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EXPANSION OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DISCUSSED AT TOWN HALL MEETING IN COMMUNITY CENTER ON 10/23



Submitted by the Board of Directors

Article written by: Director Karen Harvey



Vote yes to expand the Administration Building

More than 50 residents, in person and on Zoom were on hand to hear the Board of Directors talk about the expansion of the building.

Background

- Current property was acquired several years ago
- Current Administration building was a golf pro shop, converted to the existing office space
- Rotonda West Association staff do not have efficient enough space to do their work
- No outside restrooms for walkers in the park
- No dedicated computer server room

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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

RWA Town Hall Meeting

RWA Election News

RWA Committee Meeting Times

Drum Circle

Garage Sale Information

Learn About Coyotes

Upcoming Events

Rotonda West Administrative
Office-Community Center
Broadmoor Park
646 Rotonda Circle
Rotonda West, Fl. 33947
Office Hours: 8 am-4pm M-F
Tel: (941) 697-6788

Website address:
www.rotondawest.org

Proposed

- Proposed drawings for the expansion have been presented (you can find those plans on the RWA website)
- Bids from 54 vendors were solicited; 2 bids were received
- Site plan permitting has already been completed
- Current building might need minor alterations
- Existing electrical, generator and sewer are all adequate for the new expansion and all will be up to current code

As Sam Besase stated at the meeting, “an empty lot does not call the office”. However, when a lot is built on the resident comes to the office for Residential Modification applications or parking forms, or other questions. We have simply put, run out of space.

Watch the Zoom recording at: [BOD ATown Hall Meeting-October 23, 2024 on Vimeo](#)

Ballots have been sent out and there are two important questions on this ballot – expansion and rollover

- Vote in favor of the expansion to the building
- Vote in favor of the rollover

Assessments will **NOT** be increased to expand the building.

Funds for the proposed building expansion are coming from current RWA CDAR accounts.

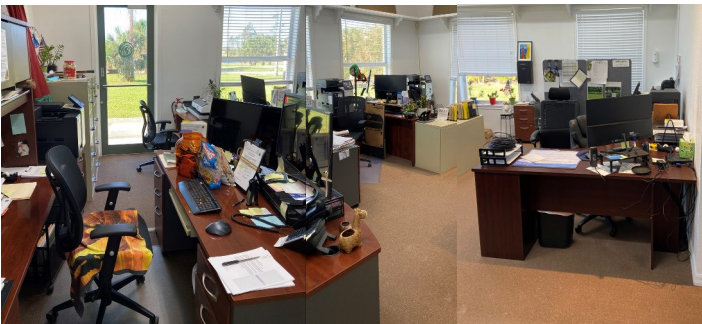
Ballots due by December 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Annual Meeting is Thursday, December 5, 2024

Please follow instructions with the ballot for your vote to be counted. Please visit the office if you have any questions or have not received your ballot.

Your Vote Counts

***NO INCREASE IN YOUR CURRENT ANNUAL HOA ASSESSMENT FEE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS ADDITION.**

***CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THIS ADDITION ARE ALREADY IN PLACE.**



Five work stations are in this inner office area.



Four work stations are in this outer office area.

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Rotonda West Association

2024 RWA ELECTION UPDATE

By now, most of you have received your 2024 election packet which includes a blue absentee ballot, a blue ballot envelope and a pre-addressed white outer envelope marked with your corresponding Lot/Tract information. In the event you are missing any of those components, you can obtain replacements at the RWA office, 646 Rotonda Circle.

If you haven't received your packet yet, it may be because it's mailed to the address you have on file at the RWA office. If you are a seasonal resident and the RWA has your permanent address, then the packet will have been sent to that address. Again, should that be the case, you can obtain replacement materials by visiting the RWA office.

It is important to note that the owner of Lot/Tract must sign their name on the white outer envelope. Failure to do so will void the ballot. If you do not want to mail that signed envelope, you can drop it in the election drop box located in the lobby of the RWA office.

Should you prefer to vote in-person, you may do so at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024. The in-person voting station, located in the lobby of the Community Center, will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. You will not need your blue absentee mail-in ballot, different ballots will be provided for in-person voting.

As always, the RWA staff are available to answer any questions you may have regarding the election process. You can reach the staff by phone at 941-697-6788 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can email Derrick Hedges, the RWA manager, at derrick@rotondawest.org or you can email the election committee at electioncommittee@rotondawest.org.

Thank you for participating in this year's election.

Rotonda West Association

Phone (941) 697-6788

646 Rotonda Circle

Rotonda West, Florida 33947



Dear Esteemed Members of the Rotonda West Association,

We hope this message finds you well. **The RWA Board of Directors** will soon hold a vote to select a candidate for the vacant Director's seat during our meeting scheduled for **Thursday, November 14, 2024**. This position carries a term of 1 year and 1 month, starting on **November 14, 2024**, and concluding in **December 2025**.

We warmly invite **RWA property owners in good standing** to consider this opportunity. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please express your interest to the RWA office by emailing [**derrick@rotondawest.org**](mailto:derrick@rotondawest.org) or calling **941-697-6788**.

To be considered, please submit your completed application form along with a brief summary of your qualifications **between October 28 and November 12, 2024**. The application form can be obtained by emailing [**derrick@rotondawest.org**](mailto:derrick@rotondawest.org), visiting the office, or clicking the link below. [**https://rotondawest.org/committee-membership-application-form/**](https://rotondawest.org/committee-membership-application-form/)

Additionally, please note that all interested candidates will be required to sign an authorization allowing the RWA office to conduct a background check through an independent third-party service.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to our community.

Thank you,

Derrick Hedges

Rotonda West Association Inc.,
Manager

PLEASE EXPLAIN “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





RWA COMMITTEES AT WORK- MEETING SCHEDULE



ALL MEETINGS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH	2 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	“AS NEEDED” BASIS	TBA (not on zoom)
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE	2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH	9:30 A.M.
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE	2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	10:30 A.M.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE	1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH	9:30 A.M.
COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	DATES VARY (CHECK CALENDAR)	2 P.M.
DEED RESTRICTION COMMITTEE	4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH	9 A.M.
ELECTION COMMITTEE	SPECIFIC TO ELECTION SCHEDULE	CHECK CALENDAR
RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATION COMMITTEE	2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	9 A.M.



