



South Venice Beach Wave

MARCH 2023

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Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast SATURDAY, March 11

8:00 to 10:00am
\$8 Members
\$10 non-Members
\$4 Children



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APRIL 8, it's
*Breakfast with
the Bunny!*

Photos with the Bunny

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

MONDAY, March 20, 7:00pm

We'll be electing the 2023-24 Board of Directors and then we'll hear from some 'old-timers' about SVCA and Beach history. *Stay for coffee and desserts!*

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW SATURDAY, MARCH 25

MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, MARCH 13 at 7:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, MARCH 20 at 1:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, MARCH 14 at 3:00pm

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thursday, MARCH 23

at Venice Gardens Comm. Center



Members from the local TOPS group (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) bought tables at the February Flea Market. Some are SVCA members—the others were impressed and told Diana Brannan "TOPS thinks you folks at the SVCA are the tops!"

FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



I was driving on Route 41 the other morning, and I noticed just how crowded our roads have become, and how many of the cars have out-of-state tags ranging from Massachusetts to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and through to states such as Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana. I even noticed one from Alaska and wondered whether that person had made the long drive from Alaska down to Florida. I'm also amazed at how

busy the local restaurants and stores are, but I appreciate just what those many visitors do to bolster our economy here in South Florida, as the flock here from there frozen northern habitat.

I noticed that although there are less properties for sale, the market is continuing to appreciate, interest rates are beginning to affect the number of first-time buyers, who have to qualify when the rates of interest are higher in the mid-sixes, for 30 year fixed mortgages, and then they have to deal with the increase in taxation and of course insurance.

I was alarmed, when one of the insurance companies, that I use was

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Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm

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Jim Drummond appointed to the SVCA Board

Jim was appointed to the SVCA Board last month to fulfill the term of Bobbie Drummond. We asked Jim to tell us about himself:

I am originally from the UK but have been living in the USA for twenty five years. My corporate career was spent in the food retailing industry



where I held senior executive roles for companies in the UK and the USA. Following this I became a business consultant working with both large companies and small businesses before retiring in 2017. I met my wife Bobbie whilst consulting for a company in Atlanta and together we set up our own ceramic company which we still operate today and last year celebrated twenty

years in the business. In 2019 we decided to move from Atlanta to the beach and soon discovered the wonderful world of Venice. We quickly found our ideal house in South Venice and moved in November of that year. We have been members of the civic association since early 2020 and as a board member I want to help the association adapt and grow within the changing demographic of South Venice. I also want to add my ongoing support to the South Venice Beach Trust as they work tirelessly to recover from the severe impact of hurricane Ian.

Susan Juranek to Beach Endowment Trust

Susan was appointed by the SVCA Board to the Beach Trust for a five-year term. We asked her to tell us about herself:

My husband and I bought our home in South Venice in 2006 and moved here full time after retiring from our AT&T and Illinois Bell careers in 2011. We love it and have never looked back, grateful we are where we are meant to be. Our reasons for choosing this South Venice community are proba-



Susan and Bill Juranek

bly much like yours and we fell in love with the beaches here. We were charmed by the ferry service to our private beach. In the years

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Board Matters



FROM PAUL GILMARTIN

This column in the Wave is to keep you informed on what your Board is doing, and to provide you with financial reports and a summary of Executive board meeting minutes.

Financial Summary: As of January 30, 2023

Current Assets:	\$34,317
Fixed Assets:	\$304,92
Total Assets:	\$648,10
Total Liabilities:	\$ 2,808
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$ 8,429
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,366
Net income:	\$ -6,787

Note: There was a bank incident worth \$9800 in month of January. Restoration of funds will be reflected in the February report.

Members can get a copy of Financials from the office during business hours.

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on February 13 for its Executive session and discussed the financials listed above. The Board also:

- Interviewed potential new board member
- Discussed Bank incident and resolution
- Discussed 2023 budget
- Discussed facility improvements
- Discussed insurance coverage
- Discussed new website and updated information
- Discussed January and February events
- Discussed Rental Hall schedule, rates and income
- Discussed Educated Consumer events for March, April, May, and June
- Discussed 2023 Business Expo.



SVCA members can find minutes and agendas at the office during business hours.

2023 SVCA Board election cycle update:

The proposed slate having been published last month in the WAVE, and no petitions having been submitted in the required period, here is the final slate for the SVCA Board of Directors for 2022-2023:

Dianna Brannan	Bernard Doogue
Jim Drummond	Paul Gilmartin
Joan Giovinazzo	Sandy Tulenko

Members will vote during the March 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Membership.

