

WESTWAYS

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ROTONDA WEST CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 6, 2025

**THEME: "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
A 50's & 60's Rock 'n' Roll Christmas"**

By: Pam Pierce, Parade Co-Chairperson

Thank you to all who came out to our Parade Information meeting! It was a fantastic evening filled with ideas and excitement for this year's 50's & 60's Rock 'n' Roll themed holiday celebration. We're thrilled to share that preparations are moving along for the Rotonda West Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6th. Whether you're a returning favorite or brand-new to the parade lineup, we'd love to have you! Parade Entry Ideas include skate-boarders, roller skaters, cos-tumed groups, scooters, golf carts, pick-up trucks, classic cars, trailers, tractors, and more. If it rolls, strolls, or rocks, it can be part of the parade!



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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

STAFF

PARADE CONTINUED...

WE NEED SPONSORS!

We are actively seeking parade sponsors and donors to help cover event costs such as awards, signage, banners, and community outreach. Sponsors will be recognized in the Parade Program, signs along the parade route, on the RWA website and Facebook page, in West Ways Newsletter, and at the Community Center award ceremony with a shout out from WENG Radio during the parade.

DEADLINES:

Sponsor/Donor Deadline: November 1, 2025

Parade Entry Deadline: November 18, 2025

FORMS:

Parade Entry Registration Forms and Donor Forms are available at the Rotonda community Center or online at rotondawest.org (under RWA Happenings)

QUESTIONS OR IDEAS: Contact Pam Pierce, Parade Co-Chair at (616) 540-7557 or at

parade@rotondawest.org

Come see us with questions and ideas at the Rotonda West Open House on November 6th.

LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR'S PARADE THE GROOVIEST, JOLLIEST, MOST ROCKIN' ONE YET!





A 50s & 60s Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Parade!
Presented by the RW Community Outreach Committee

Now spinning the greatest hits of Christmas cheer! Slick back your hair, grab your poodle skirts, and get ready to jingle and jive as floats roll by in true retro holiday style! Elvis, jukeboxes, hot rods, and holiday hits — all coming to life in this toe-tapping celebration!

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION! CHOOSE YOUR RWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article and Candidate Pictures by: Connie Smith



ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

L to R: Dale Jensen, Election Committee Chair;
Election Committee Members: Tom D'Abrasca &
RoseAnne Woodliff (Photos by Cheryl Lateer)

Up North, the leaves are turning and that first frost is inevitable.

In Rotonda West, residents are looking forward to the end of hurricane season, but let's not forget the annual vote for vacancies to the Rotonda West Association Board of Directors! Voting is going on now.

There are four candidates for two vacancies. The September edition of this newsletter introduced the four (in alphabetical order) – Jerry Eldred, Gwen Grace, Deb Orchard and Scott Schermerhorn – with biographies and photos. All have formidable experiences that make them great candidates, so getting to know them and hearing them speak is essential to an informed vote!

In early October, residents were encouraged to submit their questions to the candidates, to be asked during Candidates Night, October 16. Numerous email reminders were sent to residents who subscribe to RWA Constant Contact updates. On the night in question, the candidates made opening and closing statements, in addition to answering diverse questions, from making policy decisions, meeting attendance, mowing of empty lots, unfinished homes and the day that Rotonda's developer turns control over to the HOA.

Twenty-four persons attended in person and 10 were online via Zoom. Election Committee Chair Dale Jensen presided over the meeting. For those who missed Candidates Night, here is a link: <https://vimeo.com/1128061593>

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES



Jerry Eldred



Gwen Grace



Deb Orchard



Scott Schermerhorn

STARTING THIS YEAR, RESIDENTS MAY VOTE ELECTRONICALLY AND WILL RECEIVE A LINK TO THEIR BALLOTS VIA E-MAIL. Residents who completed E-voting consent forms should have received their ballots and have until December 1 at 4 pm to complete their forms. Traditional mail-in ballots also must be received by RWA's independent auditor or at the RWA office by 4 pm on December 1.

The annual meeting is split, at 5 and 7 pm on Thursday, December 4 and the only opportunity for in-person voting is between 5 and 5:15 pm that day. Election results will be announced after the annual meeting resumes at 7 pm of December 4.

Be a part of the solution (not the problem) and vote for the (two) Rotonda Board of Director candidates of

Jerry R Eldred

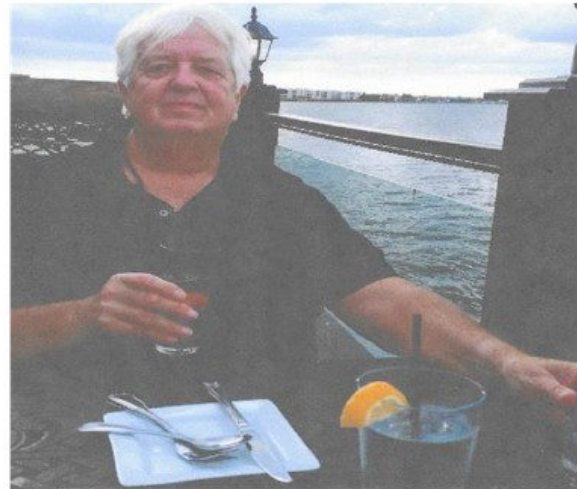
My wife Barbara, and I moved to Rotonda West 10 years ago. We picked this area for its attractiveness, limited traffic and very low crime rate. We are permanent year-round residents we love our place in paradise. Barb and I are blessed with a blended family of seven adult children and six grandchildren.

If elected this will be my final term, I have served one three year term and a vacated one year term, this will be my last term ,you can contact me at jreldred1449@gmail.com, 9376201865 or visit my website at Jerry Eldred RWA Board Member, I encourage you to sign up.

