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Celebrating the Legacy of Dale Anderson: A Tribute to a Remarkable Colleague

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the departure of Dale Anderson, a dedicated member of our team for over five years. Dale was not just an employee; he was a hard worker, a source of laughter, and a remarkable human being who brightened our workplace every day.

From the moment Dale joined our team, he made an indelible mark with his unwavering dedication and strong work ethic. He tackled every challenge with enthusiasm and diligence, setting a standard that inspired everyone around him. Dale's commitment to his job was matched only by his willingness to help his colleagues, always ready to lend a hand or share his expertise.

Beyond his professional qualities, Dale was known for his incredible sense of humor. He had a unique ability to lighten the mood in any situation, often using his quick wit to bring a smile to our faces during busy days. His infectious laughter and playful pranks made our workplace not just a place of business but a community filled with joy and camaraderie.

Another passion of Dale's was his love for fishing, particularly his talent for catching and smoking mullet. It became a tradition for Dale to share this cherished dish with the rest of the staff. He would often surprise us with his delicious creations, turning our lunch breaks into delightful culinary experiences. His generosity in sharing his catch was a reflection of his warm spirit and the sense of community he nurtured among us.

As we bid farewell to Dale, it is important to remember the positive impact he had on our lives and the workplace. He was more than just a colleague; he was a friend who brought us together, creating lasting memories that we will cherish forever. While he will be sorely missed, his legacy of kindness, humor, and hard work will continue to inspire us all.

Thank you, Dale, for everything you brought to our team. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our workplace will not be the same without you, but we will carry your spirit with us as we move forward.

*Derrick Hedges
Manager
Rotonda West Association, Inc.*



August

8/1 @ 9:15am: Rotonda Puzzle Swap (Rotonda Park off Parade Circle)

8/3, 8/10, 8/24, & 8/31 @ 9am: Mahjong (experienced players only)

8/3, 8/10, 8/24, & 8/31 @ 10am: Pilates Mat Fitness

8/6, 8/13, 8/20, & 8/27 @ 1pm: Christmas Crafting

8/7, 8/14, 8/21, & 8/28 @ 10am: Yin Yoga/Tai Chi

8/17: Community Center Closed for Polling Setup

8/18 @ 6am: 2026 Florida Primary Elections

8/20 @ 6:30pm: Trivia Night with Tim

8/25 @ 4:30pm: Food Truck Tuesday

All events are held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted



ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION *Board of Directors*



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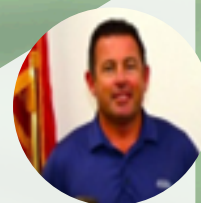
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SUMMARY OF JUNE 11, 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(To view full minutes, please visit rotondawest.org/meeting-minutes/)

Meeting Overview

- The meeting was called to order with a quorum present.
- Minutes from previous meetings were approved unanimously.
- Members provided input on agenda items and non-agenda concerns.

President's and Treasurer's Reports

- President Van Scyoc noted ongoing issues with the Quarter's development.
- Treasurer Besase reported \$2.5 million in cash, positive income, low delinquencies, and ongoing reserve funding.
- The administration building is nearing completion, with remaining work including crown molding and tile.

Manager's and Committee Reports

- Manager Hedges detailed ongoing landscaping, maintenance, and water management efforts.
- Violations are being addressed, with fines approved for violations 1-60.
- The Compliance Committee added Ms. Kiedrowski as vice chair.
- The Residential Modifications Committee designated Director Grace as liaison.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaw updates with minor changes were approved.
- The Board discussed adding new activities; current consensus is no additional exercise classes, but other adult learning options are considered.
- Delinquent accounts over 90 days will be suspended, with about 2-2.5% of members affected.
- Members owning half lots will now be eligible to vote under Florida HOA proxy laws, potentially adding 72 votes.

Member and Director Input

- A member raised drainage concerns on golf course paths, prompting plans for future discussions with staff.
- Directors announced upcoming MSBU meetings and praised staff for their work.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE *Right Here at Home!*

CANDIDATES NEEDED

FOR THE NEXT ELECTION

RWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your community. Your voice.
Your opportunity to help shape
the future of Rotonda West.



GET
INVOLVED.
GIVE BACK.
MAKE AN
IMPACT!



LEADERSHIP

Help guide the
direction and
decisions of our
community.



COMMUNITY

Work together to
preserve and enhance
the quality of life in
Rotonda West.



GROWTH

Be part of smart,
responsible planning
for our future.



SERVICE

Volunteer your time
and talents to make
a lasting difference.

