



WEST WAYS

October 2026

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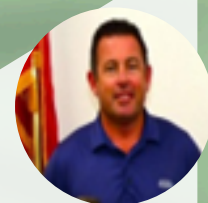
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Director

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 13, 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

Meeting Overview

- Included approval of previous minutes and recognition of a deceased employee.
- Addressed member concerns about meeting timing and voting procedures.
- Discussed committee updates, including Deed Restrictions and Election committees.
- Approved fines for violations and new committee members.
- Reviewed financials showing \$2.3 million cash and ahead-of-schedule income.
- Reported on building progress, water quality, and fertilization issues.
- Outlined upcoming election rules, candidate packets, and voting procedures.
- Members expressed appreciation for fitness classes and exercise benefits.
- Directors acknowledged efforts in electronic voting and proposed a scholarship in memory of Dale Anderson.

Member Input

- Concerns about early meeting start and voting methods.
- Questions about committee member appointments and communication.
- Appreciation for community wellness programs and exercise benefits.

Board and Committee Updates

- Financial health remains strong.
- Building renovations progressing with minimal costs.
- Violations are being enforced with fines.
- New members added to Deed Restrictions Committee.
- Election procedures updated, including candidate events and electronic voting options.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS OCTOBER 8, 2026 @ 12:00PM



SUMMARY OF AUGUST 13, 2026 BOD/BUDGET DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Meeting Overview

- President Van Scyoc called the meeting to order with quorum present.
- Committee members reviewed the proposed budget, maintaining current dues.
- Income sources include contributions, sales, and surplus funds.
- Expenses increased mainly due to wages, benefits, and insurance.
- Canal bank mowing costs expected to decrease; utility costs stable.
- Budget was approved unanimously.



SUMMARY OF AUGUST 20, 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting Overview

- Meeting held August 20, 2026, at noon, with quorum present, and conducted via in-person and Zoom.
- Approved Charter Resolutions and candidate roster for 2027 board, including six candidates.
- Board members and management participated, with motions passed unanimously.

RWA 2026 ELECTION

MEET THE CANDIDATES

On August 20, 2026, the RWA Board of Directors officially certified six candidates for the two available seats on the Board.

The candidates are:



Jeff Bridges



Karen Harvey



Dale Jensen



David Kelly



Maureen Laderer



Kelly Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Candidates Evening: October 14, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Candidates Afternoon: October 21, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

ELECTRONIC VOTING

As a reminder, for those of you who wish to vote electronically and haven't consented to do so yet, please visit the RWA website to sign up



Rotonda West
Association

OUR COMMUNITY • OUR HOME • OUR FUTURE

PEOPLE

IDEAS

SOLUTIONS

A STRONGER
TOMORROW

*Be Informed
Be Engaged
Make a Difference!*

YOUR
COMMUNITY
YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE

CANDIDATE EVENTS: NIGHT AND AFTERNOON

Ask the Candidates Questions Before You Vote!



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2026
7:00 p.m.



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2026
1:00 p.m.

This event provides the residents with an in-person opportunity to hear each candidate's thoughts, and goals for the future of Rotonda West Association.

YOUR
QUESTIONS

OUR
COMMUNITY

OUR
FUTURE

Let's Talk Rotonda West!

Send your questions to
electioncommittee@rotondawest.org,
or drop off questions at the RWA office.
If time permits, there may be an opportunity
for live questions from owners.
You must provide your address
for a written question.

**Deadline to submit questions:
OCTOBER 9, 2026**

Please refer to the Candidate Information sheet
on the RWA website @ rotondawest.org.

Informed Residents | Stronger Community | A Brighter Tomorrow



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.



COMMUNITY CENTER PATIO ROOF

Deb Orchard, Karen Harvey, Gwen Grace, Sam Besase and Andy VanScyoc
(RWA Board of Directors)

A concrete patio measuring approximately 35 by 65 feet is attached to the rear of the Community Center. Although it has been in place for several years, it remains underused because of intense sun and heat. We have discussed adding a roof to make the space more usable.

