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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are finally making solid progress on some of the big-ticket items that have been on our to-do list. These projects were all started last year, or even earlier, but because of supply line problems, labor shortages, or in some cases, labor disputes between contractors and sub-contractors, many of them were not completed last year. So far, 2023 is a different story.



The Hallway Carpet Replacement Project was completed late last year, and the Lobby Renovation Project is promised to be finished this month – April. The carpet installation went quickly and according to plan. The lobby refurbishment, as you know, was fraught with problems, including contract and labor disputes between the contractor and the tiling sub-contractor, supply line problems in getting the tile and getting the metal facing for the stairs, and supply and demand problems getting the lights for the lobbies.

The Sliding Door Replacement Project has been approved by the Board, is fully funded, and the doors for Buildings 3 and 6 have been ordered. This program was stymied last year because we had difficulty finding a suitable door—one that was both high-quality and easy to operate. We finally found one late last year, and the contractor has been quick to follow up with detailed measurements and getting the order off to the manufacturer for the custom-made doors.

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The Building Fronts Project, or redesign for new canopies is also now back on track. This project was initially held up because the original design was too expensive and would not fit within our budget. The architect went back to the drawing board, and came up with a scaled-down version that is affordable and meets our requirements. The next tripping point was engineering studies on the weight-holding capacity of the soil under the building fronts. We finally got past that obstacle late last year. and now the project is off and running. Now the Board is waiting for the architect to provide the preliminary engineering drawings.

Another big project that is making good progress is Guardhouse Renovation Project that includes a complete remodeling of two guardhouses and creating new pedestrian gates. This project includes a complete redesign of the Greensboro gate guardhouse, the cosmetic remodeling of the International gate guardhouse, and the installation of new pedestrian gates near both guardhouses. At the end of March, the Board authorized the architect of that project to produce a digital model and concept drawings of the proposed changes.

Finally, the Building Façade Project has now moved on to the third building – Building 5. This project is now into its third year and has consistently kept to the planned schedule. Despite the noise, dirt, and dust, this is an important project that is necessary for all buildings to prevent water intrusion into units. This project focuses on brick repair, window and floor flashing replacement, caulking joints, installation of drip edges, and treatment of steel lintels to protect them from corrosion.

While it is unlikely that all of the above will go to completion as planned, at least we have overcome some major obstacles and are now making solid progress. All of these projects should reach closure within reasonable time limits. The projects listed here are funded by monies from our reserves, which are already in hand. A new Reserve Study will be conducted this year, which will allow us to update the long-range reserve plan, and make decisions on replacement and repair projects for 2024 and beyond.

Douglas M. Doolittle President, Rotonda Condominium Unit Owners Association

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FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE ROTONDA ARTICLE BY BOARD TREASURER STEPHEN RUCKMAN

As the nation continues to experience inflation rates not seen in decades, it is important to understand the financial health of the Rotonda Condominium Unit Owners Association.

The Association undergoes an annual, independent audit every year. The Rotonda is fortunate to always receive an unmodified audit opinion which is the highest (best) level of assurance an auditor can provide. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Rotonda, once again, received an unmodified audit opinion.

On March 28, 2023, John Deane, CPA of Johnson, Bremer & Ignacio, CPAs, PC, presented the results of the CY 2022 audit to the Rotonda Board of Directors. Here are some of his comments to the BOD:

- On member delinquencies, which average between 3% 5% of assets for most HOA's, John said, "Accounts Receivable-Residents, which is your delinquencies, that was less than 1% of total assets, as usual, so that's very good."
- On the Rotonda's replacement reserves—a common problem for HOA's—John said, "Reserves are total funded by cash, and so that's good."
- On the overall health of the association, John said, "So, overall, the financial health of the Rotonda is very good."
- When asked to compare the Rotonda's standing with that of other HOA's John replied, "I would say, to answer your question, that compared to other associations, the Rotonda is in very good standing.
- When asked about the Rotonda's management and operations, John stated that, "It's a very well run association."

Finally, the Rotonda ended calendar year 2022 with approximately \$128K in positive net income. These funds will be applied to the Operating Fund under Unit Owners' Equity.