*New ideas.
Fresh perspectives.
Stronger community.
We need you!*



SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR
CANDIDATE DOCUMENTS



FRIDAY,
AUGUST 7, 2026



If you have questions about your candidacy,
creating your candidate documents or the process,
please email
electioncommittee@rotondawest.org

*Your Community.
Your Voice.
Your Future.*



ALL CANDIDACY INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT
www.rotondawest.org





CHARLOTTE COUNTY IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

2026



PRIMARY ELECTION: AUGUST 18th



Registration Deadline (29 days prior to election): **Jul 20th**

Vote-By-Mail Deadline (12 days prior to election): **Aug 6th @ 5 PM**

Early Voting: **Aug 8 - 15, 2026, 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM**



GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 3rd



Registration Deadline (29 days prior to election): **Oct 5th**

Vote-By-Mail Deadline (12 days prior to election): **Oct 22nd @ 5 PM**

Early Voting: **Oct 19 - 31, 2026, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS



- Centennial Park Recreation Center
- Mac V. Horton West County Annex
- Charlotte Harbor Event Center
- Mid-County Regional Library

ballottrax

charlottevotes.ballottrax.net/voter/



**TRACK
YOUR
BALLOT!
SIGN-UP
TODAY**



Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections



@CharCoSOE

LEAH VALENTI, Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections
SOECharlotteCountyFL.gov | 941.833.5400



RWA COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

**All meetings are available on Zoom
(link provided in Constant Contact)**

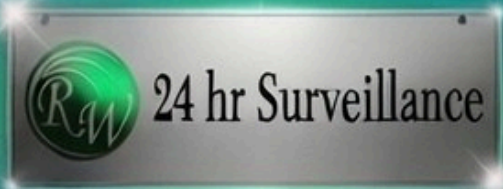
COMMITTEE	DAY	TIME
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH	12:00 P.M.
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	DATES VARY (CHECK CALENDAR)	10:00 A.M.
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE	2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	10:30 A.M.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE	1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH	10:00 A.M.
COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	DATES VARY (CHECK CALENDAR)	2:00 P.M.
ELECTION COMMITTEE	SPECIFIC TO ELECTION	TBD
RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATION COMMITTEE	2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	9:00 A.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH	3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	10:00 A.M.

Now Available!

Enhance your home's security and pride!

Official RWA-approved
Perfect for Rotonda West residents

\$7 each



The official RWA approved signs for residents to place on their property are now available for purchase in the RWA Office.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN?



Rotonda West offers a vibrant community life with a variety of events and activities to engage residents and visitors alike. Whether you're interested in attending social gatherings, participating in club meetings, or enjoying **recreational** activities, the Community Center serves as a hub for all things happening around town.



To stay updated on the latest events, simply scan the QR code provided to access the comprehensive calendar of events. This digital tool ensures you won't miss out on exciting opportunities to connect with others and make the most of your time in Rotonda West.



**WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK**



Attention all Rotonda West Residents:

The Community Center is your hub for connection, fun, and activities that bring our neighborhood together.

Whether you're new or a long-time resident, your participation helps shape these events. We want to hear from YOU—share the types of events or classes you'd love to see at Rotonda West. Take a moment to check the upcoming schedule at <https://rotondawest.org/all-events/>. Don't miss out—email your ideas or thoughts to westways@rotondawest.org. Your input matters, and together, we can make our community even more vibrant. We look forward to hearing from you!!





DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE



Feeding wildlife may initially create viewing opportunities and seem helpful to animals, but unintended negative consequences can arise.



CONGREGATIONS OF WILDLIFE CAN BECOME A NUISANCE TO PEOPLE.

Wildlife can consume unattended pet food, bird seed, invade trash cans, scatter garbage, eat produce grown on trees for human consumption and damage landscaping. They may also leave droppings on driveways, walkways and in pools which can pollute soil and water sources with fecal matter. Some wildlife can climb, tear and penetrate screens that cover pools or porches and even enter structures which can cause property damage.



ATTRACTING WILDLIFE PREDATORS.

Species such as bobcats, coyotes, foxes and raptors will frequent areas that have additional food and concentrated prey species. Once established, these predators often fail to discern wild natural prey from domesticated pets. This can lead to increased conflicts between wildlife and pets.



UNNATURAL BEHAVIORS.

Whether intentional or unintentional, fed wildlife can become dependent on humans for food, causing them to lose their natural fear of people and to linger in urban areas. This can lead to conflicts including property damage, vehicle collisions, or threats to public safety.