SVBET Trustee appointment update:

Susan Juranek was appointed to the Beach Trust by the SVCA Board at the end of January and will serve for a five-year term from January 2023 to December 2027.

BEACH UPDATE

Good News from the Trust

From CHERYL COOPER, Beach Trust Chair

With much gratitude to our contractors and community volunteers, the walkway to the beach and the stairs have been repaired and/or replaced. We anticipate re-opening to the public on or before March 17, 2023.

Like most of the shoreline and beaches that were affected by Hurricane IAN, we have had to clear and haul away debris deposited by the storm. Similar to many other beach communities we cannot guarantee that all debris has been removed. As such SVBET will be requiring waivers for all passengers who wish to use the beach. This waiver releases SVBET from liability for any injury sustained in conjunction with riding the ferry, using the walkway, and using the South Venice Beach. **If you do not want to sign the waiver**

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Volunteers make it happen!

The February 18 Flea Market at the SVCA was deemed a great success. The folks who rented tables did really well thanks to the huge crowds who showed up to snatch up all the bargains. Thanks to Cherry Giovinazzo and her volunteers, SVCA raised quite a bit as well for SVCA. In lieu of the usual Community Yard Sale, had several booths with donated items for sale. Cherry thanks all those who put in so much work: her co-chairs Diana Brannan and Susan Juranek, along with Bill Juranek, Tommy Lee, Jim Drummond, Barbara Searight, and Donna Marti. A special shout out to our Canadian connections who worked tirelessly – Russ Serlock, Eileen Sherlock and Judy Meiluham (**at left, with Cherry!**). And – as always – Gary Parker and his fishing buddies, always stand ready to help behind the scenes. Thanks also to Bobbie Drummond who headed a great crew cooking and serving burgers and cinnamon buns .

Reader's Choice Winner for 2021



Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA
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Solutions Not a Sales Pitch

By Karen Post

As a dedicated hearing specialist, some of my most rewarding experiences involve hearing about the positive impact I have had in people's lives. Here is what Mr. Bridle had to say about his experience:

"I have worn hearing aids for a number of years, on and off. I say on and off because it has been off more with my most recent pair purchased from another provider in Venice. I had an annoying problem with feed-back, which neither they nor another local provider were able to correct or alleviate. Both told me I should consider newer, more advanced models, which they would be happy to sell me. Since mine were similar, I felt they were more interested in making a sale than helping me. As a result, they wound up in my dresser drawer (not an uncommon situation.) I decided to give it one more go. A friend referred me to Blair Post at Contemporary Hearing.

What they said couldn't be done, was done by Blair.

No sales pitch on newer models; just a willingness to listen to and work with me.

After testing my hearing, he patiently worked with me to make adjustments to the programming. He also refitted the aids with new leads and cones. The ones I had were not sized or fitted properly and caused much of the feedback.

I was given a follow up appointment the next week at which time Blair fine tuned the programming and changed out one of the cones for another size. These were simple, inexpensive solutions to a fixable problem. Although I was advised of charges ahead of time, no payment was collected until I was satisfied.

I found Blair to have an abundance of knowledge, patience and humor, and his greatest attribute is INTEGRITY. He honestly wants to help. I would recommend Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing to any person desiring to improve their hearing."

~ M.J. Bridle, Venice

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er, you will not be permitted to use the ferry or the beach. There will be no exceptions.

Passes for 2023 will be printed and have a photo imprinted. There will be 2 pass holders permitted per household. Any guests must be registered with the trust office and will receive remote access to a mobile device to receive access to board the ferry. There will be no exceptions ... register friends and family in advance so they can enjoy the beach with you. **You must accompany your guests to the beach and on the ferry.**

We have made many updates and upgrades since lan. Thank you to Mark Gunn for all the little things he does, but especially for the pressure washing after the storm and in preparation for the makeover. I hope you notice the beautiful paint job at the ferry house which was done by community residents Bobbie Drummond, Suzanne, Teresa and an assist by me.

We had upgrades done and repairs made from the vandalism and lan by community residents Bill Juranek, Rick Smith, and Glen Hagggett and Tom Skaggs. I think you will agree that the new floor looks beautiful. Thank you Bobbie and team! Thanks to Jimmy Leo for his assistance with various projects and especially the rewiring at the ferry house.