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

I decided to become active in our community when I began learning about taxes being levied on residents living in Rotonda West through the county **MSBU District**, I firmly believe that our tax dollars are to be spent wisely on projects that will benefit the entire community. I understood the need of improving our roads, drains and Our boulevard sidewalks are paid by Gas Tax funds. I promised to be open and work for the community and I will continue to do so. **I want to be pro active when it comes to fines in our community, reducing the types of fines and amounts. I have no hidden agenda; I want to help ensure the quality of life in our community. Sometimes as a board member you have to make difficult the community and I will continue to do so. I want to be pro active when it comes to fines in our community, reducing the types of fines and amounts. I have no hidden agenda; I want to help ensure the quality of life in our community. Sometimes as a board member you have to make difficult decisions and when I have to, I try to make ones that are best for the entire community.**

Education



Masters in Arts: Public Administration, Akron University

Bachelor of Arts in Parks and Natural Resources Management, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

EXPERIENCE

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

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

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City of Alliance, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public lands, 13 years

Candidate Information Statement

Name Gwen Grace
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Phone 201-317-2317



Born and raised on Long Island, NY, I was the only daughter with three brothers. Dennis and I have been married for over 50 years. We settled in beautiful Sussex County NJ. We owned an electrical contracting company for 41 years. I was also a Property Manager for a local developer and after achieving my college degree, I worked in International Sales for a small chemical company in Paterson NJ. In 2008 we bought a second home in South Gulf Cove and were snowbirds for eight years. After retiring in 2016 we sold our NJ house and decided to live in a mandatory HOA community. In 2017 we found our house in the Pinehurst section.

EDUCATION

Associate's degree in business administration from Sussex Community College
Bachelor's degree in business administration; major in Marketing/minor in International Marketing from Ramapo College

EXPERIENCE

Besides my work experience, I was a volunteer with Girl Scouts in NJ for 25 years from troop leader to the Board of Directors. I held the position of President for five years with one council and when three councils merged in 2007 to form the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey, I held the President's position for another 5 years. The council had four camps, three administrative offices, a budget more than \$6 million and over 30,000 girl members.

In Rotonda West I was a member of the **RWA Budget and Finance Committee** from January 2021 to December 2022. Joined Activities Committee in 2019 which is now the **Community Outreach Committee** and co-chaired the 2021 **Christmas Parade**. While with the Community Outreach Committee I have chaired the **RWA Open House** and the **Shred Hunger Day** events. I also organized the "**Meet the Charlotte County Candidates**" night in July 2024. I am willing to lend a hand with whatever event the RWA presents including Bingo, ice cream socials and community events.

I am the Past President of GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club and author a monthly article for the club in "Westways." I am also a member of Neighborhood Watch.

SUMMARY

I am proud to be a Rotonda West resident. Working together we can continue to protect, maintain, and enhance our neighborhood. There are challenges that Rotonda West faces with continued growth and I want to be a director who listens to the members' concerns, makes well thought out decisions with short- and long-term goals and keeps Rotonda West financially strong.

Debra Orchard

deborchard16@gmail.com

419-222-8184



Background:

My husband, Tim and I both grew up in Ohio, moving here in 2017. We have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. For nearly 30-years I worked as an insurance adjuster in the auto, home and commercial liability sector, ending my career as a Litigation Specialist. In retirement, along with enjoying travel and spending time with and friends, I worked as a substitute classroom aide in an autism unit and also served as a church Trustee.

Recent Volunteer Experience:

2018 – current: member of Amvets 777 Ladies' Auxiliary, now 1st Vice President.

2019 – current: Big Brothers/Big Sisters reading buddy.

2021 – current: Chair of RWA Community Outreach Committee

2024 – current: RWA Board of Director (last fall, board members unanimously voted for me complete the term of Director Metz, following his death)

2024 - RWA Volunteer of the Year.

Why I want to Serve:

To “Pay It Forward” by making good, sound and logical decisions on behalf of all our residents. Decisions which not only affect our community right now, but also long-term. I enjoy working with our residents, volunteers, current board and our RWA staff. All of whom benefit from the decisions we make as your Board of Directors.

My Goals for Rotonda:

To help lead Rotonda into the future. Making those good sound decisions on behalf of all our residents. From decisions on updates and improvements to our infrastructure, to maintaining what is already here. All of this while keeping our HOA fees affordable. I'm very proud of our wonderful community and if elected will be proud to continue serving you.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Scott D. Schermerhorn BA, MS, MPS, RS, CAM

Name: Schermerhorn, Scott D.
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Phone: 740-503-4656



My fellow neighbors, It is my humble request that you consider my application to become a member of the board of directors for the RWA. I have previously served in this position providing leadership and success for our community. After taking some time to reflect on personal matters, and serve residents of Charlotte County, I am ready to focus again on serving Rotonda West. Please see a limited biography which demonstrates that public service has always been a focus of my life and that my work has been to benefit the community. As a resident of RWA for 17 + years I will continue to strive to improve our community.

Professional Objective: To succeed in a position that involves professional customer service and where my skills in analysis, application of law, problem solving, stakeholder service, organization, communication, and long-term policy implementation are utilized, improved, and refined.

Education:

Master of Arts in Political Science - Public Administration, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 2002

Master of Science in Biology, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, 1990

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Alfred University, Alfred, New York, 1988

Ohio Police Officers Training Academy, Office of the Attorney General, London Ohio 1991

Employment Experience:

2015 - Pres - Director Charlotte County Division of Mosquito and Aquatic Weed Control

2014 - 2014 - Rotonda West HOA – Administrative Assistant due to employee surgical recovery t

2013 – 2014 - Florida Department of Highway and Motorists Safety BAR Supervisor

2011 – 2011 - Florida Dept of Health Acting Environmental Health Administrator

2007 – 2011- Florida Dept. of Health, Environmental Supervisor

1994 - 2007 - Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Investigator.

2004 - 2007 - Sugar Grove Police Department, Dep. Chief of Police, 2005- 2007 Chief of Police

1999 - 2008 - Vinton County Sheriffs Office Special Deputy

1991 - 1999 - Fairfield County Sheriffs Office Special Deputy

Additional Employment Related Experience:

2020 - Pres - Member Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control, FDACS

2010 – 2015 - Board of Directors Rotonda West Association Offices of Director,
- Secretary and Vice President

2008 - 2014 - Marine Advisory Committeeman to BCC Charlotte Co. Fl.