AGGRESSION TOWARDS PEOPLE.

In the United States, most attacks on humans by wild animals have been documented cases stemming from humans feeding wildlife.



ADMIRE WILDLIFE FROM A DISTANCE AND KEEP THEM WILD!

Your actions protect wildlife, your pets, your property and our community.



Rotonda West
— ASSOCIATION —



**BE RESPECTFUL.
BE RESPONSIBLE.**
Be Part of the Solution!



Charlotte County Sheriff's Office 77th Citizen's Police Academy

By Rita Lopienski



On March 18th, Larry & I attended an RWA presentation by Mary Sharp, Community Affairs Specialist at the Bureau of Support Services of Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. It was an overview of the CCSO Citizen's Police Academy. Although only a few people came, we found it fascinating, and decided to apply for the 8-week course on Wednesday's from 9am to 2pm, which began May 13th and ended July 1st. We met all the top brass of Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, including Sheriff Bill Prummell, and each wee included talks & tours or demonstrations with wonderful experts in the field. It was eye opening, and we are impressed. Did you know that Charlotte County is one of the safest counties in Florida?

Highlights included presentations by Forensics, Major Crimes Unit, Cold Case Unit, SWAT, K-9, Active Shooter, Domestic Violence, Career Criminals, Gangs, I.R.I.S., Traffic Unit, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Narcotics, CERT, tours of the Jail, RTIC, Aviation, the new 911 Call Center, and my personal favorite, a 4-hour Ride Along with a Deputy on a Friday night in Port Charlotte! That was very cool! I wore a patrol bulletproof vest, got to hear & experience a wide variety of dispatch



calls, and was allowed out to be close to the scene when it was deemed safe. The Academy graduation ceremony for Class 77 included a certificate given by Sheriff Prummell and Chief Casarella. I need to give a shout out to Mary Sharp for organizing a polished program, which also always included a delicious lunch donated by local restaurants.

Our group of 28 participants also did a Community Project, donating many items for the Shop with a Cop program. I highly recommend RWA members to take this Citizen's Police Academy Course. The next one is on evenings in September. You can go to https://www.ccsso.org/ccso_citizens_police_academy/index.php, download the app, or contact Mary at 941-575-5260. It will be well worth your time!





Rotonda West
Association

Presents...

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY

ROTONDA WEST
COMMUNITY CENTER
646 ROTONDA CIRCLE



**LIVE
MUSIC**

**TABLES &
CHAIRS INSIDE
THE COMMUNITY
CENTER!**

**AIR
CONDITIONING
INSIDE!**

FOOD TRUCKS

- ★ GULF COAST DIRTY DOGS CO.
- ★ GULF COAST DIRTY SODA CO.
- ★ MARCELLO'S PIZZA
- ★ UNAMI TWIST
- ★ SMOKE & THYME
- ★ ICE CREAM EMERGENCY



**JOIN US
MONTHLY ON THE
4TH TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH.
TRUCKS WILL
BE ROTATED!**

NOTICE: NO ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE RWA OFFICE.
THEY DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION.
FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL:

COMMUNITYOUTREACH@ROTONDAWEST.ORG



TRIVIA



with Tim



Open to all RWA owners, residents and their guests



Play as an individual or form a team



3rd Thursday of each month



Doors open at 6 pm
Play begins at 6:30 pm



RWA Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle



You may bring
your drinks
(lidded cups)
and snacks



No Pets



Questions? email: communityoutreach@rotondawest.org



Presented by the RWA Community Outreach Committee



Health & Wellness

Community Outreach Health & Wellness Initiative Remains Strong All Summer Long!

By: Rita Lopienski

We are pleased to announce that Pilates Mat Class will be every Monday at 10am, including the 4th Monday!

This popular year-round fitness program is a low-impact, full-body workout that uses your own body weight for resistance on a floor mat. It focuses on core strength, flexibility, and controlled movements rather than using large equipment like the reformer machine.

We also offer Tai Chi (standing) alternated with Yin Yoga Mat (prolonged stretches) on Friday's at 10am. These classes are led by certified instructor Dr. Francine Finucan. A one-time Fitness Liability Waiver needs to be filled out for first time attendees. All RWA members, owners and renters are welcome, and these wellness programs are for men and women of all levels.

For more information contact communityoutreach@rotondawest.org.



**Rotonda West
Association**

Held at RWA Community Center -
646 Rotonda Circle

Community Outreach Committee
Health & Wellness Initiative 1026
Presents

Instructor
Dr. Francine Finucan

These classes are for RWA members, owners & renters.
A one-time Fitness Waiver needs to be signed.