**TRIVIA WITH TIM
HOSTED BY THE
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH COMMITTEE**



By Deb Orchard

If you missed trivia this month, you missed a great time. Who knew there were so many “ONLY” things. Think: song lyrics, titles of TV shows and movies and much more. Did you know humans are the only creatures who have chins? We had a clear winner this month – The Sawbucks. Their name giving nod to being a team of 10 players.

Make plans to attend next month. It will be Wednesday, November 20th with play beginning at 6:30 pm. The doors open at 6 pm. Bring your drinks (in covered containers) and snacks. Did I mention there’s a prize for the winners?

**CONGRATS TO THE
WINNING TEAM!**

The Sawbucks

(from left to right) Rob Thibeault, Mary Alice McMeniman, Kathy Bennett, Pat Moodie, Irene Thibeault, Wayne Moodie, Jerry Bouchard, Betsey Bouchard, David Lucido and Tina Lucido.

Photo by: Deb Orchard





Rotonda West
ASSOCIATION

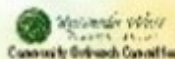
GARAGE SALE!

95+ HOMES

Friday & Saturday
November 1st & 2nd (Rain date: 11/3)
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Hard Copy List available days of sale in Realtor box
near Broadmoor Park Entrance, 646 Rotonda Circle**

- Location: Homes throughout Rotonda West Association neighborhoods
- Questions to: communityoutreach@rotondawest.org or rlopienski@sbcglobal.net
- Please do not contact the RWA Office.



RWA FALL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

(F) Friday, November 1st

(S) Saturday, November 2nd

(Sunday Rain date, November 3rd)

9:00am –5:00pm

OAKLAND HILLS

42 Annapolis Ln, F/S
244 Annapolis Ln, S
39 Caddy Rd, F/S
66 Caddy Rd, F/S
150 Caddy Rd, F/S
181 Caddy Rd, F/S
187 Caddy Rd, F/S
199 Caddy Rd, F/S
37 Golfview Pl, F/S
14 Oakland Hills Ct, F/S
5 Oakland Hills Pl, F/S
42 Oakland Hills Pl, F/S
16 Oakland Hills Rd, S

PEBBLE BEACH

9 Bunker Circle, F
17 Bunker Circle, F/S
40 Bunker Ln, F/S
51 Bunker Ln, F/S
60 Bunker Ln, F
6 Bunker Rd, F/S
81 Bunker Rd, S
23 Mark Twain Ln, S

PINEHURST

58 Clubhouse Rd, S
66 Clubhouse Rd, F/S
46 Fairway Rd, F/S
157 Fairway Rd, F/S
164 Mariner Ln, F/S
201 Mariner Ln, F
257 Mariner Ln, F/S
7 Pinehurst Ct, F/S
3 Pinehurst Pl, F/S
6 Pinehurst Rd, S

ROTONDA BLVD NORTH

180 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S
192 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S
207 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S
219 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S
252 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S

BROADMOOR

24 Broadmoor Ln, F/S
127 Broadmoor Ln, F
254 Broadmoor Ln, F/S
2 Sportsman Pl, F/S
141 Sportsman Rd, F/S

LONG MEADOW

87 Long Meadow Ct, F/S
276 Long Meadow Ln, F/S
91 Marker Rd, F/S
94 Marker Rd, F/S
97 Marker Rd, F/S
186 Marker Rd, F

ROTONDA BLVD EAST

185 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S
231 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S
235 Rotonda Blvd E, S
286 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S

WHITE MARSH

17 Medalist Ln, S
37 Medalist Rd, F/S
44 Medalist Rd, F/S
158 Medalist Rd, F/S
12 Medalist Terrace, F/S
19 White Marsh Ln, F/S
21 White Marsh Ln, F/S
77 White Marsh Ln, F/S
96 White Marsh Ln, S
267 White Marsh Ln, F/S
287 White Marsha Ln, F/S

PINE VALLEY

37 Pine Valley Ct, F/S
4 Pine Valley Ln, F/S
14 Pine Valley Ln, F/S
62 Pine Valley Pl, F/S
12 Pine Valley Rd, F/S
214 W Pine Valley Ln, S
237 W Pine Valley Ln, F/S
77 Tournament Rd, F/S
81 Tournament Rd, F/S

