canals, green belts, common areas and Broadmoor park at the highest levels possible to keep property values high for our residents.

Signature

Date

7/28/23

**EXPLANATION OF
“ROLLOVER OF EXCESS RWA HOA FUNDS”
WHICH APPEARS ON THE BALLOT EACH YEAR**



Property owners are asked each year as a part of the RWA election process to VOTE either YES or NO to rollover excess funds. Here is Geoffrey Lorah's (RWA's outside independent CPA auditor) explanation:

1. Common interest realty associations (primarily condominium and property owner / homeowner associations) are organized as not-for-profit corporations. For operating purposes, it is assumed the annual budgets for these associations will be prepared on a break-even basis, meaning expenditures will equal revenues. When an association has excess member revenue in any given year, there are three basic options available to the association regarding the treatment of the excess revenue:
 - A. Refund the excess revenue on a pro rata basis to the members of the association
 - B. Obtain member approval to “rollover” the excess revenue to the subsequent fiscal year
 - C. Retain the excess revenue and report this revenue as taxable income on the association's Federal and/or State tax return
2. If the members do not approve the rollover of the excess revenue, an association has two options regarding the treatment of the excess revenue; either refund it to the members or report it as taxable income.

Please note: This is a general explanation. The rollover process is primarily based on the requirements of IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604

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ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

UPDATES

DIRECTORS: Sitting L to R- Sam Besase, Treasurer; Andy Van Scyoc, President; Les Goodman.
Standing L to R- Patricia Cowin, 1st Vice-President; Jack Metz; Karen Harvey. Inset: David Kelly



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2023 2PM

Roll Call: All Present

Approval of Minutes from 10/26/23 & 11/2/23 meetings

President's Report– Andy VanScyoc

Thank you to Director Patti Cowin for six years of service on the board of directors

Treasurer's Report– Sam Besase

\$2.5 million total cash

97.7% of Assessments are paid

RWA in Excellent Financial Position

RWA Budget 2024 will be voted on at this meeting

Manager's Report-Derrick Hedges

Last mowing cycle of this season.

Working with lot owners to clean up lots. Working to have contractors clean up construction sites.

Canal clean up in White Marsh section

Office Staff & Maintenance Staff continue doing a good job.

Deed Restriction Committee Report– Nancy Schwechel

Continue working with members for compliance. Many have come off list.

144 deed violations

Building & Grounds Committee Report- Sam Besase

Aquatics-Water sampling volunteers needed

Reminder to keep mowing 15 feet away from canals

Projects: 29 Parking spaces were added north of Community Center

Sand Mix added to 3 1/2 miles of trails

Proposed 30 X 60 concrete pad on the back or south side of Community Center. Approved.

Community Outreach Committee Deb Orchard

Reviewed list of committee's upcoming events

Action items:

To add Annemarie D' Abrosca as a member of the Community Outreach Committee-approved

To hold Trivia Nights in the future-approved

To hold future Music in the Park events-approved

To hold Rotonda's Got Talent event-approved

To hold Frank Levin Lecture 2/28-approved

To hold "Ask the Pharmacist" event in March-approved

Compliance Committee– Barb Peszko

2 Homeowners came to Compliance Committee meeting

Motion to appoint Eugene Lerner to the Compliance Committee-approved



Residential Modification Committee-Barb Peszko

195 Applications ; 95% of applications approved

Reminder to homeowners that applying is an easy process.

New members needed for committee

Deed Restriction Committee– Dale Jensen-

Discussion on the Rules & Regulations document. Mr. Jensen offered that if the board felt there were already too many rules & regulations, that this one section could be removed. Board decided to wait until the new board was seated before deciding on that issue.

Unfinished Business:

1.) Motion to approve RWA Budget for 2024 as written.

Discussion: Director Sam Besase stated that office staff is under paid. Gave example of increase in COLA of 8.7% and the office pay went up only 5%. Suggested a Line Item vote for staff pay be used.

Vote: Motion passed 6-1 with Director Besase opposed

2.) Motion to approve recent changes to Deed Restriction and Residential Modification package.

Discussion: Director Karen Harvey stated that Section C was vague, and that it needed clearer wording.

Director Les Goodman suggested that the RWA attorneys look at it and add better verbiage.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Directors Meeting:

Submitted by: Nadine Clough



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) 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.



HELPING OTHERS



SEPTEMBER 30TH

The first Annual National Day of Service was on September 30th and the GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club held food drives in two locations benefiting three local food pantries. Over 900 lbs. of food and other items were donated along with monetary donations.

OCTOBER 14TH

LtoR: Rita Lopienski, Deb Orchard, Annemarie & Tom D'Abrosca. On Saturday 10/14, RWA held a World Food Day food drive at Broadmoor Park. The donations went to St. Francis of Assisi Parish Outreach Food Pantry. Special thanks for the D'Abroscas for providing the truck!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

During the Rotonda West Christmas Parade, the Marines and the RWA will be collecting new unwrapped toys along the parade route to benefit "Toys for Tots".

We will also be collecting food items to support Englewood Helping Hand



SPOTLIGHT ON: DAVID PULASKI

Story & Picture by Pattie Mihalik

He's back!