PILATES

All
Mondays
10-11 am



Pilates helps with posture as it helps to engage the deep core muscles to the abdominals, back and pelvic floor - which enables you to have your shoulders, hips, neck and ankles positioned on your hips, legs and feet, in turn, improving your posture.

**PLEASE BRING A PILATES
MAT**

TAI CHI

Alternating
Fridays
10-11 AM



Experience meditation in motion.
Tai Chi promotes flexibility, strength, and relaxation while reducing stress. All skill levels are welcome.

YIN YOGA

Alternating
Fridays
10-11 AM



Yin Yoga is a slower-paced, passive style of yoga focusing on long-held floor poses (5-10 minutes) to target deep connective tissues like ligaments, joints, and tendons, rather than muscles.

**PLEASE BRING A
PILATES MAT**

Please do not contact the RWA office, they do not have information



CHARLOTTE COUNTY & MSBU NEWS ITEMS – AUGUST 2026

By Sam Besase

Here is the latest information from Charlotte County on the **Rotonda Boulevard South Bridge Replacement**:

"Staff is working with our consultant that helps us through FEMA processes on when we can start the bridge while making sure we get the FEMA funds that they have said we could obtain. Public Work's staff is ready to put the project out to bid as soon as we get the go ahead from them and our fiscal team."

"Once we can put it out, the bidding process typically takes around 4 months from the time it is sent to purchasing until it is approved by the board. The bids include a section for the contractor to add the timeframe of when they would be able to start the project. Staff and the contractor choose a start date based on this timeframe once it is approved by the board."

- Joanne Vernon, P.E. County Engineer Charlotte County Public Works Phone: 941-575-3661
- Joanne.Vernon@charlottecountyfl.gov
- SAM ESTIMATED TIMELINE: Dec 2026 Bid Award - Nov 2027 Completion
- *US Government shutdown (43 days + 49 days) affected completion of these items!!!
- Also, here is the latest information from Charlotte County on the Gasparilla Road Traffic Lights:
- "The traffic signals are currently in design. We expect the final plans and bid specs to be completed in **August of 2026**. The project will be put out for bid this fall. Included the link to the project status updates page for this project. It is updated every two weeks."
- <https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/projects/gasparilla-road-intersections-signalization.shtml>
- Joanne Vernon, P.E. County Engineer Charlotte County Public Works Phone: 941-575-3661
- Joanne.Vernon@charlottecountyfl.gov
- Charlotte County Commissioners unanimously voted on Wednesday February 25, 2026, to begin the work to **REPLACE** the Rotonda Boulevard South Bridge due to damage from Hurricane Ian (3 years and 8 months ago!). The latest offer from FEMA is **\$769K**, well short of the latest estimate of \$2.7 million. The additional **\$2 million** funds shall come from the MSBU. Also, the Army Corps of Engineers **PERMIT** finally arrived on April 13, 2026.
- **PAVING** - Rotonda West **PAVING** began on **MONDAY July 21, 2025**. Estimated MSBU costs: \$18.5 million
- **PAVING (except for punch list items)** is completed for all sections in the RWA.
- MSBU PAVING – BY RWA SECTIONS: AJAX PAVING – VENICE OFFICE
- PUNCH LIST FOR ALL SECTIONS—SUCH AS MANHOLE COVERS, DRIVEWAY ISSUES, REPLACE & WATER SOD, REPAIR STAGING LOT AREAS, ETC are ongoing. The paving project is not completed until all punch list issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Charlotte County Project Manager. 3-year WARRANTY doesn't start until completion is signed off by Charlotte County. Approximately 50% (~\$9.5 million) has been paid to Ajax.
- Residents are not satisfied with some of the uneven manhole covers – we are compiling a list for corrective actions.
- Charlotte County Paving Project Manager is **James Layport**, and his phone number is: 941-628-8084
- Remaining 4 bridges, (#110-#111-#112-#123) are scheduled to be bid and start **4Q 2026 & 1Q of 2027**. Completion probably 3Q-4Q 2027.
- Charlotte County BURN BAN has been rescinded as of July 28, 2026, due to the recent rains.
- Charlotte County WATERING restrictions are also in effect through **OCTOBER 1, 2026**, due to the severe drought conditions, check with CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES website for specific information.

Respectfully, Sam Besase—Advisory Board Member—Rotonda West Streets & Drainage MSBU. Questions, please call me on 281-923-4041, I'll try to get you an answer. Next MSBU meeting is September 24, 2026, at 9:30am – San Casa

The other MSBU members are Laura Ingrassia, Nicholas Kotzalas, Leo VanOrden, and Derrick Hedges.

