LOBBY PACKAGE SIGNS  
CURBS EXCESSIVE DROP-OFFS AT THE MAIL ROOM

We have finally come up with a workable solution to the mounds of packages that were accumulating in the mail rooms and lobbies. During last months of 2019 the Rotonda had an overwhelming number of packages dumped in the mail rooms and lobbies by delivery companies. Everyone who stopped to pick up their mail or check the Building Link monitors saw this problem, which was not only unsightly but it also inhibited access to the mail boxes.

Staff and individual residents tried contacting delivery companies, using all possible channels, and Rotonda Access and Patrol employees repeatedly told drivers, when they arrived at the gates, to deliver packages only to units, yet the package problem continued, sometimes filling all available space in the mail rooms. The Rotonda was not alone with this issue as the package delivery problem plagued other condominiums throughout the area.

We came up with what appears to be a simple, but effective solution. We had large signs printed, complete with the logo of each commercial delivery firm, that instructed drivers to deliver all packages to the unit doors. The signs were prominently posted in each of the mail rooms, and have deterred most package drop-offs by drivers in the mail rooms and lobbies. Finally, the mail rooms are returning to order and are once again accessible to all.

HALLWAY RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY

The long-anticipated hallway renovations have finally begun. As you walk in the hallways of The Rotonda you can already see the first signs of the massive changes, which will eventually include new paint, wallpaper, ceiling and wall lighting, and carpets and other floor treatments. The first step, removing the baseboards at the bottom of the hallway walls, has already begun.

With the passage of time and wear and tear, the fixtures and carpets reach the end of their usable life or are damaged and must be replaced. Our Maintenance Department keeps spares of many items and uses them as needed to replace broken or worn fix-

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EVENTS IN TYSONS

KOJAM PRODUCTIONS’
TYSONS CAMP FAIR
February 8, 2020 11:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tysons corner Lower Level between
Fashion Court and Bloomingdale’s

The Tysons Camp Fair is your one-stop
shop for all your children's summer activi-
ties! Admission is free, and at the event,
you’ll be able to speak directly with camp
representatives. There will also be exhibi-
tors, balloon twisting, face painting, enter-
tainment, door prizes, and more!

NOVA CENTRAL FARM MARKET
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January - March 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
April - December 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
George C. Marshall High School

NOVA Central Farm Market is a year-round
farmers market located on Leesburg Pike,
between Tysons Corner and the city of
Falls Church, at Marshall High School in
Falls Church, Virginia.

The market features fresh local pork,
chicken, fish, cheeses, produce, dairy,
baked goods, prepared foods to go, eggs, flowers, and ice cream. The
market also has table seating, live music each week, kids club activities,
chef demos, special events and much more!

THE ROYALE
January 30 - February 23, 2020
1st Stage Theater
1524 Spring Hill Rd
Tysons, VA 22102
Thursdays at 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Fridays at 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Saturdays at 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm and 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Sundays at 2:00 pm -10:00 pm

Jay “The Sport” Jackson dreams of being
the undisputed heavyweight champion
of the world, but in the racially segregated world of boxing in 1905, the
odds are stacked against him. When a crooked boxing promoter hatch-
es a plan for “the fight of the century,” “The Sport” might land a place
in the ring with the reigning white heavyweight champion. Inspired
by the real-life experiences of Jack Johnson, the first African-American
heavyweight world champion.
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT
ROBBIE CARTHERN

How long have you worked at The Rotonda?
I have worked at The Rotonda for 25 years.

What does your job entail?
I dispatch the access and patrol services. I take phone calls and information then dispatch personnel where need. I greet visitors at the Front Gate, take their information, and look up to verify their access. I meet various people from all walks of life, their families and friends.

Favorite memory from The Rotonda?
Christmas time with all the holiday lights and people filled with holiday cheer. The cool brisk air. I like that I get to enjoy this ‘memory’ every year.

What do you like most about your job?
Meeting people

Where are you from?
I'm from Washington D.C.

What do you like to do when you aren't working?
I like to play with my grandson and go to church.

Who are your favorite sports teams (if any)?
Shopping! It's a sport if you do it right!

What's a fun fact about you many people may not know?
I collect glasses. I like looking for unique eye glasses.

THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING

Everyone across the nation will begin receiving an invitation from March 12th through March 20th to complete the 2020 census. Instructions with detailed information on the census will be included in the invitation. The Census can be responded to online, by phone, or by mail. Most households will receive their invitations by mail. Unlike most surveys which are optional and voluntarily everyone living in the fifty states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories are required by law to be counted in the 2020 Census.

The Census counts the nation’s population and households, providing the basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than $675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities’ vital programs. It affects housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.

This is the 24th time the country has counted its population since the census was first mandated by Congress in 1790.