The RWA Buildings and Grounds Committee developed a design and budget for a roof over the Community Center patio. After receiving bids from multiple contractors, the committee selected a contractor. The proposal is now before the Board of Directors for approval, rejection, or modification. The \$197,000 bid falls within the Board's authority to decide without a membership vote.

To ensure transparency, the Board plans to hold a Town Hall meeting on October 20th from 2pm - 3pm, so interested residents can discuss the proposal. The meeting will give members an opportunity to participate before the Board takes further action.

Once the date and time are set, a Constant Contact announcement will be sent. We welcome your participation—either in person, via Zoom, or by sharing your thoughts with a Board member.



Rotonda West
Association

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOWN HALL MEETING



Tuesday,
October 20, 2026



2:00 p.m.



To discuss adding a patio cover to the concrete patio behind the Community Center.

To ensure transparency -

Hear from your Board about design, costs, and building timeframe. This meeting will give interested members a opportunity to participate before the Board takes further action.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN?



Don't sit this week out. Your neighbors
are already at

Food Truck Tuesdays, BINGO,
clubs, and live music.

One scan gets you the full calendar.

Show up once—you'll want to come back.

Scan the code. Join the fun today.



Rotonda West Association

Community Outreach Committee

Official RWA Facebook Event Page

SCAN ME



**Scan QR Code
Like & Follow page
for updated events**



**FOLLOW US ON
FACEBOOK**

***Please do not contact the
RWA office.***

Questions? CommunityOutreach@RotondaWest.org 10



Rotonda West Association
presents...

**MUST BE
18+
TO PLAY**

BINGO

RWA Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle

1pm - 4pm

Doors open @ 12:15pm
Play begins promptly @ 1pm

2026 Dates:

September 20th
October 18th
November 15th
December 20th

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2027 Dates:

January 17th
February 21st
March 14th
April 18th
May 16th

B I N G O
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Welcome residents, renters, and their guests.

Snacks & water available. Covered beverages allowed.

Questions? Contact communityoutreach@rotondawest.org.

Please do not contact the RWA Office.





Rotonda West
Association
— PRESENTS... —



TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 27, 2026

4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY

★ BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! ★



ROTONDA WEST COMMUNITY CENTER
646 ROTONDA CIRCLE
ROTONDA WEST, FL 33947

FEATURED TRUCKS



**TRUCKS TO BE
ANNOUNCED AT
A LATER DATE.**



Follow the Rotonda West
Community Outreach Events
page on Facebook for more
up to date information.