- Stephen L. Ruckman

REMINDERS TO KEEP THE ROTONDA PARKING LOT SAFE





2023 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED!

At the February 28 Board Meeting, residents and owners were officially appointed to all nine of Rotonda's 2023 committees. Members received a Welcome Letter from President Doolittle as well as a Code of Conduct to sign at the first scheduled committee meeting. Thank you to all who volunteered to be on the committees. Your commitment to volunteering and to the Rotonda is much appreciated by the Board, Management, and all residents.

The members appointed to each committee are listed below:



Most committees meet every month, some meet bimonthly. All Rotonda residents are cordially welcome to participate and contribute to community activities and events. Residents do not have to be a member of the committee to attend events and meetings.

A schedule of Committee meetings is posted to the bulletin boards, mail room screens, and the Front desk each month for resident reference. This is an opportunity for residents to get involved, and share their ideas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FITNESS COMMITTEE

There are currently only two volunteers on the Fitness Committee (FC). At least three more owners/residents are needed to better carry out the work of the FC.

So what does the FC do?

The FC provides recommendations to the Board of Directors (BoD) and Management Staff regarding replacement equipment for the two fitness centers, advises the board on operation, cleaning, maintenance and improvement of all Rotonda facilities which include the two swimming pools, the tennis courts, the basketball court, the volleyball court, the Fitness trail through the woods, and soon coming, Pickle Ball court.

How is this accomplished:

The Fitness Committee meets once a month for one hour, usually after business hours to allow participation of those who work, in the Business Center and provides recommendations on any equipment needed. The BoD has to approve the procurement, the Management Staff procures the equipment and oversees the installation and maintenance. It is a team effort which works well.

The problem:

The FC is short of members. If you are able to participate, you can provide your thoughts and ideas on how best to improve and keep all of the health and wellness amenities, working. If you can donate one hour a month, we would appreciate your assistance. Please send an email to: <u>gfernandes@rotonda.org</u>.

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ROTONDA BOOK CLUB ARTICLE BY BOOK CLUB MEMBERS GLENDA & LALEH

We have an amazing new Rotonda's Book Club that meets every month to discuss a new book. Please join us! The Rotonda Book club promotes a love of literature in a positive, nurturing environment. The purpose of our club is to bring a community together to learn about and discuss something that matters to us. The Rotonda Book club is a healthy outlet for exploring our hobbies, whether you want to make new friends, be exposed to new ideas, or just have a forum to discuss your favorite authors, our book club offers it all.

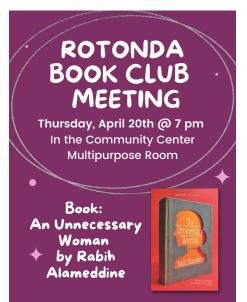


Testimonial by Book Club member, Laleh Teymurian: "I absolutely enjoy our book club because it forces me to actually read, I have made new friends, it gives me a different perspective, it broadens my horizons, it will improve my own writing skills, it gives me a break amidst the madness of life, and of course, the Book Club involves yummy snacks, hahaha!!!"

We had a fantastic book club meeting in March, with ten residents in attendance. Jan and Glenda colead the book club, and members

contribute snacks such as cookies, pita and hummus, popcorn, nuts, drinks, and more. Thank you to everyone who generously contributes snacks for our gatherings.

We were thrilled to see so many residents from our community come together to engage in thoughtful and stimulating discussions about literature and the issues that matter to us most. It's always inspiring to see how books can bring us together and encourage us to explore new perspectives and ideas. "Books allow



us to explore complex and difficult issues in a safe and controlled environment, and to engage with ideas and perspectives that may challenge our assumptions and beliefs." - Unknown

We're grateful to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to continuing to build a vibrant and supportive community around our shared love of reading. Keep your eyes peeled to the bulletin boards and Building Link calendar for future Book Club meeting dates and information about books to be discussed. Join us for our next book club on **April 20th at 7:00 PM**, where we will be discussing the book *An Unnecessary Woman* by Rabih Alameddine. All are welcome!



A BARK FROM THE BLOCK GET TO KNOW ROTONDA'S PETS!