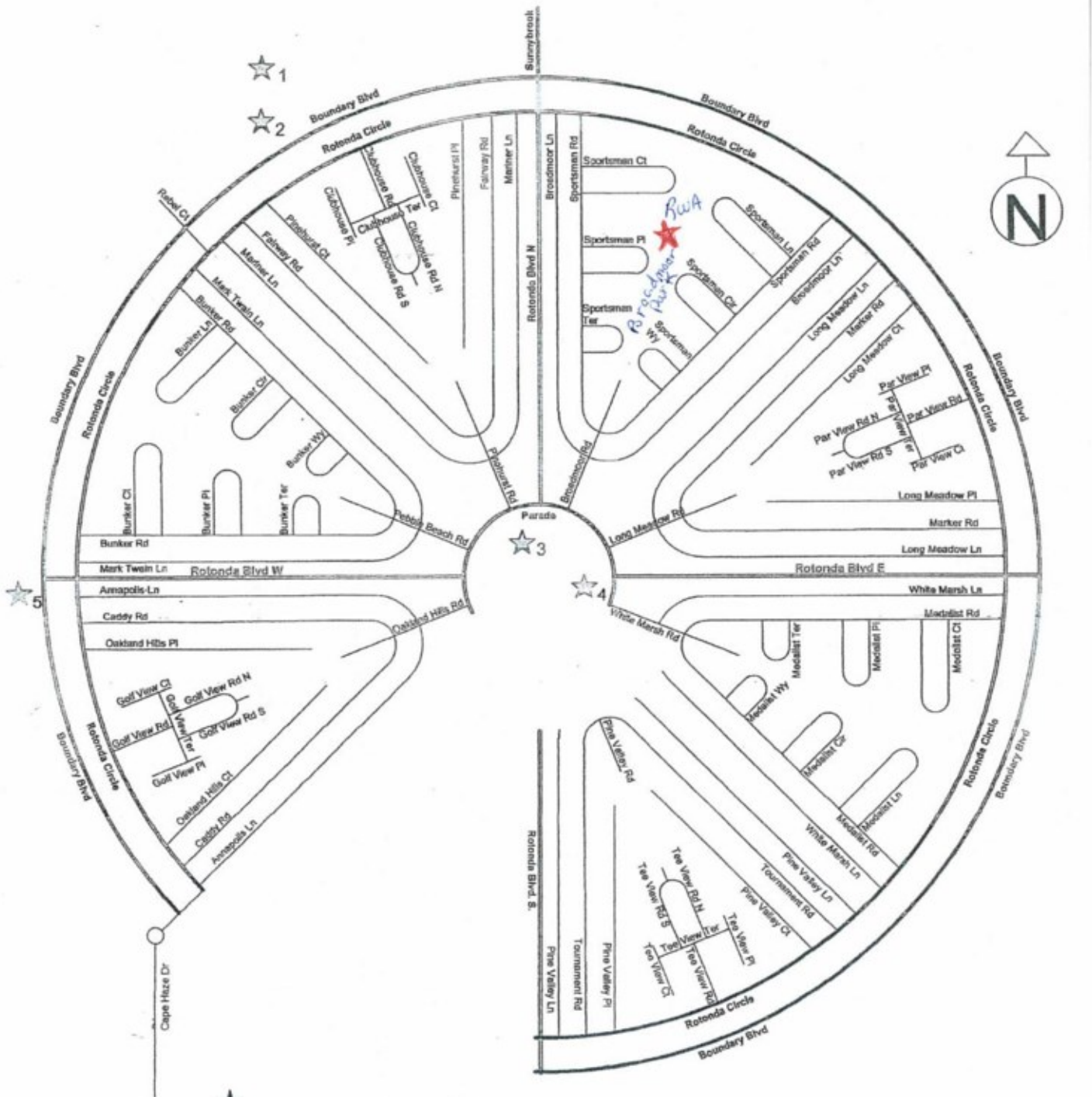
ROTONDA CIRCLE

84 Rotonda Circle, F/S
211 Rotonda Circle, F
229 Rotonda Circle, F/S
329 Rotonda Circle, F/S
474 Rotonda Circle, F/S
559 Rotonda Circle, F/S
583 Rotonda Circle, F/S
721 Rotonda Circle, F/S
755 Rotonda Circle, F/S
759 Rotonda Circle, F/S
932 Rotonda Circle, F/S

BOUNDARY

111 Boundary Blvd, #A, F/S
163 Boundary Blvd, S
182 Boundary Blvd, # B, F/S
431 Boundary Blvd, F/S
534 Boundary Blvd, F/S
662 Boundary Blvd, F/S
663 Bounday Blvd, F/S
788 Boundary Blvd, F/S
872 Boundary Blvd, F/S
902 Boundary Blvd, F/S
926 Boundary Blvd, F/S
940 Boundary Blvd, F/S
1001 Boundary Blvd, F/S
1115 Boundary Blvd, F/S
1150 Boundary Blvd, S

ROTONDA WEST



- ★ 1 L A Ainger Middle School
- ★ 2 Vineland Elementary School
- ★ 3 RV/Boat Parking
- ★ 4 Rotonda County Park
- ★ 5 (2) Churches on West Blvd

Drawn: H. R. Artz
Date: 04/01/07

DRUMMING CIRCLE- THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
AT 9:30 A.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

In honor of National Drum Day, enjoy a presentation by Music Therapist Rita Lopienski, featuring the history and culture of drums from around the world, and a hands on demonstration of how playing drums enhances creativity, spirituality, and helps with stress reduction. No experience needed, bring a drum if you have one. A limited number will be provided!



**Pictured Above:
Rita Lopienski is a
Rotonda West resident. She holds
a Masters Degree in Music Ed
and Music Therapy and is a
Nationally Board Certified
Activity Consultant.
She is a member of the
RWA Community Outreach
Committee and chairs the
Rotonda Strong
Health & Wellness Initiative.**

RWA WEST WAYS

CHARLOTTE COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

By Sam Besase

Charlotte County Commissioners have approved purchase order contracts for work to be performed on the next 6 MSBU bridges here in Rotonda West:

- 1. Rotonda Bridge #014101:
NEAR 517 ROTONDA CIRCLE–Between Fairway Road & Mariner Lane**
- 2. Rotonda Bridge #014107:
NEAR 727 ROTONDA CIRCLE–Between Long Meadow Lane & Marker Road**
- 3. Rotonda Bridge #014104:
NEAR 563 ROTONDA CIRCLE–Between Broadmoor Lane & Sportsman Road**
- 4. Rotonda Bridge #014100:
NEAR 407 ROTONDA CIRCLE–Between Fairway Road & Mariner Lane**
- 5. Rotonda Bridge #014063:
NEAR 211 ROTONDA CIRCLE–Between Bunker Road & Mark Twain Lane**
- 6. Rotonda Bridge #014060:
NEAR 45 ROTONDA CIRCLE–Between Caddy Rod & Annapolis Lane**

The next 6 bridges work should start in November/December of 2024 and be completed by the end of the 1st quarter of 2025. Thus, at that time there should be 10 of the 18 bridges completed. It takes approximately 6-8 weeks to complete repairs and maintenance per bridge. Traffic shall be maintained. Please observe posted construction/detour signs. As you can imagine, Rotonda BRIDGE work has been delayed due to the recent series of Hurricanes (Debby Helene-Milton).

***4 completed – 14* more MSBU bridges to be completed.**

The construction work schedule for the bridges over the Rotonda River at ROTONDA BLVD NORTH and ROTONDA BLVD EAST and ROTONDA BLVD WEST shall be provided by Charlotte County at the December 2024 MSBU meeting.

These 3 bridges are paid for by the Charlotte County GAS TAX fund, NOT paid for by this MSBU.

***The latest news on the Hurricane Ian damaged ROTONDA BLVD SOUTH BRIDGE is that in April of 2024, the Charlotte County Commissioners wrote a letter to the US FEMA Director in Washington DC, asking for her review and expedited resolution for this bridge. Also, congressman Greg Steube is engaged in resolving this issue between FEMA and Charlotte County. NO NEW NEWS!!!**

The issue is money: \$312K – FEMA vs \$1.2M Charlotte County.

I am in continuous follow up in person and by phone and email on this topic with the Charlotte County Commissioners. There is no additional news yet.