That was good news for friends and fans of David Pulaski when they heard he was back in town.

Maybe it's because of his abiding sense of humor.

Or, maybe it's because they know David and his always ready camera will capture every Rotonda happening for all to see.

Sure enough, the day after he arrived back in town he was out all day snapping photos.

If it's happening in Rotonda he'll be there.

He doesn't just shoot a photo and leave. While some joke that he photographs everything that moves, it's rather accurate.

What most people don't know is that all his work is gratis, including his photos for West Ways and the SUN , the many photos he gives away and the large format photos that grace the community building.

He does it as a labor of love and never looks for a pat on the back.

"I simply like to make people happy," he says.

It's something he's been doing ever since high school when he photographed every school event and took photos for his local newspaper.

After graduating with an engineering degree from Lowell Technical Institute he chose to teach science and math in his home state of Massachusetts.

He also took every photo for the yearbook, worked as a stringer for the newspaper and ran a successful photography business.

It's where he honed his all-consuming approach to photography, never missing a school event.

"I retired after 38 years, but I'll never retire from photography," he says. "I was born with a camera in my hand and I never let go."

Known for his jokes and elaborate stunts, he loves to make people laugh.

"Laughing and making people feel good are important parts of my life," he says.

"I believe I was put on this earth to make people smile."

He and his supportive wife Wanda will soon celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

That's one more reason why he says, "Life is so good."



DAVID PULASKI

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE WRAPPING UP 2023 IN A BOW, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A HAPPY 2024!



Submitted by Deb Orchard

As we wrap-up 2023; hopefully you've attended and enjoyed the Gazebo Lighting and Boat Parade which were held in November, or took part in the monthly Meet & Greet dinners. In December you may be planning on watching the **Holiday Christmas Parade**, or taking part in the **Holiday Stroll**, or driving around the neighborhood to enjoy the holiday displays at the memorial parks and in Broadmoor Park.

The **Holiday Parade** will be on Saturday, December 2nd at 10 a.m. The **Holiday Stroll** is on Sunday, December 3rd. As part of the stroll, the area around the Community Center will have many extra decorations this year that are looking for a new home. You will have the chance to perhaps take one of these decorations home with you. We certainly hope you will come enjoy the stroll.

We also hope you will return on December 10th from 4 -5:30pm for our last **Music in the Park** of 2023. Jonny Puma will perform 90 minutes of holiday music. He has 38 years of experience playing guitar and singing and puts his own special spin on songs we know. He has performed for us several times and is a crowd pleaser. So, tune up your singing voice, gather your lawn chairs, drinks, snacks and come join us on the lawn behind the Community Center for a wonderful afternoon of great holiday music.



Jonny Puma

We are putting together our calendar of events for January through March of 2024. Here's what we have occurring each month: Something new, **Trivia** (team) on the 1st Thursday of the month. **Bingo** continues on the 3rd Sunday of the month. **Music in the Park** moves to the 3rd Thursday of the month. And, **Meet & Greet** continues on the 4th Tuesday of each month. We also have stand-alone events, Ask **The Pharmacist** and **Frank Levin Lectures**. It's been 5 years, but coming back will be the **Rotonda Talent Show** on February 24th. Watch for the calendar of events in West Ways, and for those stand-alone flyers to remind you of all the things we have planned for the first quarter of 2024.

If you've been receiving the individual e-mailed flyers, or simply kept track through the West Ways calendar of events, you know you have had many varied opportunities to join in this year. The Community Outreach Committee has had a busy year. I personally, want to thank all our committee members and the volunteers who have helped along the way. And, I look forward to those willing to help us next year. 2024 is gearing to be another busy year with lots of choices of things to do. If you have a desire to be a part of our committee, either as a member or as a volunteer, please email us at communityoutreach@rotundawest.org.

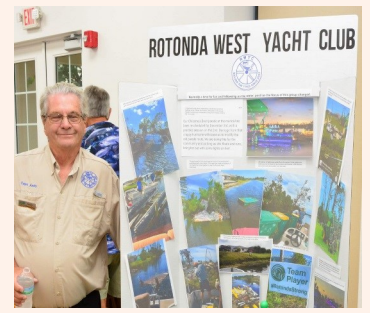
RWA OPEN HOUSE

Pictures by Dave Pulaski

On Thursday, November 2nd, the Rotonda West Association held an Open House to showcase the many clubs, organizations, committees, and local agencies that are available to Rotonda West residents.

A steady flow of Rotonda West neighbors, both new to the community and long-time residents took advantage of this informative event.

Thank you to Patti Cowin and Grace Chetcuti of the Community Outreach Committee for planning this Open House.



RWA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Story & Picture by Rita Lopienski



November 3rd & 4th 2023, was a first time event for Rotonda West Association. With 125 officially registered homes, great publicity through RWA signage, social media communications, and West Ways newsletter, beautiful sunny weather and a steady flow of shoppers, the Community Garage Sale was a success!

Left: Rita Lopienski, a member of the Community Outreach Committee, organized the first Rotonda Community Garage Sale.