Gaia and Ghost's Introduction

Hello, fellow four-legged friends and humans of our lovely community! We are Gaia and Ghost, two tail-wagging and fun-loving canines who can't wait to introduce ourselves to you. We've finally managed to steal our human's keyboard and share a bit about our lives, personalities, and how we've become pawsome companions to our family.

My name is Gaia, a two-year-old Boxer mix with a brindle coat that resembles the strata of rocks. My humans say that's why they named me after the Earth goddess. I love exploring the neighborhood with my boundless energy and insatiable curiosity. Whenever I spot a fellow doggo, I can't help but sit and wait for them to come over for a proper sniff and greet. And while I adore my human friends, there's something about smaller dogs that just melts my heart. I guess you could say I have a soft spot for the little guys.



On the other paw, I'm Ghost, a strikingly handsome Pomsky named after the legendary



dire wolf from our human's favorite show, Game of Thrones. I've been told I'm the perfect blend of independence and playfulness with just the right touch of protectiveness. My human can always rely on me to keep them safe while we embark on our daily adventures. Though I have a strong and bold personality, I'm a friendly fellow who's always up for a game of fetch or a good belly rub.

Together, we make quite the dynamic duo! Our human's life has never been the same since we strutted into it. We're excited to meet all our furry neighbors and their humans, so don't be shy – come say hello! We promise you'll be met with wagging tails, wet noses, and a whole lot of canine enthusiasm. Let's make this community the best place for every

creature, great and small. With wags and woofs, Gaia and Ghost

These dogs are good citizens, wearing their required Rotonda and Fairfax County rabies & license tags under their vests!

THE ROTONDA IN BLOOM



^ photo submitted by Glenda Lopez



ELEVATING YOUR KNOWLEDGE ARTICLE BY BOARD DIRECTOR SALVADOR INFANTE

The Rotonda has an elevator maintenance contract with (ELCON) for periodic service on all of our elevators, this includes (15) electric, (1) hydraulic, and (1) chair lift for access to the outdoor pool. Elevator maintenance is the process of inspecting, repairing, and testing elevators and lifts with certified technicians. This maintenance is important to keep these systems running smoothly and safely and all of the Rotonda elevators are inspected frequently by Fairfax County for code compliance. Our elevator service contract provides both preventative maintenance and a quick repair response time for elevators that break-down.

When we experience elevator outages, or a longer than usual wait time, owners and residents are quick to respond by saying "we need to buy new elevators". The Rotonda Board of Directors and management are aware of your concerns, however, the elevators at the Rotonda are only about 16 years old. The life expectancy of our elevators is between 25 to 30 years. In addition, a recent elevator inspection by an independent elevator consultant created an Elevator Condition Assessment Report, which was submitted in March 2022, and stated that our elevators will last 10-15 more years, confirming that the purchase of new elevators is not needed at this time.

What are the main reasons for the elevators' malfunctions?

A primary problem is that people manually hold the door open or use a block or a wedge to do so for a prolonged period (measured in seconds) resulting in causing an elevator to malfunction, damage a door motor, or have a track issue. The elevator then must be placed out-of-order and an elevator mechanic must be called to reset the circuitry.

Other causes of elevator malfunctions include:

- Door sensors are often damaged by moves, deliveries, or by some object or person banging against sensors.
- Worn or bad electronics, just like any other electronic device, can go bad. Our elevator controls are packed with electronics, each elevator has about 14 large circuit boards.
- Other mechanical malfunctions, and worn out mechnaical parts.
- Outside influences such as power surges, or worn parts.



How can you help?

Please do not block doors from closing on their own. Prolong holding of the doors will shut down the elevator. If you see others doing it, kindly inform them they may place the elevator out-of-service. A little patience will go a long way toward saving the Rotonda money used for elevator repairs, along with wait times for an elevator. Perhaps you can use the time waiting for an elevator to read information on the display boards to stay informed about what's going on at the Rotonda.

<u>A reminder</u>: The demand for elevator use is the highest between 8-10 A.M. and 3-5 P.M. when school students go to and return home from classes

and residents go to and return from work. The wait for an elevator is further exacerbated when the cleaning crew has the freight elevator locked in-use. In addition, people moving in or out also reserve and lock the freight elevator. That said, we are fortunate that we have three elevators, other apartment buildings have only one and may or may not even have a large freight elevator.