- **Bridge Rehabilitation #4 - #014101** (Rotonda Circle/Pinehurst Creek N) and **#014104** (Rotonda Circle/Broadmoor Creek N) and **#014107** (Rotonda Circle/Long Meadow Creek S) – Thomas Marine Construction **to begin work shortly.**
- **Bridge Rehabilitation #5 - #014060** (Rotonda Circle/Oakland Hills Creek) and **#014063** (Rotonda Circle/Rotonda Ch. 32-1) and **#014000** (Rotonda Circle/Pinehurst Creek S) -- Thomas Marine Construction **to begin work shortly.**
- **Bridge Rehabilitation #6 – Bridges 014105 and 014106 – Weiler Engineering Corp. will soon present 100% design plans.**
- **Bridge Rehabilitation #7 – Bridges 014100, 014112 and 014123 – Request for design bids in progress.**
- **FEMA Bridge 014113 – design completed. Bridge 113, damaged by Hurricane Ian, is eligible for FEMA funding, which was denied. County engineers are appealing.**

CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES (CCU) – PROPOSED RATE INCREASES:

The Charlotte County Commissioners did not approve the proposed CCU water rate increases, instead the Commissioners sent the issue back to CCU and Administration for downward and stretched out revisions over the next 10 years. A Public Hearing might be scheduled in the fall of 2024 regarding this issue.

I am happy to report that in the last 6 weeks, a large section of SR 776 now has operating streetlights (between Farlow's & Gillott-about 8 miles). More sections of SR 776 lighting will become operational in the coming months. This is a great start. However, the latest round of hurricanes has toppled some of the new street lights, though not nearly as extensive as Hurricane Ian.

TRAFFIC LIGHT: The intersection of Gasparilla & Rotonda Blvd East is slated for a traffic light. There are supply chain issues, therefore, the traffic light (being paid for by the new high-end RV park), is about 6 to 9 months from installation (~spring 2025). Charlotte County has issued a purchase request to interested bidders.

2 VACANCIES IN LOCAL MSBU'S:

Rotonda West Street & Drainage Unit-MSBU seeking one member to fill position. Term thru 10/31/2027.

West Charlotte Stormwater Unit- MSBU seeking one member to fill position. Term thru 10/31/2027.

The last quarterly Rotonda West Streets & Drainage meeting was held on **Thursday June 20, 2024**. The next MSBU meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Milton and the next MSBU meeting is on **December 19, 2024 at San Casa**.

- **The Paving Schedule for the roads here in the Rotonda West MSBU might be accelerated to perhaps Spring of 2025. GREAT NEWS!**
- **New Fish Barriers in the Rotonda River near Rotonda Blvd South have been installed, they were damaged during Hurricane Ian.**
- **The 14 streetlight poles on the 4 bridges over the Rotonda River have been repaired/ replaced. RBN & RBE & RBW & REBEL COURT**
- All Rotonda Bridges are currently structurally sound
- Rotonda West bridges (all are over 40 years old), they are rated at 80,000 lbs. GVW.
- Residents or their contractors are **MOWING** all the way down to the Ponds, this practice is **not recommended** by FWC or SWFTMUD or Charlotte County.
- Also, Residents or their contractors are **FERTILIZING** all the way down to the Ponds, this practice is **not recommended** by FWC or SWFTMUD or Charlotte County.
- Also, residents are leaving their **GRASS CLIPPINGS** in the roadway, this practice is **not recommended** by FWC or SWFTMUD or Charlotte County
- Charlotte County Commissioners alerted residents that there is **TOO MUCH NITROGEN** in local waterways.

The Charlotte County Commissioners met recently regarding Proposed MSBU Rates for 2025:

There are **2** MSBU's (Municipal Services Benefits Unit) that apply to RWA residents:

- 1. ROTONDA WEST STREETS & DRAINAGE MSBU:**
- 2. WEST CHARLOTTE COUNTY STORMWATER MSBU:**

The MSBU rates for both of the above MSBU's here in the Rotonda area shall remain the same – **NO INCREASE IN MSBU RATES.**

Paving

-Potholes

- 471 Rotonda Circle — Work order 12250 for pothole repair
- 100 Rotonda Circle -- Service request 12534 for pothole repair
- Road and Bridge gas tax paving -- The Board of County Commissioners approved the award of the [paving contract](#) in September. The **Boulevards and Parade Circle** will be paved in the next few months. Standard crosswalks will be installed. If the advisory board desires stamped asphalt crosswalks instead, the MSBU would pay \$35,600 or about \$4 per property. 9,000 properties x \$4 = ~\$36,000.

MSBU Paving 2025 - The 2025 MSBU paving program will go out to bid soon. The chosen contractor will decide where in its schedule to place Rotonda West. I will keep you apprised.

Drainage

We had a wet summer! From June – August, [43 inches](#) fell. Then Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton!

Charlotte County advised that the plan is to put a segment of **Greenway** out for bid this fall for ditch maintenance. From there, the County can estimate what the entire greenway would cost to remediate and create a multi-year budget to do so. That would mean an increase in MSBU rates probably in 2026.

Pipes to be lined in advance of paving (3 pictures attached)

- Rotonda Blvd E @ Crevalle Road near Fiddlers Green, line from catch basin to canal – done
- Rotonda Blvd E @ Cape Haze trail head – line road crossing pipe – done
- Sunnybrook Blvd @ Greenway Ave – line double barrel pipe – in progress.

There are **DOZENS** of open drainage work orders in Rotonda West. Public Works will get to all of them. These are a few that I have asked about lately.

- 84 & 86 **White Marsh Lane** - Open WO 59974 for swale grading at 94 White Marsh Ln. 84 & 86 added.
- 248-250-252-254-256 & 252-253 **Rotonda Blvd North** -- This was investigated in June. In July, vegetation was removed from outfall at 253 RBN. WO 57242 is in place for vacuum culvert cleaning from 249 to 263 RBN. Menzi Muck work order 57964 is in place.
- 2 & 4 **Oakland Hills Ct** - Broken pipe. Water from 2 ponds are overflowing into resident back yards. On 9/23, an inspector put safety tape around the pipe and issued WO 70269 for small pipe install at #4 Oakland Hills.
- **33 Clubhouse Rd** - Service Request 11949 has been created to address the drainage issue in front
- **243 White Marsh** – CCU sewage backup.
- **248-250-252-254-256 & 252-253 Rotonda Blvd., North**, Drainage issues
- **59 Pine Valley Lane** – Drainage issues.

I hope that answers many of your questions between now and the next meeting on December 19, 2024, where you'll see the annual presentation on the Rotonda West work program.

Decorative Lighting throughout RWA – A citizen in the Pinehurst section submitted a request for the MSBU advisory board to consider decorative lighting like the kind at Manasota Key.. He was advised by the County that specialty lights need to be requested and funded through the Rotonda West Streets & Drainage MSBU.