2008 - 2014 - Rotonda West Streets & Drainage MSBU to BCC Charlotte Co. Fl

2008 - 2014 - Englewood West Streets & Drainage to BCC Charlotte Co. Fl

2009 - 2010 - Charlotte County Health Dept Safety Officer for H1N1 vaccination pgm.



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	4TH 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.
RW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH	3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	10 A.M.



ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Andy VanScyoc
President

David Kelly
Vice President

Sam Besase
Treasurer

Karen Harvey
Secretary

Peter Traverso
Director

Deb Orchard
Director

Jerry Eldred
Director

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jerry Eldred, Deb Orchard, Andy Van Scyoc (Chair), (Zoom) Peter Traverso and Sam Besase

ABSENT: (Excused) Karen Harvey, David Kelly

Management: Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

Members: Joe Harris, Annette Casteel, Barb Peszko, Dale Jensen, Paul Slovinski, Karen Hoover, Tom D'Abrosca, Tina Kissane, Randy Keller, Dana Singer, (Zoom) Amanda Stuever, Gwen Grace, Kevin Corrigan, Carey Chase, Ann Cooy, Jodie Nauman, Bob Anderson

The meeting was called to order by President Van Scyoc at 2:00 PM. The meeting was properly noticed, and a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was said and a moment of silence in remembrance of 9-11.

- Director Orchard moved the Board to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2025, and the Motion 2nd by Director Eldred. Motion Unanimously Approved.

MEMBERS INPUT (Agenda Items)

Tina Kissane -110 Pebble Beach Rd. addressed the Board about Agenda item Deed Restrictions violation and referred Deed Restriction Amended Red Line document from the website; trash can violation. She stated that the Compliance office committee staff and Derrick requested the ADHOC committee to provide a clearer definition of what's visible. Visible as explained in section 18 page 16 of 30. "Garbage and Recycling/Outside Equipment: Except on the day immediately preceding the day of collection and the day of collection, garbage and recycling containers shall be kept either inside the garage, behind landscape shrubs or within a fenced area." Mr. Hedges explained that if it is visible from the front of the house from the street it is not in compliance.

President's Update: Andy Van Scyoc

Treasurer's Report: Director Besase

Director Besase provided a written report attached to these minutes.

BOD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED...



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration/Personnel – President Van Scyoc (Chair)

No Report.

Budget & Finance Committee – Tom D'Abrosca (Chair)

Mr. D'Abrosca provided a written report attached to these minutes.

Mr. D'Abrosca noted the workshop that was held with RW Board members and Budget & Finance Committee members to discuss the 2026 budget line items reviewed and explained.

- Director Traverso made a motion and Director Orchard second the motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

Buildings & Grounds – Director Besase (Chair)

Director Besase provided a written report attached to these minutes.

Community Outreach – Deb Orchard (Chair)

Director Orchard provided a written report attached to these minutes.

Compliance – Barb Peszko (Chair)

Ms. Peszko provided a written report attached to these minutes.

Residential Modifications Committee – Barb Peszko (Chair)

Ms. Peszko provided a written report attached to these minutes.

Deed Restrictions – Dale Jensen (Chair)

Chair Jensen provided a written report attached to these minutes.

Election Committee Dale Jensen (Chair)

Mr. Jensen requested a Motion from the Board to approve the Resolution to amend the Bylaws presented to the Board.

- Director Traverso made a motion to adopt the Resolution approving the proposed amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws" Director Orchard seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.



NEW BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MEMBERS INPUT (Non-Agenda Items)

Tina Kissane -110 Pebble Beach Rd. addressed the Board on the restriction or the proposal about members blocking their driveways. She inquired if this has been taken a step further as people who are placing rocks across their driveways or signs to block their lawn. While she can understand the turnaround, however, it could be a tripping hazard for walkers.

Dana Singer 478 Boundary Blvd. state that the canal banks have not been cut down and the response was that the equipment was broken. He also stated that the canal banks have not been sprayed along the water's edge and wants to know why it's not been taken care of. President Van Scyoc explained that the procedure has changed, and we are allowing for a buffer zone on the canal bank of approximately three to four feet to help filter out contaminates. Manager Hedges explained that allowing the canals to grow will help to get rid of the invasive species. He stated that he would be happy to meet with Mr. Singer and discuss his concerns.

Karen Gatling 586 Boundary Blvd. stated that she had a comment to add to Mr. Singer concerns. Grass is growing from the canal, measured out from the canal, where the property ends to the water extending into the Rotonda River up to ten feet. Ms. Gatling stated that she has lived here for 8 years now and has never seen the growth that extensive into the waterway. Concerned that the change in protocol of the maintenance of all the waterway in Rotonda West, something is changing as well as the appearance of the waterways and is not attractive. Mr. Hedges noted that he had received the photos of her area and explained that the grass is torpedo grass, which an invasive grass and we are taking steps to treat it accordingly.

RESPONSE TO MEMBER'S INPUT

None.

DIRECTOR INPUT

Director Orchard congratulated the Election Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee for doing a great job. There was a fine for a sign and was questioned which then found out RWA sign guideline are old and they need to be updated, and she is willing to work with the staff and another board member who wants to get involved to investigate the information to update the guideline. President Van Scyoc that he would be willing to help.