It was organized, participants were friendly and left a great impression on the shoppers, including some that traveled from Venice and beyond.

This was sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee, and I would like to thank Grace for the fliers, & Deb and the RWA office for their support. It will definitely be an annual event, & if there's enough requests, a spring sale might happen. Stay tuned!

RWA COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE ADDS ROTONDA NATURE GROUP

SUBMITTED BY: DONNA STOGSDILL



There is a new group in Rotonda.....the RWA Nature Group! We are just getting started in providing programs for our residents to educate, entertain, protect ourselves, and protect our environment.

We have some beautiful critters out there, and we have some dangerous ones, too. We can all live harmoniously if we are knowledgeable about them and take proper precautions.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let me know. We are looking for individuals who are willing to pull weeds in our Butterfly Gardens, help schedule nature walks, and get speakers to help educate us about the plants and animals that we share our natural surroundings with.

If you would like to sign up to help, or if you have any questions,
please contact:

Community Outreach Committee at communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

OR

Donna Stogsdill at donnastog49@gmail.com

Please do not contact RWA Admin Office

THANK YOU!



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A TikTok challenge spurs rise in thefts of Kia, Hyundai cars. Your Kia could be stolen with a USB cord: It's that simple.

- **Millions of Hyundai and Kia vehicles could be easily stolen—and thousands have—due to a decision not to install engine immobilizers when they were built.**
- **Popular TikTok videos challenged people to try to steal a car like this, which has led to all sorts of legal and financial trouble for vehicle owners and the two automakers.**

Four million Hyundai vehicles—affected Elantras, Sonatas, and Venues—can get a new software fix that introduces a workaround immobilizer starting today. Other affected Hyundais and Kias will get their turn in the coming months.

The backstory, if you don't recall, is that someone figured out that some older Kia and Hyundai models built with a standard key ignition, so not a push-button start, were incredibly easy to steal and created a TikTok "Kia Challenge" encouraging others to try it. The challenge started in Milwaukee before spreading to other parts of the U.S. and forcing Hyundai and Kia to respond.

Today, Kia and Hyundai announced a free, software-based fix for their thief magnets. Kia said the new enhanced security software will "restrict the unauthorized operation of vehicle ignition systems on certain models not equipped with an immobilizer." For its part, Hyundai said the upgrade makes it so that a key fob is required to deactivate the kill switch. Hyundai said the fix would take dealers less than an hour to install. As a bonus to those prospective window smashers, each fixed vehicle "will be affixed with window decals to alert would-be thieves that the vehicle is equipped with enhanced anti-theft technology," Hyundai said.

Kia said its software would be available in the next few months. Kia owners should visit the Kia Owner's Portal or call 800-333-4542 to see if their vehicle is eligible for the fix.

Hyundai has a two-phase release schedule for the new software fix, starting with the 2017 to 2020 model year Elantra, 2015 to 2019 Sonata, and 2020 and 2021 Venue. Hyundai said this category of its best-selling models includes almost four million vehicles. The fix for these vehicles is available starting today. Software for other affected models will be available in June. Hyundai owners should visit <https://www.hyundaiantitheft.com> to set up a repair, and the automaker said it is also already reaching out to affected owners.

If you are looking to volunteer as a Patrol or be a Base Station it just takes two hours a month; a small commitment to protecting our neighborhoods. If you are interested in joining our organization, please contact David Perry at 941-828-1584 or by email president@rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

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Dr. Frank Levin has lectured many times at the RWA Community Center.



Rotonda residents intently listening to lecture

GLOBAL WARMING-TRUTH & CONSEQUENCES A LECTURE WITH DR. FRANK LEVIN

Article & Pictures by: Nadine Clough

Rotonda resident Dr. Frank Levin spoke to about 45 residents regarding the facts and the outcome of global warming on the earth and on future of humans.

He states, "The vast majority of climate scientists have reached consensus that global warming has been and is occurring, that it is anthropogenic (caused by humans), and that it has caused and will continue to cause deleterious consequences." The 90 minute lecture used charts, graphs, and scientific evidence to uphold this conclusion.

Dr. Frank Levin is a physicist and taught at Brown University for over 30 years. He recently had a book published on Global Warming.

Dr. Levin's next lecture will be "The Impossible Behavior of Light" and will be held on March 7th, 2024 at 1 p.m.



Picture and Article by Nadine Clough



Presenters:

Jack Metz (left) and John Blanchette (right)

On November 15th, several people braved the rainy night to attend another in the series on Emergency Preparedness sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee. Presenters John Blanchette and Jack Metz, both from CERT, conducted an interesting and important seminar on how to help when a person is bleeding. The program began with an informational segment, continued with demonstrations, and ended with a hands-on opportunity.

An "ABC" acronym was used to help people remember the steps to follow in the case of a bleeding emergency. **A** is for Alert 911 **B** is for bleeding location **C** is to compress

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: STOPTHEBLEED.ORG

RWA TREASURER DETAILS FINANCES IN TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Article and Pictures by Connie Smith

Rotonda West Board Treasurer Sam Besase completed the last of three Town Hall Round Table meetings, November 16, with an overview of the finances of the Rotonda West Association. To sum it up, the RWA is on solid financial footing for 2023, with income exceeding expectations by \$67,400 and expenses under budget by \$97,000.