**LIVE MUSIC
INSIDE**



**TABLES & CHAIRS
INSIDE THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**



**AIR CONDITIONING
FOR YOUR
COMFORT**



**JOIN US
MONTHLY ON THE
4TH TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH.**

**TRUCKS WILL
BE ROTATED!**



★ **NO ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD AT THIS TIME.** ★



Good Food
Great Company
Strong Community

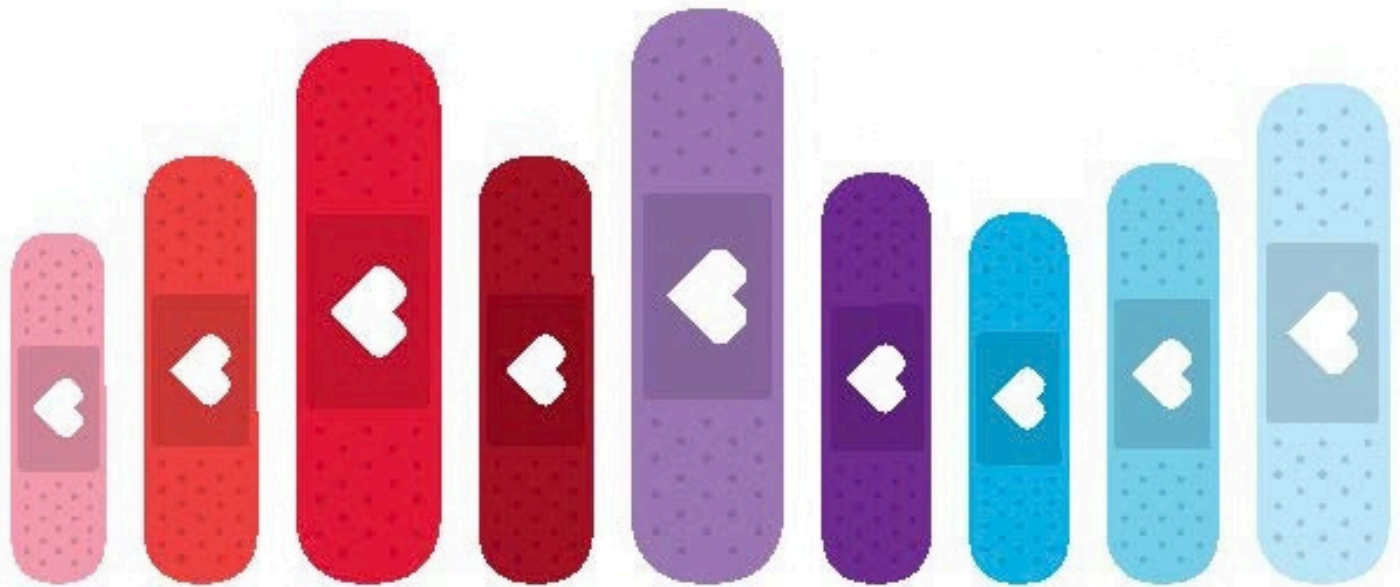


**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING LOCAL!**



For questions email:
communityoutreach@
rotondawest.org

Get a **FREE flu shot** with most insurance*



A certified immunizer will be on-site.



Scan to register for your
flu shot appointment.

Date October 27, 2026 **Hours** 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Location Rotonda West Association Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle

*Select vaccines are no cost with most insurance. Eligibility varies by patient and insurance plan.
Eligible patients will not pay any copayments unless otherwise required by their plan, including Medicare Part B.
Visit [CVS.com/Vaccines](https://www.cvs.com/vaccines) for details.





4th Annual Community Garage Sale



November 6 & 7!

By Rita Lopienski – COC Garage Sale Lead
(and professional clutter-slayer)

Time to dig through that mountain of “maybe someday” stuff and turn it into cash! RWA residents & renters, this is your moment. One day or both – your call.



Rain date Sunday Nov 8
(because Mother Nature has a sense of humor too).

Participation form lives on the RWA website + hard copies chilling on the info rack in the office.

Flyers with all the goodies coming via Constant Contact & Facebook. We'll plaster the neighborhood with signs and tell the whole town!

**DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP:
OCTOBER 30th @ MIDNIGHT**

(no late-night excuses!)



Don't call the RWA office – they're busy.
Hit up the Community Center Outreach Committee at
communityoutreach@rotondawest.org
or call 630-956-8814 for questions.

Last year **120+** homes
joined the party and
it was a blast!



GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

9 AM – 5 PM

★ TO BUY AND TO SELL – MORE
FUN INFO COMING!! ★

Instructions & contacts flying your way soon
via Constant Contact & Facebook.



Sign approval form will pop up on the
RWA website and at the office.



This is the 4th Community Garage Sale –
average turnout 120+ homes and counting!

DO NOT CONTACT ADMIN OFFICE.

Questions? Community Outreach Committee:
communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

**\$1
EACH
YOU
PICK!**

**BIG
FINDS
SMALL
PRICES!**



Health & Wellness



**Rotonda West
Association**

Community Outreach Committee
Health & Wellness Initiative 2026
Presents

Instructor
Dr. Francine Finuco



Held at RWA Community Center -
646 Rotonda Circle

*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 in the abdominals, back and pelvic floor – which enables you to relax your shoulders and neck and alleviate pressure on your hips, legs and feet, in turn, improving your posture.