Respectfully, Sam Besase – Advisory Board Member – RW S&D MSBU

(questions, please call 281-923-4041, I'll try to get you an answer)

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY WILL BE
MAILING OUT THE
2025 TAX BILLS THIS MONTH,
NOVEMBER 2024**

**A SWEET THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO DONATED
CANDY TO HELP OUT MARK
TWIN HOMES
ON HALLOWEEN!**

**THANK YOU TO PAM AND
TERI FOR HOLDING THE
CANDY DRIVE!**

**HOPE EVERYONE HAD A
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



**Pam and Teri once again hold the
Mark Twain Candy Drive. Thank you!**

**BEAUTIFUL
LAKE FARRELL
AT
BROADMOOR PARK**



Photo by: N. Clough

LEARN ABOUT COYOTES

SUBMITTED BY: MERRILL HORSWILL



Rotonda West
Community
Outreach Committee
Nature presents:

Learn about Coyotes

with Calvin Bernard,
Charlotte County
Environmental Land
Specialist

November 6, 2024
2pm

Rotonda West Community Center 646 Rotonda Circle

The coyote is a member of the dog family, weighing between 20 and 30 pounds with pointed ears, a narrow muzzle, and bushy tail. Pelts are usually grayish-brown with a patch of white chest hair. When running, coyotes usually hold their tails downward and tracks are narrower and more elongated than dog tracks.

Coyotes are native to North America and began expanding into northwestern Florida in the 1970s. They are now considered to be a naturalized species in all 67 Florida counties. They are extremely adaptable; just about any type of forest or farmland, suburban and urban areas, is suitable habitat.

The scientific name of the coyote, *Canis latrans*, literally means "barking dog." Coyotes make a variety of vocalizations from barking to shrill yips and howls. They are active day or night, but usually most active at sunset and sunrise.

Coyotes are territorial. A resident pair will establish a territory shared only by other members of their family group.

Coyotes eat a variety of plants and animals including fruits, insects, rats and mice, rabbits, birds, deer, livestock, virtually any type of carrion, trash and pet food.

Coyotes have one breeding cycle per year and can first breed when they are 10 months old. Breeding occurs in late winter and following a 63-day gestation period, 4 to 6 pups are born. Parental care lasts until the pups are about 9 months old, when the young usually disperse to a new area and establish their own breeding territories.

Follow these tips to avoid conflicts.

Feeding coyotes is illegal. They will lose their fear of humans.

Secure garbage cans. Clean up pet food and fallen fruit.

Secure livestock in predator-resistant enclosures.

Keep pets in enclosed areas. Walk dogs on a short leash.

This program is open to Rotonda West residents, renters and their guests.



THE BENCHES OF BROADMOOR PARK

A TRIBUTE TO SGT. AL SACCO



Sgt. Al Sacco

By: Nadine Clough

As we honor our military on Veteran’s Day, November 11th, let’s also pay tribute to those who work in law enforcement, firefighting, and other services. These people make many sacrifices to protect our safety and the well-being of our neighborhoods. Sargeant Al Sacco was an example of dedicated service to his community. When we pass his memorial bench in Broadmoor Park, remember his honored life.

Al was hired in February 1993 and proudly served the citizens of Charlotte County for just shy of 30 years, reluctantly retiring in December 2022 due to a medical issue. Al earned the rank of Deputy First Class in 1995, then promoted to Corporal in 2007 and finally to Sergeant in 2013. Throughout his nearly three-decade career, Al was a member of Road Patrol, Community Policing, School Resource, and served as the Volunteer Services Coordinator. In each role, Al was loved by his peers and known for his positive attitude and unwavering sense of humor.

Sgt. Sacco represented the ideals of the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office and will be remembered for his contributions around the agency and throughout the community.

Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office



**ENJOY BEAUTIFUL
BROADMOOR PARK!
REMEMBER THE PARK RULES.
RESPECT PEOPLE, ANIMALS,
AND PLANTS.**

EVENT NOW RESCHEDULED !

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE RR & PHOSPHATE

PRESENTATION BY:
DR. JENNIFER ZOEBELEIN,
CHARLOTTE COUNTY
HISTORIAN

**NEW DATE & TIME-
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
AT 1:30 P.M.**



In 1907 the railroad was completed to Boca Grande, and for the next 50 years shipped phosphate out of Port Boca Grande. In 1969 Port Boca Grande ranked as the fourth busiest port in Florida. Today it stands abandoned.

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION:

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, Southwest Florida experienced a level of development not seen before. Join Dr. Jennifer Zoebelein, Historian for Charlotte County, as she discusses the rise of the phosphate industry in the region and its direct connection with the growing development of railroad networks across Florida. This industrial growth brought economic growth and opportunity to Charlotte County, fostering the creation of new towns and increased population growth, and stands as one of the more important moments in our region's history.

SPEAKER BIO:

A native of Long Island, Dr. Jennifer Zoebelein is the historian for Charlotte County, a position she's held since November 2019. She received her PhD from Kansas State University in 2018, where she examined how the United States commemorated the First World War. Prior to moving to Florida, Jennifer worked for the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City and the World War I Centennial Commission. She has also worked for the National Park Service at Fort Sumter National Monument and the New York Historical Society. Jennifer has a long-standing passion and interest in history and enjoys reading and researching local and state history.

*This presentation brought to you by the Community Outreach Community, with thanks to Donna Stogsdill for coordinating the event.

NATURE WALK AT BROADMOOR PARK

By: **Merrill Horswill**



COME AND JOIN US!

Rotonda West Community
Outreach Committee Nature
Presents

Nature Walk at Broadmoor Park
646 Rotonda Circle
November 30, 9-11am

With Dr. Bill Dunson and members
of the Mangrove Chapter of the
Florida Native Plant Society

Woodstork Photo by Bill Dunson

Bill Dunson, professor emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania will lead a nature walk around the ponds at Broadmoor Park and discuss the flora and fauna of our area. Always curious about nature, Bill has dedicated his life to learning and sharing his knowledge with others. He has served on many advisory boards in Southwest Florida to preserve the water that gives life to our region and leads walks for many organizations. Bill will identify the birds, reptiles and plants found in Broadmoor. Members of the Native Plant Society will also lend their expertise. We will use nature apps on smart phones to identify and record what we see.



