



# South Venice Beach Wave

**FEBRUARY 2024**

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## *Your 2024 Board of Directors*

At the January Annual meeting, the members approved the slate for the 2024 Board of Directors. All share a commitment to the South Venice community and SVCA. More about them on page 4.



**Sandy Tulenko**



**Susan Juraneck**



**Paul Gilmartin**



**Bobbie Drummond**



**Mario Fiorentino**



**Ray Martinez**

Saturday, FEBRUARY 3 at 9:00am  
**CERT: Special Open House**  
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Wednesday, FEBRUARY 7 at 11:00am  
**Events Committee Meeting**

Saturday, FEBRUARY 10 at 8:00am  
**Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday, FEBRUARY 10 at 9:00am  
**Trash Buddies**  
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Saturday, FEBRUARY 17 at 9:00am  
**The Grove Clean-up**  
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Saturday, FEBRUARY 17 at 10:00am  
**CPR Workshop**  
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Monday, FEBRUARY 19 at 7:00pm  
**Monthly General Meeting**

### Regular Monthly Meetings

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monday, FEB 12 at 3:30pm

#### **GARDEN CLUB**

Monday, FEB 19 at 1:00pm

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday, FEB 20 at 3:00pm

#### **CERT: Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, FEB 25 at 6:30pm  
at Venice Gardens Comm. Center

## *Meet our County Commissioner at February 19 meeting*

Our District 3 County Commissioner Neil Rainford will join us at the February 19 General Meeting. Rainford was appointed last June to fill the seat that became vacant when we lost Nancy Detert, a good friend of South Venice.

As he will be running for the seat in November so we look forward to learning about his platform and views on issues affecting our community which, with over 7000 residents, is the largest subdivision in the County. This is an opportunity to make our voices heard. What's important to you? Is it overbuild-



**Neil Rainford**

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# South Venice Civic Association

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## South Venice Beach WAVE

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My wife and I just received our latest copy of The Wave and I find that you not only thanked me for playing at the Wine & Cheese, but you did twice! You're so kind to make such a fuss over it and I want you to know that it was my great pleasure to have such a chance to do what I love to do while contributing in a small way to our community. Debbie and I have been Civic Association members since we moved here in 2010. We value the association so highly and want to thank YOU both for all the hard work you do to make it work.

**Dwight Sullivan, SVCA member and South Venice resident**

**WANT TO SEE MORE OF DWIGHT'S SHOWS?** South Venice On March 16 and 17, Dwight will be performing at Troll Music on East Venice Ave. Both shows are at 7:00pm and tickets can be gotten at [trollmusic.com](http://trollmusic.com) (click on EVENTS). The program includes classic Irish song favorites, a bit of history about the Irish people who came to America, how they influenced their new home, and an ample serving of Irish humor. Plus, you can enjoy a pint of Guinness!

## Commissioner Rainford *continued*

ing, code enforcement, sewers, infrastructure, county services, etc. You will be given a 5x7 card on which to write your questions. We will present your questions in an orderly manner during the meeting.

Commissioner Rainford is a former member of the Sarasota County Planning Commission and the Charter Review Board and has been twice elected Secretary of the Republican Executive Committee.

**Calvary Chapel Sonlife**  
Sunday Morning at 10:00am

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm

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## Yoga with Jodie

**EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 8:30 TO 9:30AM**

*(Classes begin February 7)*



Jodie Cooper, a Registered Yoga Teacher, will guide you through all levels, from the very beginner to more advanced yogi – where YOU are with YOUR body.

Classes will be every Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30am beginning on February 7.

The fee is \$10.00 per class and please bring your own yoga mat and any props you may find helpful.

# Board Matters



FROM PAUL GILMARTIN

*This column 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.*

Don't forget to sign up for your 2024 membership at [www.southvenice.org](http://www.southvenice.org) today! And while you're there, check out the new pickleball initiative page on our website for the latest update on renovating the court behind the SVCA.

## Financial Summary: As of December 31, 2023

- Current Assets: \$39,329
- Fixed Assets: \$30,492
- Total Assets: \$69,822
- Total Liabilities: \$ 1,798
- Total Income/gross Profit: \$56,360
- Total Expenses: \$55,047
- Net income: \$ 1,312

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

**Executive Board Meeting Summary:** The SVCA board met on January 8 for Executive session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Discussed new renters for the Hall
- Approved a restructuring of the chart of accounts for 2024 and switching to an updated accounting software
- Discussed insurance costs and additions for the Pickleball initiative
- Discussed building repair list and new electronic sign for the front of SVCA
- Discussed FPL conversion to underground electrical wire conversion at SVCA and in South Venice
- Discussed community Solar Initiative (Solar United Neighbor (SUN)) and will schedule a education seminar
- Invited Commissioner Niel Rainford to speak at Feb 19 general meeting
- Discussed upcoming events

## Welcome to our newest members!

Vaughan Tulis	John Wood
Jay Norman	Monical Magill
Stanley Carnes	Czeslawa Winski
Lisa Lawler	Robert & Tara Jorgensen
Maggie Pierson	Julie & Lachlan Dunlop
Richard Kelley	Randall Green

*Membership makes us strong!*



**Al Gaston, guest speaker Corey Dalton from *The Venice Gondolier* and Sandy Tulenko at the January 15 meeting.**

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

**2024 Election for Board of Directors:** Ray Martinez was accidently left of the final slate last month, my apologies for the error. The slate was approved at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on January 15.

**2024 Appointment of SVBET Trustee:** On December 30 the SVCA Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of Dan Atkins as a Trustee of the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust.

## Teenagers in the house? FEMA seeks youth leaders for Youth Preparedness Council

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is looking for students (grades 8-11) to join the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC).