**PLEASE BRING A PILATES
MAT**

TAI CHI

1st, 3rd & 5th
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

2nd & 4th
Fridays
10-11 AM



Yin Yoga is a slow-paced, passive style of yoga focusing on long-held floor poses (3-10 minutes) to target deep connective tissues like ligaments, joints, and fascia, rather than muscles.

**PLEASE BRING A
PILATES MAT**

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





RWA COMMUNITY OUTREACH FIRE SAFETY MONTH



Max Lopez of Charlotte County Public Safety

Fire Safety & Fire Extinguisher Program

Presented by the Charlotte County Fire & EMS Fire Prevention Division

Hosted by the Rotonda West Association



Date: October 9



Time: 2:00pm



Location: Community Center

Fire Safety Starts at Home

Join the Charlotte County Fire & EMS Fire Prevention Division for a free educational program designed to help homeowners protect their families and property through fire prevention and emergency preparedness.

Topics Include:

- Fire extinguisher selection and proper use
- Knowing when to use an extinguisher and when to evacuate
- Smoke alarm placement, testing, and maintenance
- Carbon monoxide alarm recommendations
- Kitchen and cooking fire safety
- Electrical and seasonal fire safety tips
- Home fire escape planning
- General fire prevention practices for every home

This informative program is appropriate for homeowners, renters, and anyone interested in learning practical fire safety skills. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and participate in the discussion.



RWA Community Outreach Committee
Health & Wellness Initiative
presents

My Journey With Parkinson's

By Rick Conklin



Learn about Parkinson's Disease, how Rotonda West resident Rick Conklin has improved his quality of life with exercise and his recent experience with Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Surgery.



Friday, October 30th
1:30pm



Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle



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Builds a
Better Tomorrow*



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Holly Jolly

HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 5th
from 10 - 12 p.m.

Floats ★ Fun ★ Food ★ Family

PARADE ROUTE

Route will be staging at Fellowship Church,
down Parade Circle turning left on Rotonda Blvd. North
then turning right on Rotonda Circle and ending
at the Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle.



Floats ★ Fun ★ Food ★ Family

Are You Ready to Celebrate the Holidays?

Check out what's happening at rotondawest.org/hollyjollyhappenings

Giving Tree

November 5 through December 5



Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.



Jubilee Center Ministry
St. David's Episcopal Church

Share the joy and make a difference in our community.

Tree will be decorated with tags of requested items, purchase the items and return the items to Rotonda West and the items will be delivered to the charity.

Celebrate the Season, Create Memories, Strengthen Our Community

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

Best Decorated Holiday House

Register at rotondawest.org
from Sunday, November 1 through Saturday, December 6
Decorations must be on your developed residential parcel - no vacant lots.
Voting will be conducted by our Neighborhood Watch team members as they patrol the sections.

Celebrate the Season, Create Memories, Strengthen Our Community

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

Gazebo Lighting and Flotilla Parade

Saturday, November 28
from 4:30 p.m.
100 Rotonda Circle



Food



Fire Truck



DJ



The big man himself, Santa



Cookies, Coffee



Classic Cars

Lots of Fun!

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

Celebrate the Season, Create Memories, Strengthen Our Community

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

Christmas Concert

featuring

Jonny Puma

December 2
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Jonny plays incredible Christmas music.

Cookies, Ice Cream and all the ambiance of a wonderful holiday season!

Celebrate the Season, Create Memories, Strengthen Our Community

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

Christmas Concert

featuring

Cary Price

on the Organ

with

The Treble Makers

December 16
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Cookies, Ice Cream and all the ambiance of a wonderful holiday season of music!

Celebrate the Season, Create Memories, Strengthen Our Community

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



*The American Legion
presents*



The Rotonda Memory Cafe

A memory cafe is a social outlet for people living with early-stage memory loss with their caregivers, family, or friends in a stigma-free environment. The cafe is a place to have fun together and to connect with others through activities that promote socialization, companionship, and community support.