Anhinga in willows along Farrell Lake, Broadmoor Park. Photo by Bill Dunson

Bring water, binoculars, smart phones, good walking shoes, sun gear. No dogs, please.

Welcome are Rotonda West residents, renters and their guests.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov 1 & 2, Fri & Sat, 9:00 am-5:00 pm: Rotonda Community Garage Sale
Rain Date, Nov 3, Sun, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Nov 2, Sat, 9:00 am: Alzheimer's Fundraiser Walk in Broadmoor Park with
Rotonda West Women's Club
- Nov 4, Mon, 9:00 am: Tai Chi
- Nov 5, Tue, 11:30-3:30: Christmas Decorate Like a Pro, Hands-on Create
Ornament Clusters and Garland & How to Mount a Tree Topper
- Nov 6, Wed, 2:00 pm: Nature Presentation: Coyotes
- Nov 6, Wed, 5:00 pm: Mix & Mingle Happy Hour at Rotonda Community Park
- Nov 7, Thu, 6:00 pm: Open House
- Nov 12, Tues. 3:30-5:30 pm: RWA Treasurer's Quarterly Town Hall Meeting
- Nov 13, Wed, 4:00 pm: Music in the Park Inside, Lemon Bay HS Jazz Band
- Nov 15, Fri, 9:30 am: Drumming Circle, The Rhythm of Life
- Nov 15, Fri, 1:30 pm: Industrial Development, The RR & Phosphate (History)
- Nov 17, Sun, 1:00 pm: Bingo
- Nov 18, Mon, 9:00 am: Tai Chi
- Nov 20, Wed, 6:30 pm: Trivia
- Nov 25, Mon, 9:00 am: Tai Chi
- Nov 26, Tues, 5:00 pm: Mix & Mingle Potluck, at the RWA Community Center
- Nov 30, Sat, 9:00 am: Guided Nature Walk in Broadmoor Park
- Nov 30, Sat, Time to be determined: Gazebo Lighting & Boat Parade

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec 2, Mon, 9:00 am: Tai Chi
- Dec 4, Wed, 5:00 pm: Mix & Mingle Happy Hour at Rotonda Community Park
- Dec, 4, Wed, 5:00 pm: Music in the Park, Jonny Puma
- DEC, 5, Thurs, 6-9 pm: RWA HOA Annual Meeting
- Dec 7, Sat, 10:00 am: Christmas Parade
- Dec 11, Wed, 2:00 pm: Nature Presentation, Sea Turtles
- Dec 15, Sun, 1:00 pm: Bingo
- Dec 16, Mon, 9:00 am: Tai Chi
- Dec 18, Wed, 6:30 pm: Music with Cary Price and Dessert
- Dec 23, Mon, 9:00 am: Tai Chi
- Dec 30, Mon, 9:00 am: Tai Chi

TAI CHI

For Beginners and the Experienced
Instruction by Dr. Francine Finucan

1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Monday
of Each Month
9:00am

RWA
Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle



- Tai Chi is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for self-defense and health known for its slow, intentional movements.
- Tai Chi is particularly popular as a form of gentle exercise and moving meditation, with benefits to mental and physical health.
- Tai Chi is all standing, but may also be practiced in a sturdy chair.
- Benefits of practicing Tai Chi: preventing falls in older adults, osteoarthritis, Parkinson disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and cognitive functioning.
- This gentle form of exercise can help maintain strength, flexibility, and balance, and could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life.

- Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, bring water in a covered container.
- At this time, the Tai Chi fitness class will be for RWA members & renters only.
- An RWA Fitness Liability Waiver must be filled out (only once).
- Questions: communityoutreach@rotondawest.org
- Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office, you will be referred to the above email.
- No pets.

Play as a team or individually.

FREE!

Presented by Tim's Trivia
TimsTrivia@yahoo.com
Timothy Dowd, originally from Michigan. I have been a college professor for almost 30 years with degrees in English, philosophy, sociology, psychology, history and humanities. I have been doing TRIVIA for almost 20 years; also music bingo, scavenger hunts, hosting various events as well as DJ-ing dances of all kinds. Recently have been named the number one TRIVIA in Southwest Florida!

WEDNESDAY
October 16th & November 20th
Doors open @ 6:00 pm
Starts @ 6:30 pm

RWA Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle

Bring your own drinks with lids & snacks!
Welcome RWA property owners, residents, renters and their guests.
Questions: Contact the Community Outreach Committee: communityoutreach@rotondawest.org
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No pets.



NOVEMBER 17TH RWA Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Doors open at 12:15 pm

Welcome property owners, residents, renters, and their guests.
Please invite your vacationing neighbors.

Snacks & water available, or bring your own. Covered beverage container please.

Questions?
communityoutreach@rotondawest.org
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office. You will be referred to the above e-mail
No pets.

Play begins promptly at 1:00 pm
Must be 18 to play.

COME AND JOIN US!






Rotonda West Association Community Outreach Committee Presents

Mix & Mingle

Wednesday, November 6 at 5pm
 (Always on the 1st Wednesday of the month)
Rotonda Community Park
on Parade Circle


 PLEASE JOIN US
 — For —
DRINKS


COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!!
 FOR ALL ROTONDA WEST RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS. . .
 BYOB, BRING A SNACK IF YOU WOULD LIKE!
Please do not contact the RWA office, they do not have information.

TWO GREAT SOCIAL EVENTS FOR ROTONDA RESIDENTS, RENTERS, AND THEIR GUESTS! COME JOIN US AND HAVE SOME FUN!




Rotonda West Association Community Outreach Committee Presents

POT LUCK DINNER

Tuesday, November 26 at 5pm
 (Always on the 4th Tuesday of the month)
RWA Community Center - 646 Rotonda Circle

Open to all RWA members and their guests

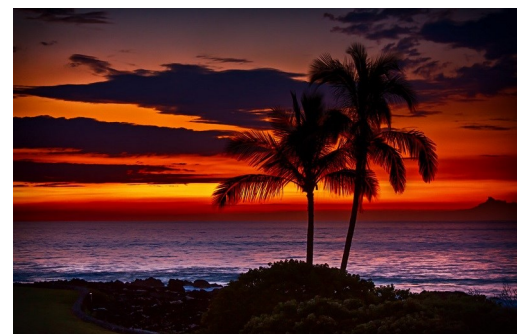
Now with musical entertainment

If your last name begins with:
 A-H - Main Dish
 (ie: casseroles, baked pasta dish, etc.)
 I-P - Dessert
 Q-Z- Salad or Side


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



This is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends!
Please do not contact the RWA office, they do not have information



LEMON BAY'S JAZZ RAYS RETURN TO MUSIC IN THE PARK

Music in the Park, Wednesday, November 13th at 4 p.m.