Over the three meetings, some 40 residents attended in person and another 10 attended via Zoom. The meetings are available for viewing at any time on the RWA web site (rotondawest.org) under the Recorded Zoom Meetings/Budget and Finance Committee Meeting link. "The meetings were informative and successful," said Besase. "Plans are to have similar RWA Treasurer Town Hall meetings in 2024."

A major source of income for the RWA is the annual assessment of \$190 per lot – there are 8,040 lots in Rotonda West. That amount has remained the same for seven years and has been adopted by the board of directors for 2024. "You may ask how we can afford to keep it the same with inflation at the rate of 30 per cent," Besase asked? With interest on \$2 million in accounts earning 5.38 per cent, he said the association is earning \$150,000 annually. Other income streams include estoppels, of \$299 each, in fees from the sale of 500-600 new and existing homes; as well as \$299 each, in fees for property transfers within Rotonda West per year.

Fines for deed restriction violations are another income stream that keeps assessment fees low. A big problem (but not in Rotonda) is reserves. A study of an association's assets valued over \$1,000 is required every three years. Reserve requirements are stringent – ever since the Surfside condominium collapse in 2021. Rotonda has a total of \$1.955 million in certificates of deposit, some covering reserves and some allocated to operations. "We're set for 2024," Besase said. An independent outside contractor shall conduct a reserve study in the first half of 2024. In addition, an independent outside audit is conducted each year and that shall be conducted in the first half of 2024.

Another major income stream is liens and foreclosures. As indebtedness to the Association reaches \$1,000 or more, Besase said, attorneys become involved. Resolution may take the form of a lien on a property or foreclosure, possibly when the property comes to an estate sale. Time to resolution could be three to four years. Some 80 properties are presently involved (roughly 1%), which is a low number, considering the number of lots in Rotonda West.

Major budget expenses of the association are:

- Maintenance of Rotonda West's 35 miles of canals (includes mowing and spraying);
- Mowing a minimum of six times per year of vacant lots;
- Legal fees – those for estoppels must be paid monthly "up front";
- Wages/taxes/benefits for up to 12 employees, not all of them full time;
- Property taxes on 30+ RWA-owned parcels (Memorial parks, etc.);
- Licenses – plates for RWA-owned vehicles and trailers;
- Insurance – like everyone else, the RWA is seeing rates 20-30 per cent higher;
- Audit – Performed independently annually by Geoff Lorah, CPA of Punta Gorda;



Rotonda West Board Treasurer Sam Besase discusses association finances during the last of three town hall round tables, November 16.

- Community Outreach – Allocated to the Community Outreach Committee for events;
- Election – Covers postage and printing to 8,000 lot owners for annual board of directors election – and the Annual Meeting notice (2 mailings);
- Utilities – Expenses for heating, cooling, electrical, etc.;
- Community Center – A jewel for Rotonda West but configuring the building daily for the many meetings and events takes personnel and time;

Although bridges and roads are not the responsibility of the Association, Besase sits on the Rotonda West Street and Drainage Municipal Benefit Service Unit (MSBU), so is familiar with the issues involving paving and bridge repair, so he also addressed that topic.

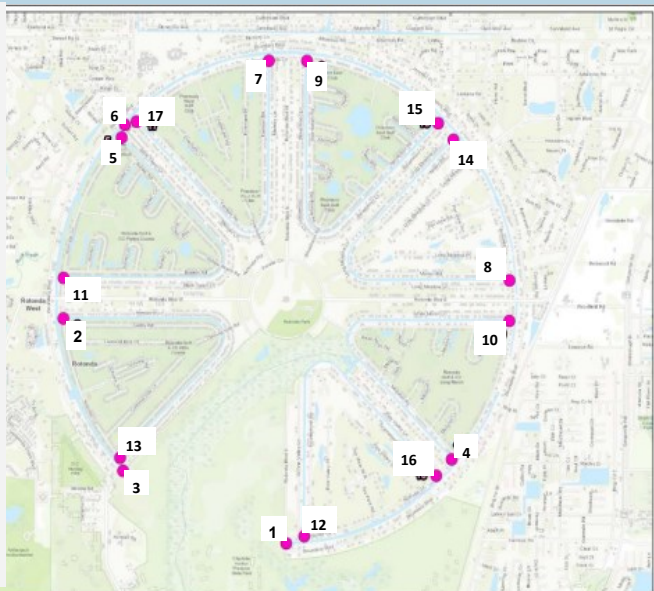
There are 17 bridges within Rotonda West and all of them are 50 years old. The Rotonda MSBU has 9,000 lots (8,000 of them within “The Circle” and 1,000 outside) that have been paying continuously for maintenance of swales, pot hole repair, and with the expectation that every 20 years, roads would be repaved. Then, five years ago, the county looked at the bridges and adopted a plan that after engineering and bid letting, six bridges would be repaired every two years, except for the last two years when only five bridges would be left for repair. It was then decided that paving made more sense when the bridge repairs were complete. An advantage to that, said Besase, is that funds are still being collected at a high return of interest rate that may pay for the paving project ahead of schedule.