President Van Scyoc thanked everybody for coming out and will see everyone at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 2.58 PM

Next Board Meeting: 9 October 2025, 2:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Huffman Minutes Clerk
Attachments: Agenda, Minutes, Reports



Photo compliments of Wayne Mengel

NOVEMBER

11/3, 11/10, 11/17: Monday, 10 am: Pilates Mat Class

11/4, 11/12, 11/13, 11/17, 11/19, 11/20, (11/21 Admin Office): Christmas Indoor Decorating (See RWA Calendar for times)

11/4 Tuesday, 6:30 pm: SINGO/ MUSIC BINGO with Tina & Jim

11/5 Wednesday, 4– 5:30 pm: Music in the Park w/ Lemon Bay H.S. Jazz Band (indoors) **CANCELLED**

11/5 Wednesday, 5-8 pm: Mix & Mingle Happy Hour at Rotonda Community Park

11/6 Thursday, 6-8 pm: RWA Open House

11/7 & 11/8 Friday & Saturday, 9 am– 5pm: Community Wide Garage Sale (**11/9 Rain Date**)

11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28 Friday, 10 am: Tai Chi (11/7 & 11/28 outdoors)

11/8 Saturday, 9 am– 1:30 pm: GFWC Holiday Bazaar

11/11 Community Center CLOSED for the Holiday

11/12 Wednesday, 2 pm: *How to Florida*, w/David Smith, Charlotte County Lands Manager

11/15 Saturday, 9 am: Walk to End Alzheimer's in Broadmoor Park

11/16 Sunday, 12:15 pm-4 pm: RWA BINGO (Starts promptly at 1 pm)

11/19 Wednesday, 11:30 am: Mix & Mingle Lunch (Rotonda Elks)

11/20 Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm: Trivia Night w/ Tim (Doors Open at 6 pm)

11/25 Tuesday, 5 pm: Mix & Mingle Potluck Dinner

11/27 & 11/28, RWA OFFICE & COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

11/29 Saturday, 9-11 AM: Nature Walk at Broadmoor Park w/ Dr. Bill Dunson

11/29 Saturday, 4-6:30 pm: Gazebo Christmas Lighting & Boat Parade

Yuletide Calendar

**EVENTS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

ROTONDA WEST GIVING TREE

From November 6th-December 7th there will be boxes by the tree in the lobby of the Community Center. TOYS FOR TOTS for new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food for HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY. There will also be a lock box and envelopes near the tree where you may donate cash, checks or gift card to the individual organizations; or drop off your donation at the office.

GAZEBO LIGHTING & BOAT PARADE

Saturday, November 29th at the marina on Rotonda Circle across from The Hills at 4-6:30 pm. Decorated boats, food, music, classic cars, kids' activities, lighting of the island and of course our special guests from up north.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 6th from Fellowship Church, Parade Circle to North Blvd, to Rotonda Circle, and on to the Community Center. Parade starts at 10 am. Want to be in the parade?, GO TO: rotondawest.org-RWA Happenings and fill out your registration form. Come to the Community Center to join the fun immediately following the parade. It's a Rocking 50's-60's Christmas!

YULETIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 pm, Music in the Park Christmas Concert by Cary Price (Fletcher Music) and the Tonettes. This event will be in the Community Center.

Sunday, December 7th from 4 pm-6:30 pm, in and around the Community Center, several musical acts, snacks, kids' activities, clowns and of course our special guests from up north.

All Events are open to RWA residents and their guests.

Questions? Email: communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

Do not contact the office, they do not have additional information.



**JOIN US FOR THE
ANNUAL GAZEBO LIGHTING
AND BOAT PARADE
ALSO
THE UNVEILING OF THE STATUE
OF LIBERTY!!**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH
AT DUSK (SUNSET IS AT 5:35 PM)**

**Hundreds of residents usually
attend this event!**

Bring your own chairs.

- Unveiling of the Statue of Liberty
- Lighted Christmas Boat Parade
- Christmas Tree Lighting on the Island
- Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus for the Kids
 - Cookies & Hot Chocolate
- Women's Club assists with Santa & Cookies
 - Englewood Fire Truck on Display
- Rotonda Golf Courses provide Hot Chocolate



ACROSS FROM THE HILLS GOLF COURSE ON ROTONDA CIRCLE

DECEMBER

12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22: Monday, 10 am: Pilates Mat Class

12/2: Tuesday, 6:30 pm : SINGO/MUSIC BINGO with Tina & Jim

**12/3: Wednesday, 5 pm: Mix & Mingle Happy Hour at
Rotonda Community Park**

12/4: Thursday, 6-8 pm: Board of Directors Annual Meeting

**12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26: Friday, 10 am: Tai Chi
(12/5 & 12/26 outdoors)**

12/6 Saturday, 10 am: Christmas Parade

**12/6 Saturday, 6:30 pm: Music in the Park with Cary Price &
The Tonettes**

**12/7 Sunday, 4-7 pm: Broadmoor Park Yuletide Festival Indoor/
Outdoor Event**

12/17 Wednesday, 11:30 am: Mix & Mingle Lunch (TBA)

12/18 Thursday, 6:30 pm: TRIVIA NIGHT WITH TIM

12/21 Sunday, 1 pm: RWA BINGO (play begins at 1 pm)

**12/24—12/26 , Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday RWA Office &
Community Center Closed for Holiday**

**12/31 Wednesday, RWA Office & Community Center Closed for
Holiday**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS AT THE RWA COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MUSIC IN THE PARK PRESENTATION

On Monday, October 13th, forty people enjoyed a presentation of *Classical Music From Around the World* by Edwin Culver.

Music from Australia to Argentina and Brazil was performed. Some were classics, some contemporary, as well as a newly completed original piece by Edwin, and we were his 1st audience for that one!

We hope to have this talented Sarasota artist back next year for a different program.

Story and Photo by: Rita Lopienski



Musical Artist, Edwin Culver

COMMUNITY OUTREACH NATURE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

On October 22nd, Charlotte County Lands Management specialist Robert Pasquali brought alligator facts to a Rotonda crowd of 64, with 15 more attending on Zoom. Our apex predator has a history of some 83.5 million years. Today, alligators can be found in parts of Texas and Oklahoma, east to North Carolina. In Florida, any fresh water lake, pond, or creek can house an alligator, and even brackish water is sometimes appealing to them.