WHAT IS A WEIR?

A weir is a small structure built across a canal or stream to help control water levels and prevent flooding.

- 1** Water builds up behind the weir.



- 2** The weir controls the water level.



- 3** Water flows over the weir in a controlled way.



- 4** This helps prevent flooding, protects our roads and neighborhoods, and keeps our community safe!



Even though our weirs are static, they do an important job every day!



PROTECTING
OUR COMMUNITY



MAINTAINING OUR
INFRASTRUCTURE



BUILDING A BETTER
TOMORROW

NATURE NEWS

By: Merrill Horswill

Mosquito Bucket Challenge

Reduce mosquitoes where you spend time — without fogging.



The Whole-Yard Method

STEP 1

Support healthy habitat

Plant native and skip sprays to create a healthy yard that supports dragonflies, birds, and bats that eat mosquitoes.

STEP 2

Make a Mosquito Bucket

Target larvae in a controlled spot before they become biting adults.

STEP 3

Dump standing water

Empty containers, gutters, saucers, anywhere stagnant water collects.

STEP 4

Treat water you can't dump

Use mosquito dunks in birdbaths, rain barrels, and ponds.

STEP 5

Protect yourself as needed

Use screens, fans, repellents, and protective clothing to help reduce bites.

STEP 6

Get your neighbors involved

Mosquito management works best when the whole community participates.

Why It Works

The bucket draws in mosquitoes already nearby (not from far away), then stops the next generation before it hatches. It works because of Bti, a natural bacterium that targets mosquito larvae but doesn't harm biodiversity like bees, birds, or butterflies.

Why Not Fog?

Fogging hurts more than it helps. It kills wildlife, is harmful to your pets and kids, and doesn't even stop mosquitoes at the source — it misses the larvae, where real control happens.

How to Build Your Bucket

🪴 Fill & bait

Fill a 2–5 gallon bucket $\frac{3}{4}$ with water. Add a handful of leaves or grass clippings to attract egg-laying females.

📍 Place & label

Set in a shady spot away from where you spend time. Add a sticker or sign so neighbors know what it is.

🌿 Add a mosquito dunk

Use $\frac{1}{4}$ of a dunk. Bti is a naturally occurring bacterium that targets mosquito larvae — safe for bees, dragonflies, birds, and kids.

🔄 Refresh monthly

Replace the dunk every 30 days. Skip it and the bucket becomes a breeding site, not a control site.

🔒 Add a cover or rescue stick

Use wire mesh or a lid with holes to keep kids and pets out. Or place a stick inside so small animals can climb out.

For more information see:

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/build-mosquito-bucket/>



Learn More & Build Yours

Full how-to guide, FAQs, printable stickers, and advocacy tools.
MosquitoBucketChallenge.com

#MosquitoBucketChallenge



Cofounded by Doug Tallamy, author of *Nature's Best Hope*



Facebook is the world's most popular social media platform. Each month, **more than 2.8 billion users** log into catch up with friends, share information, get their news, and even shop. But the site's popularity makes it **ripe for cybercriminals** and all sorts of Facebook scams. Cybercriminals are an innovative bunch. They are always coming up with new ways to steal from unsuspecting social media users. Fraudsters most often try to get their hands on your **account login credentials, personally identifying information, or bank and credit card information.**

So, how can you avoid becoming a victim of scams on Facebook? It starts by knowing what the most common scams are and the **steps you can take to avoid them.**

Top Ten Scams~~1. Phishing scams, 2. You've won/Giveaway Scams, 3. Fake charity scams, 4. Fake friend requests, 5. Fake apps, 6. Fake notifications, 7. Loan scams, 8. Facebook Live fraud, 9. Shopping scams, and 10. Fraudulent surveys

Things you can do within Facebook to protect yourself~~Lock down your Facebook privacy settings, Enable two-factor authentication, Decline friend requests from those you do not know, Ignore messages asking for money or personal information, Don't click on suspicious links, Check your login history regularly, Use a strong Facebook password, Only shop from verified accounts, and Regularly search for accounts in your name.

Things to do outside of Facebook~~Keep your devices OS updated, Report all suspicious emails, Install antivirus software, Use common sense, and Install VPN software.

If you become a victim of a Facebook Scam~~ Change your password, Report the scam to Facebook, Keep an eye on your financial accounts, Freeze your credit, and consider an identity theft monitoring service.