A pleasant surprise was that none of Rotonda’s bridges were in need of replacement. Repair of Rotonda’s first three bridges should begin in the last half of 2024. The next meeting of the MSBU is December 7, 9:30 a.m., at the county office on San Casa in Englewood. When Ian hit, the bridge at Rotonda Boulevard South and Rotonda Circle (Bridge 113) was damaged so badly it was closed. It suddenly became a FEMA project and was removed from the scope of the MSBU. Those repairs may not begin until mid-2025. Still, that bridge may not need full replacement.

Besase said he routinely attends Charlotte County Commissioner’s meetings and requests speedy repair of Bridge 113, although it has not yet resulted in moving the bridge repair forward. He also lobbies frequently for a traffic light at Gasparilla Road and Rotonda Boulevard East. He has received affirmation from county engineering that the light has been approved by county engineers, but no date for installation has been set. The stop light is probably at least 3-4 years out due to design and planning and bids, Besase said. Charlotte County advises that there are severe supply chain shortages for traffic lights.

ROTONDA BRIDGES

1. R. Blvd S X Rotonda River
2. Rotonda Cir. X Oakland Hills Creek (Ck)
3. Cape Haze X Rotonda Canal
4. Roton. Cir. X White Marsh Ck S
5. Rot. Cir. X Pebble Beach Ck S
6. Rebel Ct. x Rotonda River
7. Rot. Cir. X Pinehurst Ck N
8. Rot Cir. X Long Meadow Ck S
9. Rot. Cir. X Broadmoor Ck N
10. Rot. Cir. X White Marsh Ck N
11. Rot. Cir. x Canal
12. Rot. Cir. X Pine Valley Ck S
13. Rot. Cir. X Oakland Hills Ck
14. Rot. Cir. X L. Meadow Ck N
15. Rot Cir. X Broadmoor Ck S
16. Rot. Cir. X Pine Valley Ck N
17. Rot. Cir. X Pinehurst Ck S



Map on left shows Rotonda West’s 17 bridges, for which repairs are scheduled to begin during the last half of 2024. Bridge #1, which was closed due to damages during Hurricane Ian, is located on the bottom center of this map, at Rotonda Circle and Rotonda Boulevard South. Those repairs will be paid as part of FEMA storm repairs, not the county MSBU.

*** Note: Editor renumbered map. Please excuse any errors. The original was difficult to read.**



MUSIC IN THE PARK ALL JAZZED UP

Story by Rita Lopienski

Pictures by: Dave Pulaski



Host Rita Lopienski



THE JAZZ RAYS



Director Philip Eyrich

November 16 Music in the Park brought a first time concert by our local Lemon Bay High School's Jazz Ensemble, *The Jazz Rays*. The 21 students, led by director Philip Eyrich, played polished jazz standards, included smaller ensembles with vocal solos, and ended with the full group performing holiday tunes.

The audience enjoyed this concert very much, gave a standing ovation and requested an annual program by these talented youth!

We encourage you to support them further by attending the LBHS Winter Concert on December 7 & "Matilda the Musical", December 14-16.





<http://cgaux.org>

News Release

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat America Course

26 Nov. 2023

Contact: Charles Truthan

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Course Description: Presented by the USCG Aux Instructors:

Introduction to Boating: Boating vocabulary, types of sailboats, paddle boats, powerboats, and engine boats.

Boating Law: Boat registration, hull ID, regulations, required safety equipment, federal and state boating law and accident reporting.

Safety Equipment: Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.

Safe Operation and Navigation: Buoys, beacons, aids to navigation, navigational rules, docking and the dangers of alcohol use.

Boating Emergencies: Boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, hypothermia, emergency radio use, carbon monoxide peril and weather. Trailering: Types of trailers, lights, hitches and towing the trailer.

Sports and Boating: Water-skiing, PWC (Personal Watercraft) operation, and other boating tips.

Upon Completion: You will receive a manual for future review and upon successful completion of the exam, earn a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card. You may qualify for a discount on your boat insurance. ***Check with your insurance agent.

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Registration begins at 8:00- class begins at 8:30am

Location: South Gulf Cove HOA Building

14859 Ingraham Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33981

Cost: Payment will be accepted at the door by cash or check. Credit cards are not accepted at this time. * **\$45.00 per person** * **\$60.00 per couple** * **\$15.00 per middle or high school student**

TO MAKE A RESERVATION (Required) OR REQUEST INFORMATION: Please contact Lori Quirk, Assistant Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education. Email: Flredqs2016@gmail.com or Cell phone: 609-602-5906 message or text. You will be requested to provide name, full address, email address, phone number and date of birth (and the same info of anyone who will accompany you). Your reservation will be confirmed. You are responsible for your lunch. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your interest in boating safety. Thank you.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary: Flotilla 99, Cape Haze