Residents were encouraged to appreciate these reptiles from a safe distance, keep dogs leashed, and to always assume if there is water, alligators are present. It is illegal to feed, annoy or harass an alligator. Wildlife violations can be reported on: [myFWC.com/Wildlife Alert](https://myFWC.com/WildlifeAlert) or call 888-404-3922. Charlotte County holds a special permit allowing certain trained staff to capture and release alligators. To report a situation that may necessitate relocating an alligator, contact Jason Thompson, senior land management specialist at 941-613-3221 or Jason.Thompson@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Story and Photo by: Ann Weaver



Presenter Robert Pasquali (on left) offers brochures to attendees



CHARLOTTE COUNTY NEWS ITEMS – NOVEMBER 2025

By Sam Besase

- PAVING - Rotonda West PAVING began on **MONDAY July 21, 2025**. \$17 million
- PAVING started in the PINE VALLEY section and move counter-clockwise (White Marsh & Broadmoor, etc.); each section takes about 4-6 weeks.
- MSBU PAVING – BY RWA SECTIONS: AJAX PAVING – VENICE OFFICE
- PROJECTED PAVING SCHEDULE–Subject to weather & equipment & manpower delays/ issues
- PINEHURST SHOULD CONCLUDE BY LATE OCTOBER
- PEBBLE BEACH SHOULD START BY EARLY NOVEMBER
- OAKLAND HILLS SHOULD START BY EARLY DECEMBER
- ROTONDA CIRCLE & BOUNDARY – 1Q 2026 FULL DEP RECLAMATION DOWN 10 INCHES
- PUNCH LIST FOR ALL SECTIONS – SOD/MANHOLE COVERS, ETC
- Future issues of WEST WAYS shall include the projected start/finish for the remaining 2 RWA sections.
- Charlotte County Paving Project Manager is James Layport and his phone number is: 941-628-8084
- PERHAPS 30-DAY Paving schedule slips due to Weather & Equipment & Manpower issues.
- *ROTONDA BRIDGE #13 – ROTONDA BLVD SOUTH – UPDATE:
- *Some important movement – Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permit should be issued to Charlotte County by end of October, 2025. Public input period expired on October 24, 2025.
- *FEMA negotiations started, and a report was provided to FEMA including updated project costs of about \$1.8M (vs \$1.1M 3 years ago), a 64% cost increase. Government shutdown*!
- *Bid specification is ready to go out for bid, must wait for ACOE permit – perhaps November!
- *Bid close perhaps Jan 2026, County Commissioners award contract perhaps 1Q 2026*
- *Construction start perhaps 2Q 2026, completion expected 10-12 months later – **Dec. 2026???**
- Traffic lights at Gasparilla & Rotonda Boulevard East NOW scheduled for installation - 1Q 2026.
- Traffic lights at Gasparilla & Ingram/Ingraham are also to be installed in the 1Q 2026.
- Rotonda Bridges Rehabilitation Status: Bridge #106 – Long Meadow, completed ~10/06/2025; Bridge #060 – Oakland Hills, completed ~10/18/2025
- Remaining 4 bridges, (#110-#111-#112-#123) are scheduled for summer/fall of 2026.
- *US Government shutdown may affect completion of these items!!!

The next regular quarterly Rotonda West Streets & Drainage MSBU meeting shall be held on Thursday December 11, 2025, at 9:30am at the San Casa Road (DMV) Charlotte County facility.

Respectfully, Sam Besase – Advisory Board Member–Rotonda West Streets & Drainage MSBU.

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

The other MSBU members are: Laura Ingrassia-Nicholas Kotzalas-Carol DeLuca-Leo VanOrden



Volunteers Needed

- Outside decorating in and around Rotonda
 - Christmas Parade
 - Christmas Festival

The Community Outreach Community is looking for some Christmas Elves to help us decorate the Community and assist with the upcoming Christmas events!

The work is not hard, but very rewarding!

Work begins around:

- November 10 with the decorating
 - Parade is December 6
 - Festival is December 7

Contact:

Karen W. Harvey at 301 910 7038
communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

Kj2team@yahoo.com



FUN & GAMES



Rotonda West Association Community Outreach Committee Presents

Mix & Mingle POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, November 25 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 Live Music

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

**MIX & MINGLE
POTLUCK DINNER
PROVIDE A SPECIAL
TIME AND PLACE TO
GATHER WITH FRIENDS
& NEIGHBORS!**

**NOTE:
THERE WILL BE NO POTLUCK
DINNER IN DECEMBER**

JOIN US FOR BINGO ON NOVEMBER 16TH

64 PEOPLE ENJOYED PLAYING BINGO IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON OCTOBER 19TH



FUN & GAMES

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

RWA COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE PRESENTS



MUSIC BINGO
WITH TINA

We play 3 games on 1 card. No cost to play.
1st Thursday of each month 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Doors open at 6pm
Aug 7th, Sep 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th, Dec 4th

646 ROTONDA CIRCLE
COMMUNITY CENTER

INVITATION TO RWA RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND THEIR GUESTS.
BRING YOUR SNACKS AND COVERED DRINKS
NO PETS
QUESTIONS: COMMUNITYOUTREACH@ROTONDAWEST.ORG



RWA Community Center
646 Rotonda Circle
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Doors open at 12:15 pm

Community Outreach Committee Presents
2025 - 2026 Season

September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
December 21st
January 18th
February 15th
March 15th
April 19th
May 17th

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.

Singo/Music Bingo with Tina & Jim (Temporary schedule)

Tuesday, 11/4 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 12/2 @ 6:30 pm

NO Music Bingo in January, 2026.

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

BINGO - 3rd Sunday of each month

Doors open at 12:15 pm

Play begins at 1pm (doors will close)

Snacks are available by donation

Must be at least 18 to play



TRIVIA WITH TIM

Trivia with Tim (moving permanently)

3rd Thursday of each month.

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

Play by teams or individuals

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

HEALTH & WELLNESS

ARTICLE AND PICTURES BY: RITA LOPIENSKI

FITNESS CLASSES REMAIN A STRONG COMPONENT OF THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVE. MONDAY MAT PILATES AND FRIDAY STANDING TAI CHI CLASSES LED BY INSTRUCTOR FRANCINE FINUCAN ENHANCE CORE BALANCE, STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY AND MORE !

MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

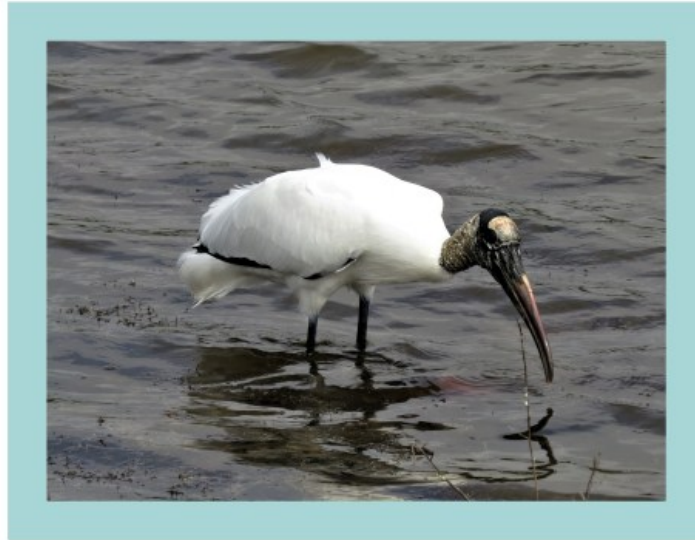




NATURE NEWS



Community Outreach Nature Committee presents:
Nature Walk at Broadmoor Park



Saturday November 29, 9-11am 646 Rotonda Circle

Walk off Thanksgiving and find out more about the park ecosystem, plants and animals with Dr. Bill Dunson, professor emeritus of Penn State University, and members of the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. Join us to explore our beautiful park!

What equipment do you need? Bring water, binoculars, smart phones, good walking shoes, sun gear. No dogs or vaping, please.



Welcome are Rotonda West residents, renters and their guests. Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office. They do not have additional information. Questions? Contact Community Outreach Committee: communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

Photos by Bill Dunson taken in Broadmoor Park, Woodstork above, Anhinga left

NATURE NEWS



DRAGONFLIES- FAST-FLYING PREDATORY INSECTS

Bob Winter

Aquatics Sub-Committee

Globe Skimmer (*Eva Furner*)

Three of the more common ones are shown.

Several species of Dragonflies can be seen around the waterways of Rotonda. They are the ultimate predator of small flying insects like gnats and mosquitoes. Compound eyes allow sight in almost 360 deg. and 4 wings enable flight in 6 different directions. They catch all of their food while flying.

While you are near our waterways take time to observe these fascinating insects.

DRAGONFLIES



Scarlet Skimmer (*Bill Dunson*)



Eastern Pond Hawk (*Bob Winter*)



Rotonda West
Association

Community Outreach
Nature Committee
Presents:

NATURE NEWS



How to Florida

November 12 2025, Wednesday 2pm 646 Rotonda Circle
David Smith, Charlotte County Natural Resources Lands Manager

Florida's natural world is rich with flora and fauna, making it a biodiversity hotspot. Whether you're new to Florida or a long time resident, explore the joys and challenges of living in Florida and what you can do to preserve this unique habitat.

- What is this? Learn about the flora and fauna unique to Florida
- How to live with your wildlife neighbors
- What you can do to preserve biodiversity in your own backyard
- Who to contact with questions

For more information see: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/natural-resources/ecosystems-and-species/>

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GARDEN TIP FOR NOVEMBER

Article and picture by: Ann Weaver

Moving to Florida from nearly every other state means learning about an entire group of new plants for your yard. My Master Gardener training in Colorado was pretty useless here.

What do I wish I had learned earlier ?



A JATROPHA !

1. While non-native plants are beautiful, they often do not provide nectar for pollinators, bees, butterflies and food for birds. Bougainvillea, Starburst bush, bird of paradise – many of the “exotics”, non-native plants from Madagascar, China and Mexico are not appealing to our wildlife.
2. Landscape cloth or weed barrier does not prevent our weeds from taking root. Most weeds punch right through even the commercial variety. The barrier often restricts growth, sometimes girdling the trunks of trees and shrubs. It will prevent seeds from taking root when you want seedlings. Transplanting often requires the annoying extra step of removing the landscape cloth.
3. Once established, native Florida plants will grow without watering, relying on our rainfall. During extensive dry spells, some watering may be necessary. Native plants love our sandy soil and need no fertilizer. Time and money saved.
4. If a plant's requirements state “Full Sun”, many are happier in partial shade in our tropical environment.
5. Shade giving trees will cool your house and yard. Trees provide food and shelter for birds and other wildlife. The native live oak is host to hundreds of insects and caterpillars, making it a boon to wildlife. Planting 3 trees close to each other will allow their roots to interconnect, making them more wind resistant. The ideal distance between them will depend on the tree.
6. Some fast growing trees will break in storm winds. I lost a 6' tall royal poinciana during a tropical storm. Native trees such as Sweet Bay Magnolia, gumbo limbo, and sugarberry are hurricane survivors. See Peoplefortrees.com for native tree information.
7. Annuals such as pentas will last for 2 or 3 years if cut back after flowers fade.
8. I have discovered super foods such as katuk, moringa and chaya grow well here. Forget lettuce, spinach and tomatoes. But what fun to grow citrus, mangoes and pineapples!
9. Many mulch materials contain bald cypress, an important native tree that should not be killed to make mulch. I use only Florimulch which is made from melaleuca, an invasive tree introduced to dry up the Everglades. Dyed mulch may contain harmful chemicals and fades in our sunshine. Best to use a natural product.
10. The jatropha is an evergreen shrub, multi-stemmed, and covered with bright red flowers all year. It grows in full sun or part shade and can reach 15' tall. Jatropha takes pruning well and will bring monarch, swallowtail and Zebra long wing butterflies to your yard. This shrub is native to Cuba and the West Indies. All parts are toxic if ingested.



Rotonda West
Association

Community Outreach Committee Presents

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 6th 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, have questions answered and meet your Rotonda West neighbors.

Welcome RWA property owners and residents,.

Questions: Contact the Community Outreach Committee:

communityoutreach@rotondawest.org

Please do not contact the RWA Admin Office, you will be referred to the above email.

No pets.





Rotonda West
ASSOCIATION

GARAGE SALE!