Is Your Neighborhood Vulnerable?

Crime feeds on apathy. If people simply "mind their own business," their entire neighborhood is vulnerable. *Is your neighborhood vulnerable?* Take the following test to help determine if your neighborhood is vulnerable.

1. Do you know all your neighbors?
2. Do you watch your neighbors' houses when they are away?
3. Do your neighbors watch your home when you are away?
4. If you hear or see something suspicious, do you call the police?
5. Is your active involvement in your neighborhood and community important?

No police department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizens it serves. They need your eyes and ears to continuously protect Rotonda West. Every citizen should be a Neighborhood Watch member; get involved!! We need concerned, public-spirited persons who watch their neighborhood and report suspicious activity.



FACT VS. MYTH

MYTH: Neighborhood Watch does not work.

FACT: Sherriff Prummell deems Rotonda West is one of the safest places to live in Charlotte County. It works so well, we have been in operation since 1981.

MYTH: Neighborhood Watch is like most other groups, just a clique.

FACT: Neighborhood Watch is for everyone, and everyone gets to take part. We have a shared goal, protect our properties.

MYTH: To be a part of a Neighborhood Watch group, I would have to drop out of something else.

FACT: Neighborhood watch takes very little of your time; just two hours a month. All you need to do is watch what's going on or monitor a phone line and report suspicious activity. Very easy and very impactful for the community.

MYTH: The RWA and the Sheriff's Office runs your Neighborhood Watch program.

FACT: Your Neighborhood Watch program belongs to you. We are a separate entity and ONLY work with the Sheriff's Office.

Talk with your neighbors, talk with your friends, and ask them to join you in preventing crime. Remember without volunteers, we would not exist.

Please welcome our newest patrol Al Gonzales

Interested in joining our organization, please contact David Perry at 941-828-1584, scan QR code below OR go to our Facebook page @ Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch



Scan Here For More Information

Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

Update your Charlotte County Sheriff's Office NON-Emergency number to 941-639-2101 for the fastest service!



24 July 2026
Contact: Lillian GaNun
Public Affairs Officer
941-626-9632

Email: lildsossr7@embarqmail.com

PRESS RELEASE

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Core Values and Principles

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of Team Coast Guard, guided by the services core values. These values shape the Auxiliary's mission, culture, and the way members serve.

Core Values

- **Honor** – Upholding the highest standards of integrity, courage, and accountability in all actions.
- **Respect** – Treating others with dignity, fairness, and consideration, recognizing the value of diverse perspectives and backgrounds.
- **Devotion to Duty** – Committing fully to assigned missions, regardless of personal cost, and supporting the Coast Guard's mission with dedication and perseverance.

[media.defense.gov+1](https://media.defense.gov/1).

Guiding Principles

The Auxiliary operates under the broader Coast Guard principles of:

- **Service to Nation**
- **Duty to People**
- **Commitment to Excellence** United States Coast Guard.

These principles ensure that Auxiliary service aligns with the Coast Guard's mission to protect and serve the public, enhance maritime safety, and support national security.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 99, Cape Haze will present Safe Boating Classes in September, October, November and December.

Classes are held at the South Gulf Cove HOA Building on Ingraham Boulevard.

To Register Visit Our Website:

wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-09-09

STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

Rotonda West's Real ★ **STARS** ARE OUR VOLUNTEERS

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Leo VanOrden

Oversees the Association's budget, financial planning, and reporting. Perfect for those who enjoy working with numbers, spreadsheets, and financial strategies.

*If you are interested in volunteering, please email budgetandfinance@rotondawest.org

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Chair: Sam Besase

Cares for community properties, grounds, and facilities. Ideal for those who appreciate detailed landscaping, maintenance, or projects.

*If you are interested in volunteering, please email buildingsandgrounds@rotondawest.org

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Chair: Gwen Grace

Plans and oversees community events. Great for you if you enjoy organizing events, socializing, and uniting people within the community.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

COMPLIANCE

Chair: Barb Peszko

Handles formal violation hearings and promotes fair enforcement processes. Ideal for those who value fairness, clear rules, and thoughtful decision-making.

*If you are interested in volunteering, please email compliancecommittee@rotondawest.org

ELECTIONS

Interim Chair: Brian Armen

Oversees Board elections and annual voting processes. Ideal for you if you're organized, detail-oriented, and enjoy managing procedures.