For More detailed information Please visit www.2020census.gov
Earlier this year there was a noticeable chill, which was accompanied by snow. When this occurs, Rotonda staff works hard to keep your drive lanes, parking spaces and sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

You can learn more about snow removal on property by picking up a Winter Weather Brochure at the Front Desk, or downloading one from the BuildingLink Library. The brochure also includes contact information for Fairfax County and the National Weather Service. To get you started, here is a quick review of the basics:

First, staff ensures that sidewalks, drive lanes, and access points inside the property are cleared. Next, they concentrate on the perimeter sidewalks on International, Westpark and Greensboro.

When salting or snow plowing are in progress, please follow these guidelines:
• If you have a garage space, use it.
• Do not park at yellow curbs or in no parking zones.
• You will need to clear snow from around your own vehicle. Staff clears snow from behind handicapped parking spaces only.
• Do not park in areas barricaded to receive snow piles pushed by the plows.
• Yield to snow removal equipment as it moves around the property.
• Exercise extreme caution when walking, as temperatures at freezing or below freezing cause slippery conditions.

Most importantly, stay away from the edges of the ponds and do not allow anyone in your family, including small children, to walk on them even if the water appears to be frozen solid. The ponds are almost never solid and you risk falling through the thin layer of ice that may have formed.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our property safe this winter.

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WINTER WEATHER BROCHURE
EXPLAINS HOW SNOW & ICE CONDITIONS ARE HANDLED

CARTS AND JUMPBOXES

With cold weather comes the need to restart vehicles that have lost their charge and to move large items such as decorations into storage.

The Front Desk provides Jumpboxes and carts for short term use during standard hours of operation.

In order to check out either a cart or jumpbox you will need your Rotonda ID which will be returned when the item is returned.

Please be advised that residents will have to jump vehicles and move items themselves.

GENERAL STORE

Located conveniently within in The Rotonda in the lower level of the Community Center, The General Store is right next to the Business Center.

A selection of fruits, cool drinks, snacks, and other grocery items are waiting to be purchased. Dry cleaning services are also available at the back of the store.
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EMPLOYEES SEND THANKS TO RESIDENTS
FOR THEIR GENEROUS HOLIDAY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

The holiday season is often full of surprises. Residents sometimes surprise staff in the Management Office with a box of candy, homemade cake, cookies or other goodies. It’s clear Rotonda residents are great at showing their appreciation to Staff throughout the year. But they are even better at showing their thanks during the holiday season each and every year.

Since 2005, many residents of the Rotonda have shown their appreciation for the hard work of the Management, Administrative, Security and Maintenance employees in the form of donations to the Employee Holiday Fund. This year, donations totaled more than $16,000. That total was divided among full- and part-time employees, giving each a very nice holiday bonus.

Times like this remind staff that it is because of our residents that many employees have chosen to remain at the Rotonda year after year. In fact, there are now 12 employees who have worked here for more than 10 years!

The Rotonda team thanks you once again for your contributions. And we look forward to being here for you in 2020. Please know we always appreciate all of your kind thoughts and your generosity. Thank you again.

ZUMBA CLASSES
BECOME A BIG HIT AT THE ROTONDA!

BY KYTINA SMITH

There was a great turn out for the first kids Zumba class. The children were enjoying themselves and the parents got their work out as well. With the flashing lights, upbeat music and laughter in the air it was such a fun experience for all.

Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training plus alternating fast and slow rhythms to help improve cardiovascular fitness.

For those who missed the first session Zumba classes will continue being offered. There are two classes.

Zumba for Kids ages 7 -17 (9 or younger must be accompanied) will be held every Wednesday from 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Community Center.

Zumba for Adults (18 and up) will be held every Sunday from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM within the Multi-Purpose Room.
The Rotonda Hallways functional but the
perfections of symmetry and eye appeal
are gone. Also, when the options for
replacements are exhausted and the in-
place carpets and fixtures are at the end
of their useful life, it is time for a renova-
tion and a complete redo, which will re-
store the beauty and functionality of our
hallways.

The Facilities Committee and an inte-
rior designer are working with the Board
and Management to create a new cohe-
sive look to the hallways with changes
to the carpet and other floor coverings,
paint and wallpaper, and wall and ceiling
light fixtures. The design work started
almost a year ago with Committee selec-
tions, survey comments from residents,
and final Board approvals on wall treat-
ments and lighting fixtures. The fixtures
were ordered last year and they arrived
at the Rotonda in mid-January 2020, and
the painting contractors are already at
work in Building V. The wallpaper is also
on order and is expected to arrive soon.

The last, but probably the most im-
portant piece is the carpeting. The Fa-
cilities Committee is meeting with our
interior designer and representatives
from multiple carpet companies and is
working to narrow the many options for
floor treatments to those that will wear
well, be visually appealing, and are with-
in our budget. Once the Facilities Com-
mittee has made its recommendations,
the Board will review and approve them
for presentation to residents in another
survey to solicit opinions and additional
ideas. The plan is to complete the selec-
tion, comment, and approval process
and purchase the carpets this year.

This is a reminder to please
help keep your family, your
neighbors, and your build-
ing safe by making sure the
exterior doors on the B2 lev-
el are kept closed at all times.