Join us the last Friday of each month
11am \$10 lunch (look for purple tablecloth)
12 PM group activity & refreshments
RSVP: Linda Felix
(339)832-1004

American Legion Post 113

3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda (941) 697-3616

CHARLOTTE COUNTY & MSBU NEWS ITEMS – OCTOBER 2026

By Sam Besase

Here is the latest information from Charlotte County on the **Rotonda Boulevard South Bridge Replacement**. In early October 2026, Charlotte County is putting the bid out for contractors to bid!

On Monday, September 21, 2026, I met privately and publicly with Congressman Greg Steube. The U.S. House and U.S. Senate passed a bill in late summer 2026, and President Trump signed it in September 2026 to continue funding for past hurricanes (Ian, Milton, etc.). Congressman Steube is actively working with Charlotte County to secure funding for Rotonda Bridge #13 as well as multiple other hurricane-damaged properties here in Charlotte County.

(FEMA 9/30/26) Charlotte County still has not heard any further updates from the County's recovery team that deals with FEMA. What was relayed from the County's recovery team is that 9/30/26 is the date that FEMA has as their projected date of when they will have reviewed the Charlotte County information provided to them. That date could change, as it has in the past, and FEMA may have further questions for Charlotte County to address.

Here is information from the Charlotte County Engineer – Joanne Vernon: "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 Works 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@charlottecountyfl.gov - Joanne Vernon, P.E., County Engineer, Charlotte County Public Works Phone: 941-575-3661
- **SAM ESTIMATED TIMELINE: JAN 2027 Bid Award - DEC 2027 Completion** – Charlotte County Staff is ready to put the bridge up for purchase as soon as we get the OK from our recovery team. We have started the process of hiring the firm that will inspect the bridge replacement so they are ready when we can start. *US Government shutdown (43 days + 49 days) affected completion of these items!!!
- 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 (4 years 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.
- **Remaining 4 bridges, (#110-#111-#112-#123) are not scheduled for maintenance until after bridge #13 is decided -**
- Sam estimate: Bid and start for the remaining 4 bridges is estimated to be perhaps the summer of **2027**. Completion probably early 2028.
- Also, here is the latest information from Charlotte County on the Gasparilla Road Traffic Lights: **SEPTEMBER 2026 PROJECTED TO START ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2026**
- "The traffic signals are under contract which is being written. The contractor is expected to start on November 2, 2026. Included the link to the project status updates page for this project, which is updated every two weeks.
- [Gasparilla Road Intersections Signalization | Charlotte County, FL](#)
- **SAM ESTIMATED TIMELINE: Nov 2026 START - JULY 2027 COMPLETION** 2 INTERSECTION LOCATIONS ON GASPARILLA: ROTONDA BLVD EAST & INGRAM
- **PROJECTED TO START ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2026. FORECAST COMPLETION IS 07/15/2027.** December 14, 2026, is an estimated start date. Per Charlotte County Engineer Joanne Vernon, "The bid specs are currently being reviewed by purchasing and will be on the street once they are finalized. The project will start once the bids have come in and been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. 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."
- **PAVING - Rotonda West PAVING began on MONDAY, July 21, 2025, 14 MONTHS AGO.** Estimated MSBU costs: \$18.5 million. PAVING (except for punch list items) is completed for all sections in the RWA. MSBU PAVING: 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. The 3-year **WARRANTY** doesn't start until Charlotte County signs off on completion. Approximately 50% (~\$9.5 million) has been paid to Ajax.
- Residents are not satisfied with some of the uneven manhole covers – we are compiling an address list for corrective actions. **COFFEE CUP TEST** Charlotte County Paving Project Manager is **James Layport**, and his phone number is **941-628-8084**

The next West Charlotte County MSBU meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2026, at the DMV office on San Casa at 9:30 am.

Respectfully, Sam Besase–Advisory Board Member–Rotonda West Streets & Drainage MSBU. If you have questions, please call me at 281-923-4041; I'll do my best to help.

Other MSBU members include Laura Ingrassia, Nicholas Kotzalas, Leo VanOrden, and Derrick Hedges.

NO NEW INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED OVER THE LAST MONTH RELATED TO THE QUARTERS AT ROTONDA – AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT PARADE CIRCLE

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Easily schedule your rides with the
Charlotte Rides app.