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- Saturday, December 2nd
Christmas Parade @ 10 a.m. Toys for Tots & food collection for Helping Hands
- Sunday, December 3rd
Holiday Stroll @ 3:30-6 p.m.
- Thursday, December 7th
“Ask the Pharmacist” 3 p.m.
in the Community Center
- Thursday, December 7th
Annual BOD Meeting:
5 p.m. Call to Order & Voting
7 p.m. Election Results RWA Annual Meeting at the Community Center
- Sunday, December 10th
Music in the Park, Christmas Music with Jonny Puma @ 4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 17th, BINGO!
Doors open at Noon, Game play @ 1 p.m.
- **CANCELED**-Tuesday, December 26th, Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner @ 5 p.m.
- RWA Offices closed on Monday, December 25th 2023, and Monday, January 1st, 2024

JANUARY 2024

- Thursday, January 4th
Trivia Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 18th
Music in the Park 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 21st
BINGO! 1-4 p.m. (Doors open at Noon)
- Tuesday, January 23rd
Meet & Greet Potluck Dinner @ 5 p.m.
- Thursday, January 25th
GFWC Trivia Night Fundraiser for Scholarships 5-9 p.m.
- Sunday, January 28th
Rotonda’s Got Talent Try-Outs 1-5 p.m.

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Trivia Nights
- Music in the Park
- Rotonda’s Got Talent
- Dr. Frank Levin Spring Lecture
- Ask the Pharmacist



ROTONDA WEST CHRISTMAS PARADE

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

TOYS-TOYS-TOYS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2023

10 a.m.– Noon



Rotonda West's Christmas Parade returns! The 2023 theme is, "SANTA'S WORKSHOP, TOYS, TOYS, TOYS". The first Saturday in December has been the traditional day for welcoming the Christmas season to Rotonda West. This year, parade chairperson, Pam Pierce, has taken on the task of planning, organizing, and overseeing the parade.

Two changes this year are the start time and the parade route. The kick-off time of the parade will be 10 a.m. from Fellowship Church. The new route will take the parade from the staging area at Fellowship Church, onto Parade Circle, then down Rotonda Blvd. North, turning right onto Rotonda Circle, and ending up in Broadmoor Community Park. Following the parade, trophies will be awarded in Broadmoor Park, where the floats and classic cars will be displayed. There will also be food and refreshments available.

As in other parades, the Rotonda Cruisers classic cars and Englewood fire department trucks from Battalion 7 will lead off the parade. The Lemon Bay High School Band will also be performing. Included in the 35 entries are many returning favorites such as Galloway Roofing, Rotonda Ukulele Band, Fellowship Church, Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch, Thoroughbred Golf Carts, Rotonda West Woman's Club, Coast Guard Aux Floatilla 99 from Cape Haze, Brookdale Assisted Living, Mike Douglas Plumbing, Paradise Exclusive Realty, Faith Lutheran Church, and many more. Plus a very special guest at the end of the parade! (Santa Claus)

The Judge's this year will be: Meghan Demeter-Hedges, a local teacher; Kim Parks, from the Englewood Chamber of Commerce; and Jeannie Joyce, founder of Facebook page, "What's Happening in Englewood Fl.?" The judges reviewing stand will be at the entranceway to Broadmoor Park on Rotonda Circle along with a live WENG Radio parade report by Ken Birdsong.

The Marines and Rotonda West Association will be collecting new unwrapped toys along the parade route to benefit "Toys for Tots". There will also be a collection of non-perishable food items to support Englewood Helping Hand.

Special thank you to our sponsors: Home Depot; Paradise Exclusive Realty-The Hesse Team; Thoroughbred Golf Carts; West Coast Trailer, and Brookdale in Rotonda.





Happy Holidays Rotonda West Residents!

Rotonda West Christmas Parade is on Saturday December 2nd at 10:00am.

The parade will go from Fellowship Church parking lot which is on the corner of Rotonda West Blvd and Parade Circle, turn left onto Parade Circle, Left onto Rotonda Blvd North , then right onto Rotonda Circle and finishing at the Community Center at Broadmoor Park.

Please Plan accordingly if you need to travel in the area. We will be closing the road to traffic at approximately 9:45 am to assure the safety of the parade participants. The roads will open again when the last parade float bringing Santa to our neighborhood passes.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pam Pierce at (616) 540-7557



ROTONDA HOLIDAY STROLL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

3:30 P.M.-6 P.M. IN BROADMOOR PARK

BY: PATTIE MIHALIK

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

There will be one more fun way for Rotonda West residents to get an early start on enjoying the holidays. For the first time this year the RWA will sponsor a holiday stroll that will include a short walk around the lake, holiday entertainment, a visit from Santa Claus, even a chance to walk away with some unique Christmas decorations. This event was planned and organized by Karen Harvey and Linda Kelly.

It was decided to put the decorations on display around the lake. Anyone who wants to take one home can simply fill out a tag claiming it. If multiple people sign up for the same decorations there will be a drawing to pick the new owners. It adds a game show element to the event. Some of the decorations are huge and will require a big space while others will enhance any holiday display. It will certainly add a fun twist to the stroll around the lake. There will be golf carts for those who can't walk. Every 25 feet a different decoration will be highlighted.