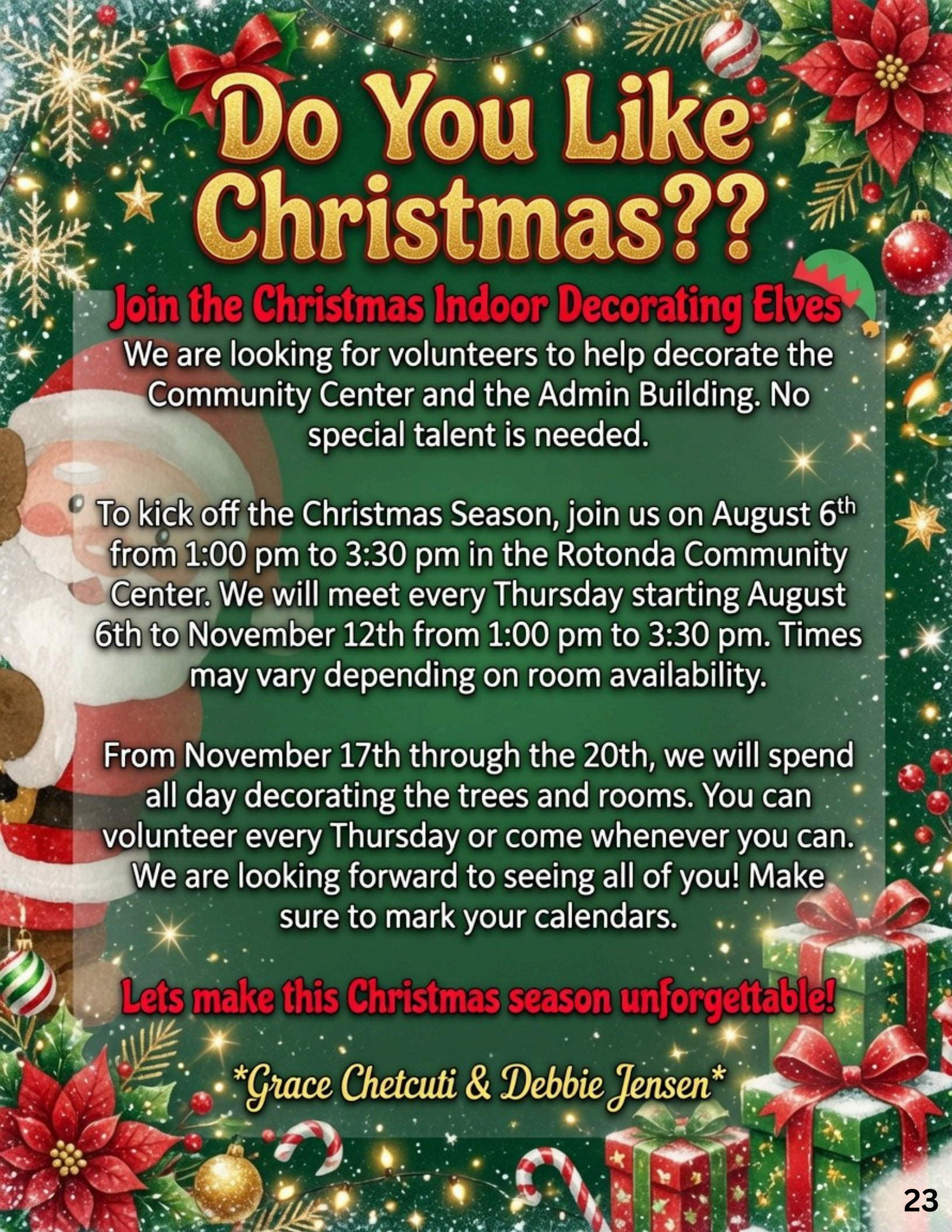
*If you are interested in volunteering, please email electioncommittee@rotondawest.org

RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATIONS

Chair: Barb Peszko

Reviews and approves homeowner exterior modification applications. Ideal for those with an eye for design, standards, or plan reviews.

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Do You Like Christmas??

Join the Christmas Indoor Decorating Elves

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Community Center and the Admin Building. No special talent is needed.

To kick off the Christmas Season, join us on August 6th from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Rotonda Community Center. We will meet every Thursday starting August 6th to November 12th from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Times may vary depending on room availability.

From November 17th through the 20th, we will spend all day decorating the trees and rooms. You can volunteer every Thursday or come whenever you can. We are looking forward to seeing all of you! Make sure to mark your calendars.

Lets make this Christmas season unforgettable!

Grace Chetcuti & Debbie Jensen

Holly Jolly HAPPENINGS

AT ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION



Giving Tree

**NOVEMBER 5 –
DECEMBER 5**

Share the joy and
make a difference in
our community!