90+ HOMES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

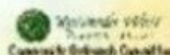
RAINDATE-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

9 AM-5 PM

**HARD COPY ADDRESS LIST AVAILABLE DURING DAYS OF SALE AT THE REALTOR BOX NEAR
BROADMOOR PARK ENTRNCE, 646 ROTONDA CIRCLE**

HARD COPY ADDRESS LIST ALSO AVAILABLE IN OFFICE RACK (WHEN OFFICE IS OPEN)

- 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 2025 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

(F) Friday, November 7th

(S) Saturday, November 8th

(Sunday Rain date, November 9th)

9:00am –5:00pm

OAKLAND HILLS

103 Annapolis Ln, S
271 Annapolis Ln, F/S
150 Caddy Rd, F/S
206 Caddy Rd, F/S
248 Caddy Rd, F/S
31 Oakland Hills Ct, F/S
289 Rotonda Blvd W, S

PEBBLE BEACH

6 Bunker Ct, F/S
9 Bunker Ln, F/S
48 Bunker Ln, F
153 Bunker Rd, F/S
93 Mark Twain Ln, F/S
114 Mark Twain Ln, S
135 Mark Twain Ln, F/S

PINEHURST

70 Clubhouse Rd, F/S
46 Fairway Rd, F/S
159 Fairway Rd, S
251 Fairway Rd, F/S
29 Mariner Ln, F/S
134 Mariner Ln, F/S
153 Mariner Ln, F/S
158 Mariner Ln, F/S
160 Mariner Ln, F
183 Mariner Ln, F/S
216 Mariner Ln, F/S
224 Mariner Ln, F/S
257 Mariner Ln, F
264 Mariner Ln, F/S
27 Pinehurst Ct, F
38 Pinehurst Ct, F/S
69 Pinehurst Ct, F/S
6 Pinehurst Rd, F/S

ROTONDA BLVD NORTH

193 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S
219 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S
221 Rotonda Blvd N, F/S

BROADMOOR

13 Broadmoor Ln, F/S
136 Broadmoor Ln, F/S
162 Broadmoor Ln, S
24 Sportsman Circle, F/S
141 Sportsman Rd, F/S
159 Sportsman Rd, F/S
160 Sportsman Rd, F/S
248 Sportsman Rd, F

LONG MEADOW

40 Long Meadow Ln, S
119 Long Meadow Ln, F/S
267 Long Meadow Ln, F/S
283 Long Meadow Ln, F/S
84 Long Meadow Pl, F/S
23 Marker Rd, F/S
186 Marker Rd, F
256 Marker Rd, F/S
28 Par View Rd, F/S

ROTONDA BLVD EAST

185 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S
251 Rotonda Blvd E, F
254 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S
268 Rotonda Blvd E, F/S

WHITE MARSH

37 Medalist Rd, F/S
251 Medalist Rd, S
257 Medalist Rd, F/S
414 Medalist Rd, F/S
48 White Marsh Ln, F/S
88 White Marsh Ln, F
96 White Marsh Ln, S

PINE VALLEY

37 Pine Valley Ct, F/S
59 Pine Valley Ct, S
14 Pine Valley Ln, F/S
49 Pine Valley Ln, F/S
62 Pine Valley Pl, F/S
12 Pine Valley Rd, S
237 W Pine Valley Ln, F/S
11 Tee View Rd, S
68 Tee View Rd, F/S

ROTONDA CIRCLE

101 Rotonda Circle, F/S
246 Rotonda Circle, F/S
250 Rotonda Circle, F/S
264 Rotonda Circle, F/S
457 Rotonda Circle, F/S
474 Rotonda Circle, F/S
479 Rotonda Circle, F/S
583 Rotonda Circle, F/S
824 Rotonda Circle, F/S
985 Rotonda Circle, F
1047 Rotonda Circle, F/S

BOUNDARY

431 Boundary Blvd, F/S
691 Boundary Blvd, F/S
763 Boundary Blvd, F/S
800 Boundary Blvd, F/S
817 Boundary Blvd, F/S
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GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club, Inc.

GWEN GRACE, PAST PRESIDENT



NOVEMBER 2025



*Thank
YOU*

**GFWC MEMBERS KATHRYN GALLAGHER
AND LINDA FIORINI AT THE BIG RED BUS
BLOOD DRIVE.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE
WHO DONATED**

Thank you to the wonderful residents of Rotonda West for supporting and generously donating to the blood drive on Thursday, October 23rd where 36 pints were collected. Our club's Health & Wellness chairperson, Kathryn Gallagher had a 2025 goal of 100 pints total during our three blood drives. And.....drumroll please.... in 2025 we collected 132 pints. Each pint can save three lives for a total of 396 neighbors' lives were saved thanks to the generosity of our community donors.

The Civic Engagement committee under the leadership of Linda Bermea and Kathy Altenburg make it a priority to visit local retirement communities to determine how many residents that live there have no relatives to visit them. For Halloween Linda and her team made Boo Bags filled with treats for those who might be lonely. Their efforts are very appreciated by the residents and staff.





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



Our first "Show Me The Money" fundraiser for scholarships was Sunday, October 27th. It was well attended and raised over \$1100. Thanks so much to those who came and enjoyed a fun afternoon winning the games, the 50/50 raffle and the opportunity drawing prizes. We are planning to have several more of these entertaining fundraisers in 2026.

The Annual Holiday Bazaar featuring cookies by the pound, bake sale, beautiful crafts and holiday gifts, Santa and Gingerbread Village for the children is just around the corner. Held the second **Saturday of November, please circle the 8th** on your calendar so you do not miss this amazing fundraiser. Your support is so important to our ability to continue to give to our local community. It's also the day of the community yard sales, and we will have a very inexpensive hot dog lunch (\$5.00) with chips and dessert and water for those who might want to stop by for a quick bite to eat! At the RWA Community Center – lunch begins at 11 am.