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Google Play



Download on the
App Store



Charlotte RIDES



Wednesday, October 14 @ 2 pm

Shirley Ciampi,
Transit Outreach Manager @ Charlotte County Transit



Charlotte County Transit is a shared ride, curb-to-curb public transportation service provided to the general public throughout Charlotte County. Service area includes Englewood, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.

Charlotte County Transit is a first-come, first-served service operating Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday service is restricted to a limited area.

Where Can You Go?

- Bank
- Beach
- Medical Appointments
- Hospitals
- Work
- Airport
- Area Attractions
- Library
- Grocery Stores
- Restaurants
- College
- Shopping
- Meal Site

FREE TRANSPORTATION

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for more
information*



RWA Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle

NATURE NEWS

By: Merrill Horswill

Community Outreach Committee Nature Programs 2026-2027

10/28/26 - Wednesday @ 2pm: Snakes, David Smith CC Land Manager

11/18/26 - Wednesday @ 2pm: Pollinator/Butterfly Garden Made Easy, Alice White,
People for Trees

11/28/26 - Saturday @ 9am: Broadmoor Garden Tour and Park Walk, Ann Weaver,
Bob and Merrill Horswill

1/13/27 - Wednesday @ 4pm: Fun with Bugs, Ralph Mitchell, IFAS Extension Agent
CC County

1/27/27 - Wednesday @ 2pm: All About Alligators, Kaitlin Causey, CC Land Manager

2/10/27 - Wednesday @ 2pm: Introduction to Birding, Preparation for Backyard Bird
Count, Ken Blackshaw

2/12/27 - 2/14/27: Community Backyard Bird Count

2/14/27 - Sunday @ 8am: Broadmoor Park Bird Count

2/24/27 - Wednesday 2pm Palms: ID and Care, Donna Worthley, Florida Master Gardener,
Kristin Hoffschmidt, Florida Native Plant Society

3/10/27 - Wednesday 2pm: Healthy Ponds and Waterways, Mollie Holland CC
Resilience Coordinator

3/24/27 - Wednesday 2pm: Sea Grass, Kate Rose, Sea Grant Agent

4/3/27 - Saturday 9am: Broadmoor Park Nature Walk

****Programs located @ Rotonda West Community Center or Broadmoor Park - 646 Rotonda Circle****



Community Outreach Committee Nature presents:

Snakes!

Wednesday, October 28 2pm
David Smith, Charlotte County Land Manager

Welcome are Rotonda West residents and guests
Rotonda West Community Center 646 Rotonda Circle

Snakes can benefit humans by eating rodents and pest insects. Kingsnakes eat rodents as well as other snakes, including venomous snakes.

The majority of Florida snakes are harmless. Of the 50 species found in Florida, only 6 are venomous. If you find a snake the safest thing to do is leave it alone.

Try to identify the snake and if it is invasive such as Burmese python call FWC's Exotic Species Hotline at 888-lve-Got1 (483-4681) or see: <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/nonnatives/python/removing/>

Join the presentation to learn more and have your questions answered

Common Native Snakes

NV Non-venomous
MY Mildly venomous
VV Venomous
DV Dangerously venomous

 Southern Black Racer NV	 Eastern Indigo Snake NV	 Corn Snake NV
 Eastern Kingsnake NV	 Banded Water Snake NV	 Rough Green Snake NV
 Eastern Garter Snake NV	 Florida Pine Snake NV	 Eastern Coachwhip NV
 Scarlet Kingsnake NV	 Florida Cottonmouth NV	 Dusky Pygmy Rattlesnake NV
 Ring-necked Snake NV	 Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake DV	 Eastern Coral Snake DV