Inside the community center entertainment will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Cary Price, assistant manager of Fletcher Music center, will entertain with his unique style that gets the audience involved. "The audience always loves his performances. It's a lot of work to transport and set up an organ that size and he does it all without charge," noted Karen Harvey.

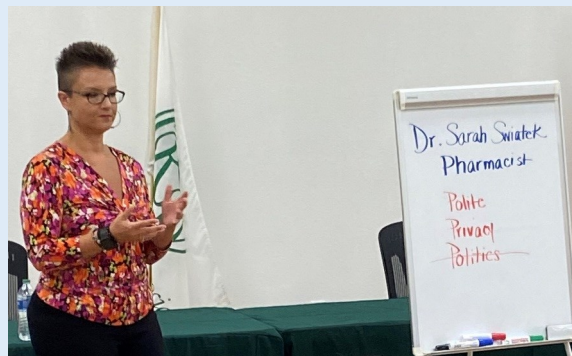
Adding to the Ahh factor, a highlight of the day will also include a holiday program of songs by the student chorus of Myakka and Vineland Elementary Schools. There will be plenty of opportunity for photos with Santa, The GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club will provide cookies while the Hills restaurant will donate hot chocolate.

Just call it treats for everyone.

It's one more way to get in the holiday spirit with your family and friends.

**THANK YOU TO KAREN HARVEY, LINDA KELLY, AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS
WHO DECORATED!**

ASK THE PHARMACIST RETURNING IN DECEMBER



Dr. Sarah Swiatek presenting at
September "Ask the Pharmacist"

Hello to you!

I hope the transition into the fall months finds you all well! A friendly reminder that we are now in the Medicare Open Enrollment season! If you need to renew or update your benefits, make sure to check in with a broker or call 1-800-MEDICARE to inquire about next year's plans and opportunities. The plan you have right now may change, or you may be eligible for some new benefits. Be prepared to discuss your financials and current healthcare needs. It's important to remember that our health can change in an instant... be mindful not to under-insure yourself with the idea that you want to save a few dollars. Too often I have seen patients hit hard later financially because they didn't buy enough insurance. If you're unsure how to find a broker, often times there are individuals in the pharmacies or big box stores who can help. Sometimes the senior center, your peers, or even a Google search might offer some options.

The next "Ask the Pharmacist" event will be offered on December 7 at 3pm in the RW Community Center. This will be a discussion group format where we share information together. There will be two parts: one featuring how to read labels on OTC medications, the second will be called "Proceed with Caution", where I share stories of common behaviors that may lead to unintended consequences. I encourage you bring an OTC item from home, for us to use as an example for the first part of the discussion. As before, you are also invited to bring anything that makes you comfortable for our hour visit: friends, layered clothing, a pen and paper, a beverage....

Also I will collect self care items to share amongst those in need within our community - think "dollar store" perhaps.... Soaps, shampoo, feminine hygiene...

If you have any questions ahead of our meeting, you're welcome to reach me at SrxSwi@gmail.com.



Be well!

Dr. Sarah Swiatek Pharm.D. R.Ph.



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



Left: Lara Fink, Director of the Jubilee Center receives wagon loads of toys and gift cards.
Right: donated toys



The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club celebrates the season of giving. At the November General Meeting our members donated to the Jubilee Center's Christmas shoppe. We collected over 90 toys and more than \$300 in gift cards. The Christmas Shoppe is a place where needy local parents can get gifts for their children. The generosity of our members is wonderful.

The annual Holiday Tea is on Saturday, December 9th. The Englewood Area Cancer Foundation will benefit from the monies raised. The event is sold out.

The Woman's Club loves to bake and help out at the Rotonda West Gazebo lighting and Boat Parade. The array of free cookies for all is amazing. The "Letters to Santa" table was busy with lists being made by hopeful children.



**Our FREE COOKIES
will be available at
The Holiday Stroll
on December 3rd**



The GFWC District 12 Annual Meeting was held at the GFWC LaBelle Woman's Club. We proudly presented a \$2500. check to GFWC Florida President Elect Sara Dessureau for Camp Boggy Creek which serves Florida children with serious illnesses so they can experience the joy and happiness of a camping experience. The children attend for free, and the cost is \$2500. per week. More information about Boggy Creek Camp can be found on their website at www.boggycreek.org. The Alzheimer's Walk which was highlighted in last month's West Ways raised a total of \$7800. to support Alzheimer's research.

The December General Meeting has been moved to the second Thursday, December 14th. Our social hour is from 9 to 10 a.m. The business meeting starts promptly at 10 a.m. Due to the celebration of the holidays, we will be shortening our meeting and having a catered luncheon which is \$10. per person. Contact us if you would like to come as a guest that day and stay for the luncheon.

If you are interested in joining GFWC RWWC you are very welcome to attend. Or 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.



BOAT PARADE AND GAZEBO LIGHTING KICK-OFF THE ROTONDA HOLIDAY SEASON

Pictures by: David Pulaski
Story by: Nadine Clough



The holiday season was welcomed in style at the Holiday Boat Parade and Gazebo Lighting on November 25th at the marina across from The Hills. There was something for everyone, no matter what age. Classic cars were proudly parked, music was played by the Elderly Brothers, free cookies were handed out by the Woman's Club, letters to Santa were carefully written and colored by children, and that was just the beginning!