Often these doors are found
propped open and this could al-
low access to people who maybe
should not have it. Thanks for
your help.

Even in the last half of December, a
time when package deliveries increase
dramatically, package dumping in the
lobbies and mail rooms mostly stopped.
Now the few packages that are placed in
the mail rooms are mostly from the US
Postal Service, which has its own rules
about package deliveries. We anticipate
that as delivery companies go through
internal changes and restructure de-

delivery routes, there may be occasional
influxes of packages dropped off in the
wrong places, but we will work with the
drivers and delivery companies to en-
force compliance with our rules.

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BOARD SENDS MANY THANKS TO 2019 ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors would like to say a big Thank You to all the members of the Election Committee, who worked very hard to make sure the 2019 Rotonda Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Election was handled efficiently and properly.

The Committee reviewed all of the submitted nominating petitions for compliance with Rotonda regulations, and had a meeting with all of the available candidates to answer any questions they had about the process. Committee members also worked with Goldklang Group at the Annual Meeting to make sure the final counting of ballots was handled fairly.

Committee members included: Danielle Lasley, Kianoush Alem, Nooshin Farr, Patricia Veliotes, and Director W. Russell Moss II as the Board Liaison.

SWIM SAFE AND HEALTHY WITH YOUR FAMILY
BY DR. NOOSHIN FARR

The Covenants’ Committee has asked me, as a physician to offer you the following information.

As we all may know swimming can be the best and safest activity for the whole family, especially in our community where we have the luxury of clean and hygienic pools and spas.

However according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) children under five years of age should not use the hot tub.

This is because the Hypothalamus, the gland in the brain responsible for controlling the body’s thermal regulation, is not yet well developed in children under five years of age.

Because of this, exposure to temperature extremes such as the ones in hot tubs can have serious complications for children up to five years of age. These complications can include but are not limited to heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

For more information please visit https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/swimmers/hot-tub-user-information.html

BALCONIES & SLEDDING REQUIRE CAUTION THIS WINTER

For those who have lived here for years, you know that winter in northern Virginia not only brings cold temperatures, but also wind and snow.

Please keep in mind what windy weather can mean for items on your open balcony. Chairs and cushions, planters, decorations, and any small items can easily become airborne on a windy day. This can cause damage to both property and people. If you have items remaining on your open balcony through the winter, you should make sure they are securely fastened. Or, if that is not possible, bring them in when the forecast calls for winds.

Winter in our area also brings snow. While this is often cumbersome for adults, for children, a snowfall can mean a day off school and a new play experience. Many children choose to sled on the hill behind Building 5. As a parent, you should know that if your children sled in that area or other places on property, they are doing so at their own risk. There are no designated sledding areas on property and therefore it will be the resident’s responsibility if there is any injury to person or damage to property.
**VIRGINIA PRIMARIES ARE ON MARCH 3rd**

Virginia is one of 14 states holding primaries on March 3, 2020, also known as “Super Tuesday.”

The Rotonda Community Center is a designated polling location for residents that call The Rotonda home. When elections occur, the Business Center and multipurpose room are closed the day before and the day of the primaries. Vending Machines and the Stairwell near the multipurpose room will be blocked at the request of Election Officials to secure the voting area.

Virginia law allows you to vote in only one political party primary election when multiple political party primary elections are held on the same day. Be sure to check that you are registered to vote and that your information is correct before the voting day.

You can register to vote or check to see if you are already registered at:
https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/voterinformation

**COMMITTEE APPLICATION WINDOW HAS BEEN EXTENDED**

In the hope of attracting new members and interest to our volunteer-driven committees the application window has been extended until February 29th, 2020. If you were a 2019 member, of a committee remember that you must apply again.

There are several committees here at The Rotonda and they only exist because of residents like you! Committees provide a range benefits to the community and focus on a variety of interests. Stop by the Front Desk and fill out an application. While committee officer positions are limited to owners, volunteering is open to everyone.

Volunteers are especially needed for committees that are more social based like the Children's Activities Committee and the Welcoming and Social.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF OTHERS WHILE WALKING OR DRIVING ON PROPERTY**

Distracted driving and distracted walking are a common problem in today's society. However we can choose whether or not we add to this issue by simply being more aware while walking or driving.

Please be aware of your neighbors while driving or walking through the property to keep everyone safe. Put cellphones down while walking or driving and make sure all blind spots are clear before crossing the road or pulling out from a parking space.

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PHOTOS OF HAPPENINGS AROUND PROPERTY

Barriers block off the work area for the Elevator renovation. Residents should anticipate there being no community center elevator service until later this year.

A brief wintery mix covered the Rotonda in snow in January.

Organized by the Children's Committee, performers played music for the children of the Rotonda and adults to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

A look at Building Four from the steps leading to the children's playground in the Recreational Area.
JUST FOR FUN

ONE-WAY MAZE

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

SOLUTIONS

The Rotonda Rostrum
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