Inside Event at the Community Center

Submitted by: Rita Lopienski

Rotonda West Association supports local musicians, youth & education, and on Wednesday, November 13th from 4-5 p.m. we will feature our local high school, Lemon Bay High School's Jazz Ensemble, the Jazz Rays. They will be playing some jazz standard along with holiday tunes. At this Music in the Park you can also individual donate cash or a check, payable to Lemon Bay Band Boosters to help support their programs. Come support our talented local youth and enjoy some great musical entertainment.

Music in the Park

Lemon Bay High School Jazz Ensemble
THE JAZZ RAYS

AN INDOOR MUSIC EVENT

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER
13TH**

**BROADMOOR
PARK
646 ROTONDA
CIRCLE**

4-5 p.m.

RWA supports local musicians and education.
On this afternoon, we will feature our local high school, entertaining us with jazz standards along with holiday tunes.
You can also individually donate by cash, or a check payable to Lemon Bay Band Boosters to help support their programs.

Welcome RWA members, residents, renters, and their guests. No cost
Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office.
Questions? communityoutreach@rotondawest.org


Rotonda West Association
Community Outreach Committee



Rotonda West
Association

Community Outreach Committee Presents

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday November 7th 6:00-8:00 Pm

RWA COMMUNITY CENTER, 646 ROTONDA CIRCLE

Enjoy some wine and cheese and enter our raffle while seeing what our area has to offer.

Meet service organizations, community groups, local nonprofits, government agencies and the Rotonda West committees.

Learn the many ways you can get involved and make friends in Rotonda West.

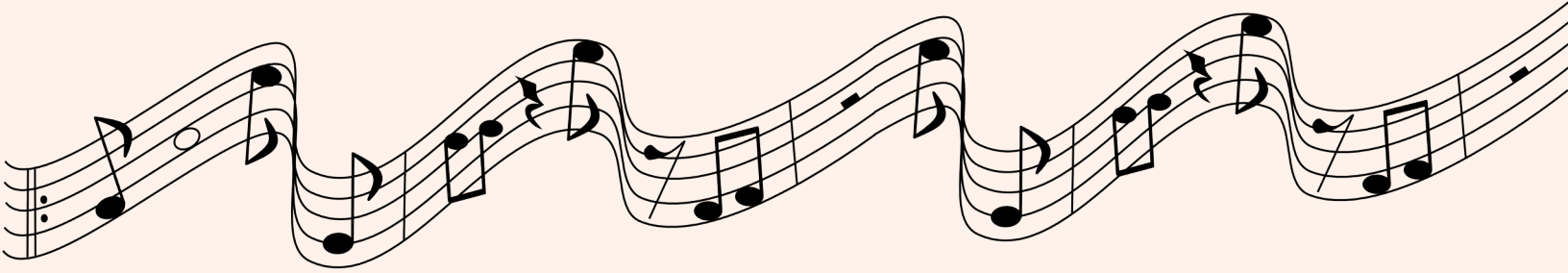
Welcome RWA property owners and residents.,
Questions: Contact the Community Outreach Committee:
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MUSIC IN THE PARK

UPCOMING EVENTS



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
LEMON BAY HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND
4:00 p.m. (inside)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
CHRISTMAS MUSIC WITH JONNY PUMA
5:00 p.m. (outside, weather permitting)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
CARY PRICE ON THE ORGAN
6:30 p.m. (inside)



Music in the Park events are held at the Community Center at 646 Rotonda Circle.

These events are for residents, renters, and guests.

Bring a snack and drink to enjoy during the performances. If the event is outside, bring a chair.

Presented by: The Community Outreach Committee



Presented by the R.W. Outreach Committee

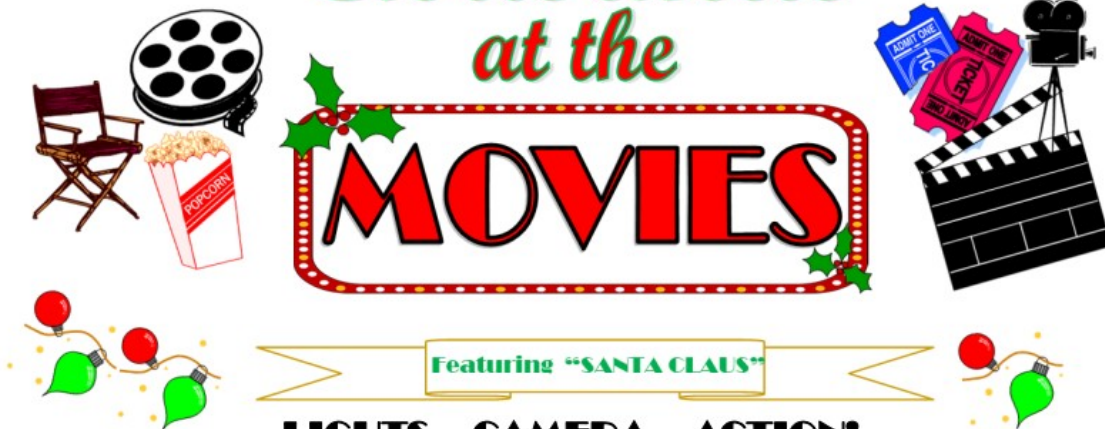
Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 AM

Christmas Parade

Now presenting the 2024 Theme...

Christmas at the

MOVIES



Featuring "SANTA CLAUS"

LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!

<p>Christmas Vacation Nutcracker Charlie Brown Muppets It's a Wonderful Life Miracle on 34th Street Holiday Inn</p>	<p>Decorate as your Favorite Christmas Movie...</p>	<p>A Christmas Story Polar Express ELF Frosty The Snowman White Christmas Scrooge Grinch Rudolph</p>
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COME HAVE FUN AT THE ROTONDA WEST CHRISTMAS PARADE

Register online at

Rotondawest.org (under Events Tab)

If you have questions, please email: parade@rotondawest.org or

Call 616.540.7557 Pam Pierce -Parade Coordinator

Parade entry application opens 9/1/2024 and ends 11/16/2024

*The Marines and 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 Hands
Event sponsorships are available. Call for details.*



Submitted by David Perry

NOVEMBER 2024

To Our Fellow Rotonda Residents, the Board of Directors for Neighborhood Watch hope you and your family are safe and accounted for after the devastating Hurricane that struck our beloved place in Paradise and surrounding communities.