I have to thank Community Resident Gary Cole for the tremendous amount of work at the beach tearing out the ruined stairs, hauling the very heavy pieces etc. Rick Smith, Joe Lewis and Mike Campbell assisted as did Mary Graml, Sue Cole and Belinda Hagggett. our captains Lou and Eric were amazing with all aspects of getting the lumber to and from the beach, removing the debris, and everything in between. Trustees Susan Juranek and Julie Packard pitched in regularly.

Finally, there are no words for me to express how much I and the community appreciate community members Glen Hagggett, and Trustee Joe Lewis. Both of these men have been with me at EVERY SINGLE meeting with engineers, construction contractors, supervising the work that was being done, and working many long days doing physical labor when the contractors help failed to show and only two men were here. They did back breaking labor work so that the project could move forward. Let's not forget that all of these people, including our board are uncompensated volunteers! There are truly no words that will thank them enough for making this all happen. This process and this project would have taken so much longer without them. These men went way above and beyond to make sure this project got completed! We are eternally grateful.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Jerry Bannon for his assistance with the plants around the sign outside the fence on Lemon Bay. Community member Jim Fitzsimmons who donated funds to help feed the work crews;

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Cherry Giovinazzo who offered help with anything and everything and connected me with people who could and would help on this project and Trustee Gail Parker who was able to get the large pile of debris from the beach removed and helped moving all the stuff out of the ferry house to get it painted and the floor done.

It truly takes a village to come back after such a devastating storm. We had a lot to repair and/or replace. There is still more to be done. If anyone wants to volunteer please contact the trust office via email at trust@southvenicebeach.org and let us know what talents you have and what you are interested in.

In closing, I would like to thank the community as a whole for recognizing these great group of people and the effort needed to complete the substantial repairs that were undertaken at a time when getting contractors to come, provide estimates and actually do the work our piece of paradise when so many people in our area and south have suffered so much damage was no easy feat. We have an amazing community that I'm proud to be a part of. I hope to see you at the beach.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park



Demonstration Garden Tours— First Thursday of each month. 9:00 to 11:00am. Ages 18 and up. FREE. Meet in the Demonstration Garden. Master Gardener volunteers will answer questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-friendly landscaping. No registration necessary. For more information, call us at 941-861-5000.

Seasons and Serendipity Stroll—Second Friday of each month, November through March/ 9:00 to 10:30am. Ages 12 and up. Meet at Nature Center and join park naturalists and staff for a leisurely, guided walk in the park. You'll learn about Florida Scrub Jays, Gopher tortoises and the important role prescribed fire plays in restoring and maintaining Florida's fire dependent ecosystems. No registration necessary. For more information, call us at 941-861-5000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: We love to hear from you!

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Message from the President

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declared insolvent, and yet they had not yet paid us for a roof that was destroyed by Hurricane Ian. I called my insurance broker, who assured me that Florida has what is called the FIGA program, which stands for the Florida insurance guarantee Association, into which apparently the insurance companies, pay fees, for the purpose of helping to bail out the customers of insolvent insurance companies.

Sadly, last year five insurance companies, were closed down by the state of Florida, which believed that they had insufficient reserves, to be able to pay out losses to their policyholders. Unfortunately, in many cases, the insurance has to be placed with another carrier, and many times it is with Citizens a state-owned insurance company, as an insurer of last resort.

Despite these challenges, we are also fortunate to live in this beautiful part of the United States. I no-

ticed the other day that Florida was the only state in the union, that had the warmest temperatures, every other state was either in subzero or very low double digit temperatures. Florida was the only state in the 70+ degree range.

We have been very busy at the South Venice Civic Association, and our revamped breakfasts are proving to be very popular, and we thank our members and guests for pat-



On February 28, the hall was full as the community at large came to hear updates on the repairs at our beach, which was forced to shut down after Hurricane Ian. The news was good!

ronizing this great breakfast. Our first ever flea market, was a great success, and I want to thank and complement all of our board members, and other members of the SVCA, for helping to ensure this event was a great success.

AT the February meeting, we had a great presentation on the history of the circus from Kim Cool, who has spent 25 years with *The Venice Gondolier*. She did an outstanding job and kept the 45 attendees mesmerized, whilst recounting the history and the characters that made the circus such an incredible part of the history of Venice.

We have another great craft sale planned, so please reserve a spot early, to avoid disappointment, as the spots always sell out very quickly. Just call the office for more information and to secure your spot.

Beach Trust chair Cheryl Cooper and her great team at the SVBET, and volunteers from the SVCA, have been putting in an awful lot of work, in their efforts to get the ferry running again, and the beach safely reopened, after the devastating blow from Hurricane Ian. Thank you for all your support, and with your input, we look forward to bringing you even more exciting and educational programs and events.