Invasive Snakes

Invasive Snakes of Florida

Burmese Python  ↑ Distribution: Widespread: Everglades) ↑ Threat: High impact ↑ Origin: Southeast Asia ↑ Impact: Decimates native mammals & birds	Boa Constrictor  ↑ Distribution: Local (Miami-Dade) ↑ Threat: Moderate impact ↑ Origin: Central & South America ↑ Impact: Competes with native snakes & birds
African Rock Python  ↑ Distribution: Localized (small areas) ↑ Threat: High potential impact ↑ Origin: Sub-Saharan Africa ↑ Impact: Threat to pets & wildlife	Green Anaconda  ↑ Distribution: Rare sightings ↑ Threat: Impact uncertain ↑ Origin: South America ↑ Impact: Prey on birds & aquatic mammals
Yellow Anaconda  ↑ Distribution: Rare sightings ↑ Threat: Impact uncertain ↑ Origin: South America ↑ Impact: Smaller species than stiff predatory rick.	

RWA Community Outreach Committee
Nature Group

and

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club
Environmental Committee

Co-Sponsor

Southwest Florida Sea Turtles

and Local Initiatives to Protect Them



Speaker:
Carol McCoy
Coastal Wildlife Club



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
11:00 AM



Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle
Rotonda West

*Learn about Southwest Florida's sea turtles
and local initiatives to protect them.*



October

Community Calendar Events

10/1 @ 11am: FL Sea Turtles Presentation by Carol McCoy of Coastal Wildlife Club

10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 @ 10am: Tai Chi/Yin Yoga

10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 @ 12pm: Mahjogg (Beginners)

10/3 @ 9:15am: Puzzle Swap (located @ Parade Circle)

10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 @ 9am: Mahjong (Experienced)

10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 @ 10am: Pilates

10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 @ 1pm: Christmas Crafting

10/9 @ 2pm: Fire Prevention Month - Fire Extinguisher & Fire Safety Program

10/14 @ 2pm: Charlotte County Transit Presentation - Free Bus Transportation

10/14 @ 7pm: RWA 2026 Election - Candidate's Night

10/15 @ 6:30pm: Trivia Night with Tim

10/17 @ 1:30pm: RWWC Show Me The Money

10/18 @ 1pm: BINGO

10/21 @ 1pm: RWA 2026 Election - Candidate's Afternoon

10/22 @ 9am: RWWC Blood Drive (located @ Rotonda Marina)

10/27 @ 4:30pm: Food Truck Tuesday

10/28 @ 2pm: Nature Presentation - Snakes!

10/30 @ 1:30pm: Health & Wellness Parkinsons Disease - New Surgery Success Story

Monthly PUZZLE Exchange!

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH



ON THE
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9:15 AM
SET UP / PREVIEW



9:30 AM
OFFICIAL SWAP TIME



LOCATION:
Park Parking Lot:
Parade Circle



TAKE A PUZZLE,
LEAVE A PUZZLE
It's that simple!



SHARE THE FUN
AND BUILD OUR
COMMUNITY!

Puzzles bring people together!
NEW MONTH. NEW PUZZLES. NEW CONNECTIONS.

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



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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND DISTRICT TRAINING

An outstanding week for the Southeast District and known as D-Train was held in Orlando, Florida, September 17-20. Earlier in the week, advanced training courses were offered, and members took advantage of the opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills. D-train demonstrated the enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment to service that defines the Southeast District which includes South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The District Board Meeting provided an opportunity to recognize progress and prepare for the future. The election of officers who will lead the Southeast District during the next term was held. The awards event recognized many exceptional Auxiliarist and Units whose service has strengthened the Southeast District.

U.S.C.G Auxiliary, Flotilla 99, Cape Haze is in the Southeast District, and members are devoted to helping people know about safety in boating and safety on the water.

The following Public Education classes are scheduled:

October 10, 2026 – Boat America

November 14, 2026 – GPS/NAV for Mariners

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

To Register: Contact Anne Brengle, FC 1-508-717-2613 Talk or text or

Visit Our Website

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

GFWC Rotonda West Women's Club, Inc.

Gwen Grace (*Past President*)

October 2026



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club October 2026

By Gwen Grace, Past President

Our club has several fundraiser events in October and November that we hope you can attend and support the mission of our club. Proceeds from these events will be distributed to our scholarship fund and several local non-profit organizations.