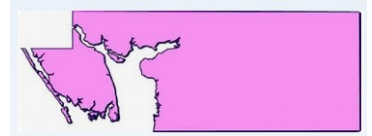
Thirteen beautifully decorated boats, organized by Andy VanScyoc, paraded by with the happy occupants wishing "Merry Christmas" to one and all. One special boat carrying Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrived, bringing them to a special seating area where children could talk to Santa, get a gift, and have their picture taken. As the sun went down, the band led a countdown to the lighting of the gazebo and decorations.

A special thank you to Gwen Grace for organizing the event, and to the volunteers who decorated the gazebo, and of course to everyone who participated. It was fun!



CHARLOTTE COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

Submitted by: Sam Besase



CHARLOTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE NEW RV RESORT, RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, the Charlotte County Commissions approved final site plans for a new RV resort in Rotonda West and two residential subdivisions in Englewood and Port Charlotte. The three locations are as follows:

- **CABANA BAY RV RESORT BY BOCA GRANDE** in Rotonda West-this project site is located on more than 38 acres at 311 Rotonda Blvd. E. It will have 170 RV units, 2.9 acres of commercial space, a dog park, and a swimming pool.
- **ISLAND LAKES AT COCO BAY** in Englewood-will be more than 120 acres south of San Casa Drive, NE of Placida Road, and west of Winchester Blvd. It will contain 222 single-family homes and villas.
- **HARBOR EAST** in Port Charlotte north of Tate Waterway, southeast of Interceptor Lagoon, and east of Aquarius Waterway. It will have 82 single-family lots on 31 acres.



CHARLOTTE COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE THANKS VETERANS AND PLEASES CROWD

As the third annual Veterans Day Parade proceeded from Charlotte Harbor Beach complex to the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park, hundreds of people in the crowd yelled out, "Thank you for your service!" and waved American flags to show support to the many veterans.

Grand Marshal Stephen R. Deutsch, Charlotte County commissioner and veteran kicked off the parade. "This year the Charlotte County Commission had agreed to take over as a county event," said Sam Taylor. Taylor is with the Charlotte Veterans Council and worked with Deutsch in the parade planning.

Nearly 50 units consisting of floats, marching bands, and individuals proceeded along the route for the hour-long parade.



COME OUT AND JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR THE ROTONDA

PARADE ROUTE

- Time: 10 a.m.
- Start: Fellowship Church on Parade Circle
- Continues on Parade Circle to Rotonda Blvd. North
- Turns right on Rotonda Circle
- Continues on Rotonda Circle to RWA Administration Office and Broadmoor Park entrance.
- Turns right into RWA Administration Offices and Broadmoor Park entrance
- "X" Marks the spot where the judges will be seated.



**ROTONDA WEST
CHRISTMAS PARADE IS COMING!
DECEMBER 2ND AT 10 A.M.
THEME IS "TOYS, TOYS, TOYS!"**

**ELVES WILL BE COLLECTING UNWRAPPED, NEW
TOYS FOR "TOYS FOR TOTS" AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS**

WESTWAYS

Music in the Park

Holiday Music by Jonny Puma

Sunday

December 10th

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Rotonda West
Broadmoor Park
646 Rotonda Circle

- Bring your neighbors, friends and relatives to enjoy 90 minutes of holiday music.
- Jonny Puma applies his own unique twist to the music and has over 38 years of guitar playing experience and a strong vocal presence.
- So, tune up your singing voice and come get in that "holiday spirit".

Remember to bring your lawn seating, snacks & beverages.

Community Outreach Committee
Welcome RWA members,
residents, renters and their guests.
Questions?
communityoutreach@rotondawest.org
Please do not contact the
RWA Admin Office.

ROTONDA WEST BROADMOOR PARK HOLIDAY STROLL

Santa!
The big guy in the red suit will be on hand for family pictures and children's activities.

Music!
-Holiday Organ
Music by Cary Price
from Fletchers
Music
-The Myakka
Elementary School
and Vineland
Elementary School
Children's Choir

Treats!
Cookies and cocoa
provided by
Rotonda West
Women's Club
and
The Hills Golf Club.

Raffle!
Holiday decorations
will be retired and
raffled off.



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3RD
3:30-6:00PM**

**Enjoy an easy stroll around the small lake
adjacent to the RWA Community Center for a
fun-filled holiday lighted decorations display.**

Golf cart tours are available for those in need of assistance.

Questions? communityoutreach@rotondawest.org
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office.

**Rotonda West
Association**



**Sunday
DECEMBER 17th**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**DOORS OPEN AND TICKET SALES BEGIN AT 12:00
NO SEAT SAVING.**

Questions? communityoutreach@rotondawest.org
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office.

646 Rotonda Circle RWA Community Center **Must be 18 to play.** **Play begins promptly at 1:00 pm** **Event open to RWA residents, renters, and their guests.** **Snacks & water available, or bring your own. Covered beverage container please.**

**Rotonda West
Association**
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