RULE REMINDERS



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Solicitation of any kind is not permitted on the Rotonda property. Residents are encouraged to bring any solicitation flyers or business cards that are handed to them or

placed under their doors, to the front desk so that we can contact the business and request the cessation of solicitation. *Thank you!*





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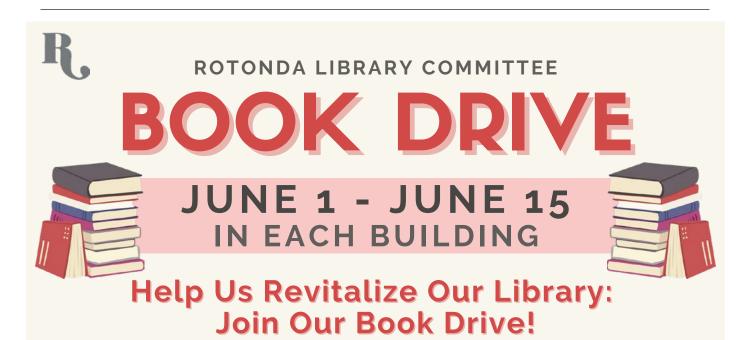
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Gifts don't always have to be material things, they can even be free! Acts of kindness can be just as valuable, if not more, than a physical gift.

- Write her a poem or love letter
- Draw or paint her a picture
- Compile a photo album of your favorite photos of her and/or your memories together
 - Make her breakfast in bed
 - Send her to the spa for a massage
 Go on a picnic together
 - Gift her a yoga or meditation class
 - Gather a bouquet of wildflowers for her

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The Welcoming & Social Committee hosted a special event in celebration of Norooz, the Iranian New Year, on Saturday March 11th in the Community Center. It was a fantastic event with a large turnout; residents enjoyed musical entertainment, lively conversations, and lots of delicious Persian pastries.





CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES EVENTS ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS ARE A HIT!



YOUTH BINGO NIGHTS

The Children's Activities Committee hosts a monthly Youth Bingo Night in the Multipurpose Room in the Community Center for Rotonda's kids to gather and play together, enjoy snacks and make new friends. Save the date for the next youth Bingo Night on Saturday, April 29th from 6-7pm.



TEEN HANGOUT EVENTS

The Children's Activities committee hosts a monthly Teen Hangout events for kids ages 7-17 to gather and play games, enjoy snacks, and discuss important topics such as positive self-talk, being respectful to people and the environment, and much more.

The Committee's goal with these events is to create a safe and nurturing environment where kids can build strong relationships with themselves, each other, and the community.

While the events are advertised as Teen Hangouts, they've become a welcoming space for kids of all ages to socialize and make new friends. When necessary, the organizers divide the kids into appropriate age groups to ensure that everyone has a great time.

Refer to the Building Link calendar and the flyers posted on the bulletin boards for events dates and locations!









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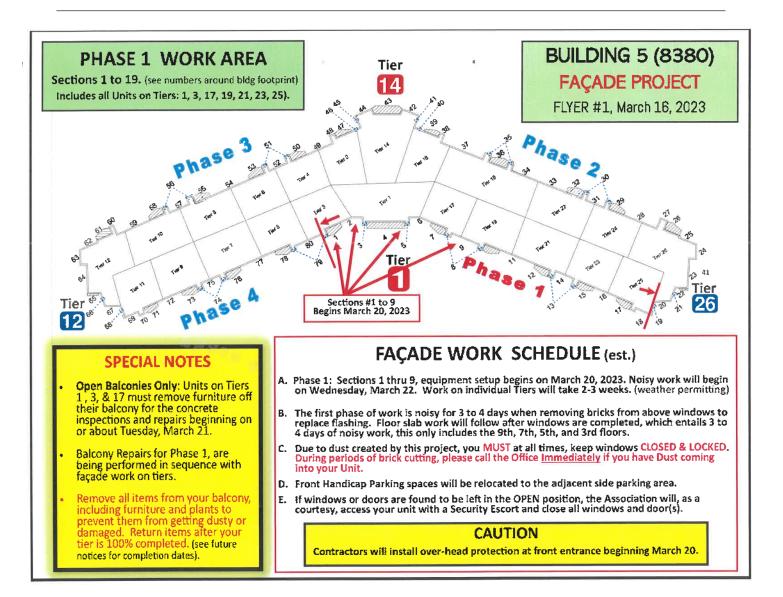
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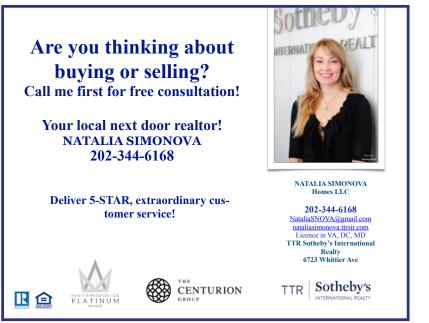
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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS



Capital One Park Baseball Games 1803 Capital One Dr S, Tysons Enjoy the beautiful spring weather with a ball game, and Food Truck concessions. Visit <u>www.capitalonecenter.com/</u> <u>capital-one-park</u> for schedule



Sunrise McLean Easter Brunch Sunday, April 9 @ 11:30 a.m. 8315 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean Sunrise Senior Living invites you to enjoy a delicious Easter Brunch and tour the assisted living facilities! <u>Menu available on Building Link</u>



The PARC in Bloom 8508 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Grab your lunch and soak up the sunshine at the whimsical pink outdoor lounge at the PARC Visit <u>www.celebratefairfax.org/</u> <u>calendar</u> for details



International Dance Day Event Boro Park - 8350 Broad St, McLean A day filled with music, dance, and fun! Register for a salsa or bachata dance class, and enjoy treats, crafts, and giveaways. Visit <u>www.theborotysons.com/</u> <u>whats-on</u> for details

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 "____ for Life"
 Slapped the cuffs on
 Discourteous
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- **16**. Make joyful
- 17. Capri or Wight
- 18. Way to a man's heart?
- **19**. More than persuasion
- 20. Nixon delivery of 1952
- 23. Use an ax
- 24. Jug part
- 25. Al Capone's gang
- 28. Pomeranian barks
- **31**. Sale enticement
- 36. Longfellow's bell town
- 38. Fiddler's place?
- 40. Chalet overhangs
- 41. Moving form
- 44. "Siddhartha" author
- 45. "St. Elmo's ____"
- **46**. Art Deco illustrator
- 47. Welles and Bean
- 49. Javelin paths
- **51**. Job-application datum (Abbr.)
- **52**. And so on, for short
- **54**. <u>Cuarto</u>, Argentina**56**. Tongue-lashing by the
- lady of the house
- 64. Hawaiian island
- 65. Sticky stuff
- 66. 1982 Disney sci-fi film
- 67. Storage spot
- 68. Start to freeze?
- 69. "Great Caesar's ghost!"
- **70**. Merchandise
- **71**. Take five
- **72**. World Series champs of
- 1975-1976

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- 2. Iditarod shout
- **3**. Like someone taking
- five
- 4. Bloodsucker
- 5. Fireball
- 6. ________friendly
- 7. Cinco follower
- 8. On pins and needles9. Acted as arbiter
- 9. Acted as arbiter
- **10**. Skin-cream additive
- **11**. Drug agt.
- **12**. Cast wearer's
- frustration **13**. Word in the society pages **21**. "Defense of Fort
- M'Henry" author

- **22**. 72, at Augusta
- **25**. Like a John Wayne character
- 26. Catchall category27. Alloy of copper and zinc
- **29**. Magician's word
- 30. Director Coppola
- 32. Expose
- 33. Alleges as fact
- 34. Items often passed
- **35**. Birthplace of Big
- Bertha **37**. Start of many
- words?
- **39**. Klinger portrayer on
- "M*A*S*H"
- 42. Science of heredity
- 43. Dilapidated

- **48**. Grand Central, e.g. (Abbr.)
- **50**. Exactly as written
- 53. Groucho Marx fixture
- 55. Aquatic critter
- 56. Roman statesman
- called "the Censor"
- **57**. Biblical preposition
- 58. Legal invasion
- **59**. "And then there were
- 60. A whole bunch
- **61**. Cajole
- 62. Type of show
- 63. Brett Favre targets
- 64. Fall behind



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