The club in collaboration with the Rotonda West Community Outreach Committee is serving as the Charlotte County host for the **2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's**. Set for 8:30 am it will once again take place at beautiful Broadmoor Park on **Saturday, November 15th**. All service and outreach volunteer organizations, caretakers and residents and families are invited to join the Rotonda West team. This year looks to be even bigger than previous years!



Our Holiday Tea is scheduled for December 13th. There are still a few tickets left if you are interested in attending this fun event. Proceeds will be used for scholarships and to benefit Meals on Wheels.

Our next **General Meeting is on Thursday, November 16th** at RWA Community Center. The social meeting 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.

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

Free Event

Cookies by the Pound

Creative Crafters

Sew n' Sews

Knit n' Chat

Fundraiser
 Proceeds benefit local charities

Handcrafted gifts for everyone on your list.

Bring the kids for some "Family Fun"

- Photos with Santa
- Kids craft, coloring sheets, guessing game & more!

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

Hot Dog Lunch - Available after 11am (Cash Only)

Gift Basket Raffle

Nearly New Jewelry Boutique

Bake Sale

Hot Dog Lunch - Available after 11am (Cash Only)

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.



JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING - Charlotte County
WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
 Rotonda West, Englewood, Port Charlotte,
 Charlotte County Friends, Families, Caregivers

When: Saturday, November 15, 2025 Registration 8:30, Walk 9:00

Where: Broadmoor Park, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West 33947

We're registered under the Sarasota Walk
Registration & Donation address: act.alz.org/goto/rotondawest

Questions: Kathryn Gallagher
 ROTONDA WEST TEAM
kathryngal@yahoo.com
alz.org/walk



GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club
 Presents
Annual Holiday Tea Fundraiser

Saturday, December 13, 2025
Check in Starts 12 noon
12:30 to 3 pm

Community Presbyterian Church
405 S. McCall Road, Englewood, FL

Entertainment by Lemon Bay High School Jazz Group

\$35 per person

For Tickets and Sponsor information,
contact Kathy Bickel at 419-438-2220 or email
kandrnickel@comcast.net

Proceeds will benefit Englewood Meals on Wheels and
Lemon Bay High School Scholarships

Please join us and invite a friend...and wear your best holiday tea attire!
Tickets are limited!

GFWC RWWC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
 A copy of our official registration & financial
 information may be obtained from the Div. of
 Consumer Services by calling toll free
 1-800-HELP-FLA or online. Registration does not
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www.gfwcrotondawest.org

Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

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It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is right around the corner; my favorite holiday by the way!. Soon to be followed by Christmas, Hanukkah, and Boxing Day (for all our Canadian friends), just to name a few. No matter what you will be celebrating, just remember there are opportunists out there looking for an opportunity to take advantage of us. Recently, there was a burglary where a side garage door was kicked in; power tools were stolen and house ransacked. The homeowner mentioned this burglary may not occurred if he had a deadbolt installed in addition to a locking door handle. In speaking with the Sheriffs department the addition of a deadbolt is more of a deterrent as the bolt goes into the casing further than a regular door lock. If you do not have a deadbolt on a side door it is recommended to get one installed.

Below are a few reminders to keep your valuables safe.

At Home:

- o Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, dowels, etc.) and use them!
- o Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or planters, or under doormats.
- o Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- o Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Remember, overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- o Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- o Be sure to mail cards, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office or at a blue U.S. Postal Service collection box.
- o Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. **Yes, even in your driveway.**

Strangers at your Door:

- o Use caution anytime there is a stranger at your door.
- o Be suspicious of unexpected sales calls or deliveries. Ask for identification.
- o Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays.
- o **Investigate charities before making donations.** Ask how the funds will be used.

Leaving for the Holidays:

- o Ask a trusted friend, neighbor or Neighborhood Watch member to watch your home.
- o Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- o Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

Talk with your neighbors, talk with your friends, and ask them to join you in preventing crime; it is just two hours a month. Remember without volunteers, we would not exist, and crime could increase.

Protecting Rotonda West since 1981

David W Perry -President- 941-828-1584

www.rotondawestneighborhoodwatch.com

Facebook @ Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch

If you see something—say something...Call the CCSO Non-emergency number at 941-639-0013



Date: October 26, 2025

Contact: Lillian GaNun

Phone: 941-828-3626

E-Mail: lildsors7@embarqmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GPS/Navigation for Mariners – US Coast Guard Approved Boating Safety Course

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL – November 8, 2025 – The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a GPS/Navigation for Mariners course designed to enhance the navigational skills of local boaters. This comprehensive, one-day course will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the South Gulf Cove HOA Building, located at 14859 Ingraham Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33981.

Taught by experienced U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructors, this course will provide attendees with essential knowledge of traditional and modern navigational techniques. Instructors familiar with Gasparilla Sound, Pine Island Sound, Boca Grande, South Charlotte Harbor, South Gulf Cove, and surrounding waterways will guide participants through both fundamental and advanced navigation principles.

The first part of the course will focus on basic navigational skills, including:

• Reading and interpreting nautical charts • Determining location and depth • Identifying aids to navigation (ATONS) • Recognizing hazards and features helpful to navigation • Calculating compass bearings, distances, speed, and time for navigation.

The second portion will introduce modern Global Positioning Systems (GPS) as a navigational aid, covering:

*Using GPS to determine location • Storing and using waypoints, routes, and tracks • Applying GPS for trip planning and execution.

While the course will provide a general understanding of GPS navigation, it will not be specific to any particular brand or model of equipment.

Course Logistics:

begins at 8:00 AM

bottled water, and light refreshments will be available

be provided (participants may bring their own meal or travel a short distance for take-out options)

• Check-in

• Complimentary coffee,

• A one-hour lunch break will

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To reserve your space, or if you have any questions, contact Anne Brengle, Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education, email abbrengle.uscgaux@gmail.com or Cell phone 508-717-2613 (voice or text).

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. If plans change and you are unable to attend, please notify the organizers.

We are currently accepting cash or personal checks for payment at the door.

The cost for the course is \$45 per person, \$60 per couple, or \$15 per person, for middle or high school students.

Don't miss this opportunity to improve your navigation skills and enhance your boating safety.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 8, 2025.

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