On **Saturday, October 17th** we will be bringing back **"Show Me the Money"** at the Community Center. Doors open at 1:30 and games begin at 2 pm. Please bring single dollar bills and your luck!

Sunday, October 25th we are having a **"Singo Bingo"**. It's a fun afternoon of music, bingo & prizes! From 1 pm to 4 pm, it will be held at the Cabana Bay RV Resort clubhouse at 9001 Gasparilla Road, Rotonda West.

Thursday, October 22nd we will be having another **OneBlood Blood Drive** at the Rotonda West Marina across from the Hills Restaurant. This isn't a fundraiser but a vital service that helps save lives. If you can donate, please mark your calendar.

The Rotonda West Woman's Club **Annual Holiday Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, November 14th**. This long-standing event is one of our primary fundraisers. Browse items created by our talented members, purchase cookies by the pound and other baked goods, and enjoy a hot dog lunch.

Our next **General Meeting** will be held on the fourth **Thursday, October 22nd** at the RWA Community Center. Everyone is invited to join us for the 9:00 a.m. social hour, followed by a 10:00 am business meeting. We have arranged to have Walgreens there, giving **free flu shots** to all those who would like them.

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!

Rotonda West Woman's Club



Get ready for a fun and lively afternoon while raising & donating funds for college scholarships for our local students.

Show Me the Money!

Saturday, October 17, 2026

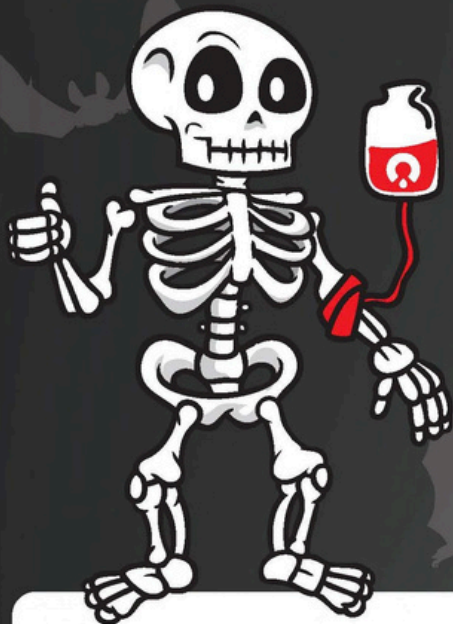
Doors Open 1:30 p.m. ~ Games Begin 2:00 p.m.

RWA Community Center~ 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda, FL

Opportunity Drawings ~ 50/50 ~ \$1.00 Per Game Strip
The pots will be split 60/40 ~ Refreshments Available
No credit cards accepted - Please bring dollar bills

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit service organization 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.

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DONATE BLOOD

GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club
Thursday, October 22
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

All donors receive*:

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

*Locations: Rotonda Marina 117 Rotonda Circle.
Rotonda West, FL. 33947*

Donors
Receive

\$20
eGiftCARD

TARGET
Walmart
amazon
...and more!

- PLUS -



- PLUS -

Chick-fil-A
COUPON



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

ID REQUIRED

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



oneblood
Share your power.

GFWC
Rotonda West Woman's Club
presents

SINGO BINGO

Listen • Sing Along • Play to Win!



with
Judy Love, DJ



A fun afternoon of music, bingo & prizes!

\$15
per Bingo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Cabana Bay RV Resort

9001 Gasparilla Road
Rotonda West, Florida

*Bring
your friends
and join us
for an afternoon
of music
and fun!*

Great Music ♥ Great Company ♥ Great Prizes!

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Proud member of General Federation of Women's Clubs

Rotonda West Woman's Club Holiday Bazaar



*Free
Event*

*Cookies by
the Pound*

Saturday Nov 7th 9am - 1:30pm

*Rotonda West Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle*

*Creative
Crafters*

*Sew n'
Sews*



*Chance drawings for
festive gift baskets.*

*Knit &
Chat*

Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit local charities

Handcrafted gifts for everyone on your list.



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



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

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