

Welcome to the Rotonda's monthly email newsletter where you can find information regarding recent and upcoming events, maintenance updates, and much more!

# **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**



# Downed Tree on Greensboro Drive

With the recent frequent rain events, very wet ground conditions, along with a contributing wind, a tree fell. On Sunday morning, September 24, a large Elm tree fell across Greensboro Drive. The fallen tree spanned all traffic lanes. No injuries resulted. According to an arborist at the location, it was said that Elm trees have a very shallow root system and when the rain hits the tree, they become top heavy, making it much easier to topple over.

Thanks to Fairfax County Police who first responded and trimmed limbs to open a single lane of traffic, VDOT assisted later opening the second lane with the assistance

of our landscape contractor McFall & Berry Landscape. VDOT drove a large front-end loader from Merrifield to help remove heavy tree logs and stump. Rotonda staff participated with the cleanup by cleaning Greensboro Drive and a sidewalk. Approximately four fence panels were damaged and are in the process of being replaced.

The Elm tree was not a tree intentionally planted by Rotonda, but one that grew from natural means. As with our wooded area behind Buildings 4 and 5, 99% of these trees were naturally regrown from seeds in the soil's "seed bank"; other trees produce seeds, or when wind and animals carry in seeds from surrounding areas, a new tree may emerge. Primarily all the trees in the wooded area are a result of a process of natural regeneration.

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL RECAP





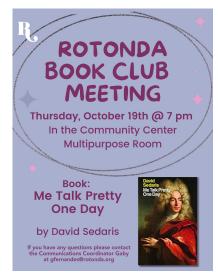
Rotonda's annual Ice Cream Social event was an outstanding success, drawing in a crowd of over 350 enthusiastic attendees. Despite an unexpected rain shower, the event's organizers quickly adapted by relocating it from the car wash area by the ponds to the spacious loading dock area behind building 1, ensuring everyone had ample coverage from the rain. This last-minute change provided plenty of space for everyone to savor their favorite ice cream flavors and enjoy the festivities, making it a memorable and enjoyable gathering for all to close out the summer.

## SEPTEMBER UNO GAME TOURNAMENT



Rotonda community students (elementary, middle and high school) had fun collaborating, making new connections, seeing old friends, and practicing good sportsmanship.

#### **OCTOBER EVENTS**







#### View Full Event Calendar on Building Link

(Contact frontdesk@rotonda.org for assistance logging onto your Building Link account)

# **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**



SAFETY & SECURITY October 4, 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Zoom Meeting ID: 843 4601 4757 FITNESS
October 17, 2023
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Party Room 5

COVENANTS October 17, 2023 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Business Center FACILITIES October 18, 2023 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM PR 1 & Zoom Meeting ID: 858 2277 4778 Passcode: 650404

All residents welcome to attend meetings

RCUOA BOARD MEETING October 24, 2023 7:30 p.m.

### **KEEP ROTONDA BEAUTIFUL**



Our gated condominium community is known for its picturesque landscapes, well-maintained surroundings, and serene ambiance. We owe this beauty to the collective efforts of our staff and residents. To ensure we continue to enjoy the splendor of our home, it is crucial that we remember and act upon our shared responsibility.

- **1. Pet Owners, Please Pick Up After Your Pets**: We all love our furry companions, but it's essential to pick up after them when they relieve themselves. Not only is it a common courtesy to your neighbors, but it also maintains the cleanliness of our common areas. Let's show respect for each other and our environment by being responsible pet owners.
- **2. Say No to Balcony Littering:** Throwing cigarette butts, water, or any other trash off balconies not only damages our property but is also a safety hazard. It's both unsightly and harmful. Dispose of trash and cigarette butts properly in designated bins. Let's keep our balconies and surroundings pristine.
- **3. Dispose of Trash Thoughtfully:** Proper disposal of trash is essential in preserving the beauty of our community. Avoid littering, and ensure your garbage makes its way to the appropriate bins. By doing so, you contribute to a cleaner, more inviting environment for all.

Remember, it takes a village to maintain the beauty of our property. Every small effort from each resident adds up to a significant impact. Let's work together to preserve the charm and elegance that drew us to this community in the first place.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being responsible stewards of our condominium. Together, we can continue to enjoy the serene and captivating environment we call home.



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