Please reach out and let us have any ideas for events, you think, you would like to have us present.

Renewed for 2023 yet?



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BY MAIL—return your renewal form to the office.

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since 2006 we have seen great change. Our neighborhood continues to improve – made better by a strong housing market, caring homeowners, and a collaboration of volunteers. I love the people of this community and embrace and welcome positivity and diversity.

As an early retiree – and an avid gardener – I worked here in two nurseries, as well as Venice Olive Oil. I got my real estate license and worked for Century 21 on the island for a few years until I decided the 24/7 life of real estate was not for me at this stage in life. I still keep my license active. I then got a job with Sarasota County and worked until Feb. 2020 in the scalehouse at the landfill on Knight's Trail. It was a great, eye-opening experience for the planet/nature loving environmentalist. I made great contacts there with tradespeople and landscapers. If you've never been there, it is a birder and nature photographer's hidden treasure.

Once Covid settled down, I decided it was time to give back to our community. I joined the board of the SVCA last year and it's been a wonderful experience - dreaming big, planning great events, and building community. I intend to stay active with our Civic Association. Then, this fall, more

and more things kept pointing me to the SVBET. Post Ian, I could see how hard the board was working to get the beach back open. I could see that communication could be improved and well as a better collaboration with the SVCA. I thought I would be a good fit. My passion for the planet and specifically our little

piece of paradise has me interested in exploring solutions to beach erosion and water quality. Of course the FEMA work is just beginning for our beach. These hardworking Beach Trustees are dedicated to improving our treasured assets and streamlining processes and controls that will benefit our entire South Venice community.

If you want to meet new people and be a part of something special, either with the SVCA or the SVBET, please reach out to me to become a community volunteer. I'd love to hear your ideas! susanjuranek@gmail.com. I hope to see you at the beach or maybe at the next pancake breakfast!

SVCA welcomes our newest members!

Christine & Jeff Dain
Bart & Marie Berry
Chris & Sheila Mathis
Sarah & Aaron Baier
Michael & Sherilene Parise
Daniel & Karen Atkins
Mark McNeely
Marion Laney

Membership makes us strong!

Community Improvement Projects

To join one of our teams or learn more about what we do contact:

Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641
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Grove/Seminole Clean-up

(Meet at The Grove—Quincy between Seminole and Grant)

Bring yard tools and gloves. Trash bags provided.

Saturday, February 18—9:00am

Saturday, March 18—9:00am

Trash Buddies Clean-ups

SEMINOLE DRIVE

Saturday, February 11 - 9:00am

(meet at Quincy and Burke)

ALLIGATOR DRIVE

Saturday, March 11 - 9:00am

(meet in SVCA parking lot)

VENETIAN WATERWAY

Saturday, April 8 - 9:00am

(meet at Shamrock Park by the tennis courts)

CERT: Community Emergency Response

Usually the fourth Thursday at 6:00pm

Joint meeting at Venice Gardens Community Center on Shamrock Blvd. New volunteers welcome!

Trash Buddies on the job!



Rick and Wini Boyle, Blaine Tippet and Marla Wilcox

The SVCA Trash Buddies ran into a lot of debris at their February clean up. They were working at Seminole and Quincy where they found the usual discards—like an electrical panel and a storage tub full of Christmas decorations! But they also ran into construction waste from Frontier's fiber optic installations in the area. Lacking a dumpster, the company left everything in piles around the neighborhood. In one area, they killed all the lovely plumerias we'd planted by The Grove. Trash Buddies have contacted Frontier to remove their debris.

MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		COMING UP! APRIL 8 — BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY Bbring the kids and grandkids for FUN and photos with a <i>professional photographer</i> .				
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South Venice Shorts

BOOK CLUB will be meeting on March 14 at 3:00 pm. They're currently reading *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. **Gail Parker** says "we always have a good discussion about our selection and usually other topics too! If you are interested, please join us if you can."

THIS IS COOL! This letter in *The Tampa Bay Times*, submitted by **Harrison Fox** (long time SVCA member and water quality activist here) gives a shout-out to South Venice!! It says in part "Saving Tampa Bay's seagrass starts in our neighborhoods. Instructive is South Venice Beach residents' efforts to turn their 'ditches' into clean waterways"

SVCA MEMBER Dwight Sullivan is doing a program of Irish songs and stories on St. Patrick's Day at Troll Music on East Venice Ave. Tickets are only \$12. Check him out.