FYI's of Neighborhood Watch:

*We are a voluntary organization (operating since 1981) that works with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office by patrolling our neighborhoods during the night. We Do Not work for the RWA-therefore, We Do Not Report any Deed Violations.

* There are 120 members in our organization (some have over 15 years of service) and we are always looking to grow.

* We meet monthly at the RWA and post the recording on our website. Our schedule is located on our website and social media pages www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com and on Facebook @ Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch

Why do we patrol?

*Basic Crime Prevention~ Work for a better and safer neighborhood through protecting and honoring the rights of others.

*Build a Stronger Community~ Get to know your neighbors. In our fast-paced world, we don't spend enough time learning about our neighbors. Watch groups give community members a reason to get together and talk about making their community a better place.

You're Part of the Answer People like you are what makes a Neighborhood Watch program successful. Your neighbors need your help, and you need your neighbor's help. The small steps you take now will pay big dividends down the road. Building a spirit of community helps keep all of you safer and more secure. That's

We need volunteers to fill vacant spots in all sections of Rotonda West

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 scan the QR Code below, call David Perry at 941-828-1584, or email president@rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com



If you don't want to drive at night, have you considered being a Base Station? The Base Station person stays at home and acts as a liaison between our patrols and the Sheriff's office on the night they are scheduled.



**SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER 19TH, AT 10 A.M. IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

We are pleased to Welcome our newest members

Donna and Dick Phillips (car #6)

Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

Facebook @ Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch

Scan Here For More Information





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



It is amazing how hurricanes impact our area and our lives. And we are praying that there will be no more! Our club members were blessed that any damage they sustained to their homes was minimal, unlike Hurricane Ian. However, many homes and businesses in our community were impacted and need help. At our general meeting on October 17th, we had a food drive for a local food pantry. We donated 340 non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies. We also voted unanimously to donate \$1000 each to three local organizations that are giving direct relief to those who have lost their homes and jobs. An additional \$500 was donated to Rotonda Emergency Response Team so they can continue to be there for us in times of disasters.



Pictured Left: Member Jeannie Joyce, Jubilee Center Manager Laura Roy, EPIC Community Resource Center Ronnie Jackson, GFWC RWWC President, Gwen Grace and 1st VP Gloria Rogoski present checks to the non-profits.



Pictured Left: Presenting a \$1000 to Doug Izzo and Kim Parks of the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce for Englewood Strong hurricane relief.

Coming up in November is the Alzheimer's Walk at Broadmoor Park on Saturday, November 2nd at 8:30 am. Our Annual Holiday Bazaar is the following Saturday, November 9th. Door opens at 9 am. Please come out and support our organization who raises money to help our community and provide scholarships to Lemon Bay students. We live the volunteer spirit.

Our next General Meeting is Thursday, November 21st at the RWA community center. **Please note the change of time.** The social hour begins at 9:30 am and the business meeting starts promptly at 10:30 am. Please go to our website at www.gfwcrotondawest.org for information about upcoming events and who we are and what we do. You can also find us on Facebook at GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Group. All are invited to our general meeting.

TEAM NAME:

ROTONDA WEST

The Rotonda West team consists of members of GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Rotonda West community, friends and family!

REGISTRATION & DONATION

We're registered under the Sarasota walk. Type in the website address or use the scan code.

act.alz.org/goto/rotondawest



THANK YOU!

This is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Thanks for supporting us.

QUESTIONS

Clare Imrie

clareimrieuk@hotmail.com

Cell: 713-825-2154



PLEASE JOIN US!

The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club invites you!

NOVEMBER 2ND

SATURDAY

9:00 AM

BROADMOOR PARK

646 ROTONDA CIRCLE

ROTONDA WEST, FL



GFWC Florida
GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS
living the volunteer spirit



Proud member of General Federation of Women's Clubs
Rotonda West Woman's Club
Holiday Bazaar



Saturday Nov 9th 9am - 1:30pm

*Rotonda West Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle*

- *Bake Sale*
- *Gift Basket Raffle*
- *Nearly New Jewelry Boutique*
- *Hot Dog Lunch - Available after 11am (Cash Only)*



*Fundraiser
Proceeds benefit
local charities*

*Handcrafted gifts for
everyone on your list.*

New This Year!



*Gingerbread Village
"Family Fun"*

- *Photos with Florida Santa*
- *Make and Take craft & more*

9am - 12:30pm



*Follow our event on Facebook for Holiday Bazaar updates!
@GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club Holiday Bazaar*

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit service organization working to improve the community by volunteering time and financial resources to support numerous local and national charities and groups. We are "Living the Volunteer Spirit" with Love, Respect and Kindness for all.



ROTONDA'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS & SHOW

**WE WILL AGAIN SHOWCASE RWA'S FINEST TALENT!
ALL KINDS OF TALENT OF ALL AGES IS DESIRED FOR A
DIVERSE VARIETY TALENT SHOW:**

**SING
PLAY INSTRUMENTS
DANCE
COMEDY (PG-RATED)
SKITS
VENTRILOQUIST
POETRY
JUGGLE
MAGIC
AND MORE!**



**AUDITIONS: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH & 15TH,
FROM 11 AM-1 PM**

TALENT SHOW: SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 1 PM

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO JOIN THE PLANNING TEAM AND
ASSIST WITH THE EVENT.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

communityoutreach@rotondawest.org



RWA VOLUNTEER JOB LOG (Jan.-Dec. 2024)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

RED GROUP

BLUE GROUP

RWA EVENT/JOB	DATE	COMMITTEE NAME
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

At the end of the calendar year, hand in this sheet in to the Community Outreach Committee, or to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Coordinator.

THANK YOU!

IT IS THE VOLUNTEER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FILL OUT THIS FORM!

RED GROUP

BLUE GROUP

Coordinator will check box

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Manager

Tammy Birdsong
Administrator

Nancy Schwechel
Administrator and
Deed Restrictions

Jenny Bulle
Bookkeeper

Annette Casteel
Administrator and
Minutes Clerk

Sheryl Ann Nowicki
Administrator

Kelsey Stewart
Administrator

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Minutes Clerk

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