Gazebo Lighting — AND — Flotilla Parade

NOVEMBER 28

Kick off the holiday
season with lights,
boats and holiday cheer!



Christmas Parade

DECEMBER 5

Come out and enjoy
a festive parade
for the whole family!

House Decorating Contest

DECEMBER 12 – 20

Light up your home
and spread holiday cheer!



2 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS!



December 2
FEATURING
Jonny Puma

December 16
FEATURING
Cary Price



Celebrate the Season. Create Memories. Strengthen Our Community.

For more information, email questions to hollyjolly@rotondawest.org

GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club, Inc.

Gwen Grace (Past President)

August 2026



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Did you know the Rotonda West Library in the Community Center is organized and run by the Woman's Club? This library began as a community improvement project and was dedicated to Rotonda residents in January 1977. **That's right**, the library will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year!

The library project began in 1975 to serve Rotonda's children. Because they were bused to schools far from home, they could not use school library services after classes ended. Within a few months, the club collected over 500 children's, reference, and adult books, and placed them in a corner of the Community Center on Cape Haze Road while working to become a substation of the county library system.



RIBBON CUTTING: Billie Dadds, president of the Rotonda West Woman's Club, cuts the ribbon to the entrance of the new substation of the Charlotte County Library at the Rotonda Community Center. Present for the ceremonies are Mary Ellen Fuller, Charlotte County library director; Karl Schramm of Deltona; Joe Janov of Joann Construction; and Lynette Parsons, Charlotte County extension librarian.

At Rotonda Ceremony Held Monday To Open Library Branch

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new substation of the Charlotte County Library was held at the Community Center of Rotonda West Monday. The library is a community improvement project of the Rotonda West Woman's Club, and is housed in a specially built room of the Community Center. There is a rotating collection of books in the library which allows new

books to come in, adult best sellers, reference books for school children and children's books.

Arlene Noss of the Woman's Club described the library as a "family-type library" and said plans for a children's story time and story hour are being considered.

On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremonies were Mary Ellen Fuller, county library director, and Deltona officials.

Volunteers from the club which will serve as librarians are Louise Clark, Anna Engle, Ruth Wills, Irene Trebend, Peg Frazer, Alice Gabert, Lillian Foster, Millie Frohne, Angela Laudadio, Margorie Beams, Betty Schridin, Ger Hall, Rosa Coleman and Norma Brattlieb.

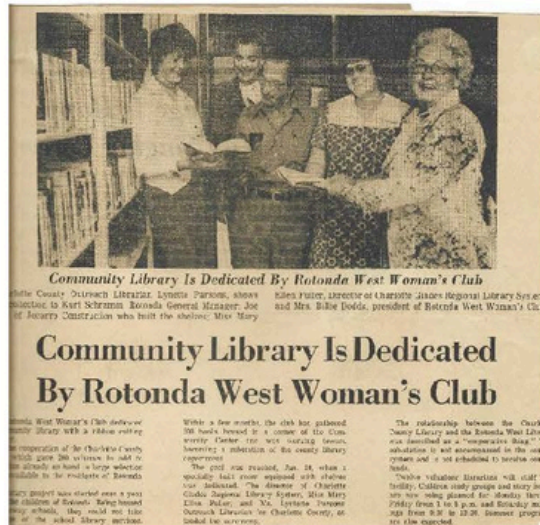
The library will be open Monday through Friday 1-5 p.m. and on Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

That goal was reached on January 10, 1977,

when a ribbon-cutting opened a specially built room at the center. The director of the Charlotte Regional Library System and the Outreach Librarian for Charlotte County attended, along with many dignitaries, community residents, and club members. The relationship between the Charlotte County Library and the Rotonda West Library was described as "cooperative," though the substation was not part of the county system and never received county funding.

At the time, 12 volunteer librarians staffed the facility, and children's study groups and story hours were planned Monday through Saturday.

The library has moved to the Rotonda West Community Center at Broadmoor Park and has changed over the years, but it continues to serve the Rotonda community. Please stop by whenever the Community Center is open. We also welcome donations of books with copyright dates of 2019 or newer.



Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, at the RWA Community Center. Everyone is invited to join us for the 9:30 a.m. business meeting, followed by a social gathering. This updated meeting format reflects the new Executive Board's goal of adding more fun, friendship, and opportunities to learn at our General Meetings.

For more information about our club's events and activities, please visit our website at www.gfwcrotondawest.org. You can also find it on Facebook under GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Group. All are welcome to attend our general meetings!

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