GARDEN CLUB At the February meeting, club Treasurer **Susan Juranek** announced applications are now open for this year's Club Scholarship, awarded to students pursuing studies in environmental areas, marine biology, conservation and related fields. The applications are available through the Rotary Club at Venice High. This program is funded by the proceeds from the Annual Plant and Rumage Sale. Also at the meeting, speakers from the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society on how much damage has been done to our natural environment and especially to the bird and critical insect populations by development and by storms.



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1351 ROYAL RD	960	2	1	1975	None	1	41	\$310,000	\$295,000
265 TREASURE RD	1,065	2	2	1968	None	1	175	\$299,900	\$295,000
187 CLEMSON RD	1,208	2	2	1980	None	1	3	\$330,000	\$320,000
5172 KENT RD	936	2	2	1981	None	1	160	\$334,700	\$329,900
1385 LEMON BAY DR	1,769	3	2	1957	None	1	45	\$340,000	\$330,000
3640 CLEMATIS RD	1,051	2	2	1979	None	1	1	\$345,000	\$345,000
97 CRANE RD	1,614	2	2	1980	None	1	2	\$349,900	\$345,000
4311 TARPON RD	1,349	3	2	1996	None	2	2	\$295,000	\$350,000
3461 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,351	3	2	1972	Private		2	\$324,500	\$352,150
911 CYPRESS RD	1,511	2	2	1979	None	2	3	\$369,900	\$369,900
841 E SEMINOLE DR	1,741	3	2	1986	None	2	1	\$374,900	\$374,900
2651 MALLOW RD	1,425	2	2	1974	None	2	5	\$399,000	\$399,000
131 CYPRESS RD	1,514	3	2	1978	None	1	2	\$399,900	\$399,900
774 CUMBERLAND RD	1,293	2	2	1994	None	2	16	\$420,000	\$410,000
324 E SEMINOLE DR	2,475	2	2	1960	None		21	\$429,900	\$417,550
490 CONRAD RD	1,745	3	2	1992	Private	2	27	\$460,000	\$428,000
741 PONDEROSA RD	1,654	3	2	2005	None	2	8	\$449,000	\$435,000
1439 RINGTAIL RD	1,235	2	2	1972	Private	2	17	\$449,900	\$449,900
2860 DOGWOOD RD	1,724	3	2	1980	Private		22	\$475,000	\$450,000
3352 PAPAYA RD	1,790	3	2	1993	Private	2	40	\$525,000	\$495,000
5324 KENT RD	1,530	3	2	2022	None	2	37	\$495,000	\$495,000

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ART CLASS

Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA



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New students register at the class or contact Carol at 941-366-2866 to get started.



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at SVCA

Jazzercise AM—9:00 to 10:00am

Jazzercise PM—4:30 to 5:00pm

Group class—incorporates HIT Cardio dance moves with strength training for the ultimate full-body workout.

Jazzercise Lo-Impact—10:15 to 11:00

Focuses on arm strength, leg strength, balance and circulation. Chair & light arm weights will be used.

For information or to sign up, contact Karen directly at 847-361-5810 or just come in and enjoy the fun.!

State of the Market

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Welcome to Winter - South Venice Beach Style! This period things stayed at about the same pace with 22 Closings. The highest sale was a new home on Kent Rd for \$495,00 and the lowest sale was a small fixer upper on Virginia Rd for \$195,000. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$268.71, a little lower from the last report and the average sale price was \$376,418, down about 25K from last report. Lastly, the Average Days on Market was just 31 days, a little slower than the last three months.

Currently there are 48 HOMES PENDING waiting to close, and that number is rising. South Venice currently has 58 homes Active on the market, with asking prices ranging from \$895,000 to \$220,000. The inventory did decrease mildly from the last report. Sales are moving again!

My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold twenty-one homes in South Venice in the recent months. If you are thinking of selling or buying, we are happy to assist you. Please call for a confidential free market analysis! This is Venice Florida; we still have

more people that want to move here than we have houses!

I also wanted to mention that Kathy and I opened our own brokerage! Ayers & Associates Real Estate located at 718 Albee Rd in Nokomis. We are right next to Sweet Melissa's Ice Cream shop just before you go over Albee Bridge to Nokomis Beach! Stop by and we will treat you to an ice cream!

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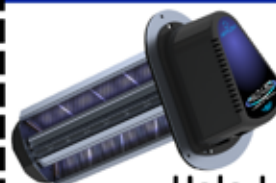
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