YPC members make a difference while gaining leadership and management experience and working with peers to strengthen preparedness and resilience in their community. YPCers are trained and can participate in a biennial YPC Summit held in Washington, D.C.

Applications close March 4 (at 2:59pm). Learn more about the YPC and application requirements at [Ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council](https://ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council). Your teens can also sign up for an informational webinar on February 27 at <https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcOiprTMrGN-J7qr-oL5lc0NL4Xn1vik#/registration>.

This program is a part of C.E.R.T (Community Emergency Response, which SVCA has participated in for over ten years . Our volunteers train, meet monthly and work with a like group at Venice Gardens. Meetings are listed in the WAVE and on the Events calendar at our website. New volunteers are always welcome. See more C.E.R.T. information on page 6 of this issue.



At the January Garden Club meeting presenter Greg Vine met club members Sybil Levien and Sandy Tulenko.



FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN

At the Club’s January 15 meeting, Greg Vine, Chair of VABI, presented an overview on the Venice Urban Forrestr which now covers 33 acres and is being developed in three phases, all of which are expected to be completed next year. Hundreds of volunteers are transforming this two-mile stretch of railway that served our area for almost 100 years into a lush, picturesque forest with thousands of Florida-friendly plants and trees. Nestled along the Intra-coastal Waterway, the Venetian Waterway Trail, and South Tamiami Trail, the Urban Forest provides shelter and habitats for all kinds of wildlife between the Venice Train Station and the Circus Bridge.

The Club next meets on Monday, February 19 at 1:00pm when Laurel Schiller, co-owner of the Florida Native Plant Nursery and Landscaping will speak on Planting a Patch for Pollinators.

We meet every third Monday at the SVCA from September to May. Programs focus on Florida friendly gardening, pollinators, and education, with speaker presentations, hands-on projects, plant raffles, and field trips. Members are men and women gardeners with all levels of expertise and experience. New members and visitors are welcome.

## Meet your 2024 SVCA Board of Directors

*The slate for the 2024 Board of Directors was approved at the January Annual Meeting and took office immediately. There are six directors who share a commitment to the South Venice community and the SVCA. They are:*

**Bobbie Drummond** - Bobbie and her husband Jim joined the SVCA Board in March 2023, filling the seat vacated by John Bowne. She and her husband came here in 2019 after many years running their own very successful business in Atlanta, among them a residential painting company. Here in South Venice, she immediately became an essential and dedicated volunteer. Bobbie designed and launched our new website last year

**Paul Gilmartin** - Paul came here in 2020 from San Diego, after a 30-year career in the United States Navy, retiring as a Captain. In California he served on various Boards of Directors, including non-profit boards for special education, public education, and home owner associations. A long-time visitor to Venice, Paul counts two aunts and an uncle here in South Venice. Since joining the Board in 2022, Paul has tackled everything related to SVCA’s legal and financial status. He led the effort to update the Bylaws and these days has taken over administration of the website and the new membership software.

**Susan Juranek** - Susan returned to the SVCA board in October of last year after time out to serve as a Trustee of the Beach Endowment. Susan and her husband Bill came from Detroit and bought their South Venice property almost 20 years ago. They became full time residents in 2011. An officer of the Garden Club, she cares passionately about the environment and is a lover of nature. A supporter of the SVCA from the beginning, she strongly believes in giving back to our unique community.

**Sandy Tulenko** - Sandy is a retired teacher and administrator from New Jersey and has lived here for eleven years— with her partner Tommy Lee. Long-time SVCA member, volunteer and Beach activist, she’s served on the SVCA Board since 2020. Sandy also worked on fundraising for the ferry and cares about protecting our resources.

**Mario Fiorentino** - Mario and his wife Stacy, both retired educators, came to us from Milwaukee. Mario was appointed to the SVCA Board in 2023. Last fall, Mario organized our first Saturday “Brat Fry under the Tent”, which was popular, so look for more in the future!

**Raimundo Ramirez** – Ray joined the Board last month, after over 15 years at the Miami State Attorney's Office. He says his journey has been defined by a deep commitment to justice, community, and faith – he has a passion for serving others while fulfilling his dream of living by the ocean. He finds strength in his Christian beliefs and joy in his family. Both drive his dedication to making a positive impact in the world around him.

**A Reminder!**  
SVCA email address and web addresses have changed. **Please adjust your contact lists.** (Note also that the new URL is very similar to the old one—it’s southvenice.org, not southvenicebeach.org.)  
**SVCA@southvenice.org**

# Update on new membership software

The new membership software for the SVCA is live and online!! It allows the SVCA to move from 1980's technology into the 2020's. For 2024 please sign up or renew your membership by going to our website, [southvenice.org](http://southvenice.org) and clicking the New membership/Renew tab. When you sign up, please use one name for the household account, there will be another tab later to add everyone in your household. After signing up you will receive an email with your new password to the member only portion of the SVCA website. Right now, it just has membership information, but in the future, there'll be new pages only accessible to members—with digital copies of the WAVE, a community bulletin board, and potentially a pickle ball page!

Note that your SVCA membership will now be on a rolling calendar, so when your membership is next due to renew, go to the website, [southvenice.org](http://southvenice.org), and click on the membership link. You can renew by encrypted credit card, or you can just bring a check or cash to the office.

You can see your membership profile and information by clicking the green member sign in at the top right of the home page. The "about" tab will display your membership information and you can renew or update your billing in-

formation. On the "profile" tab you can select if you want to be listed in the member directory, add pictures, add a biography and add your social media links. In the "additional" tab you can add other members of your household (up to 8). They will be displayed in the membership directory when people select your name. The "history" tab shows when you paid for membership, when you registered for an event or paid for an item. The "categories" tab allows you to select from several options like veteran, volunteer, pickle ball player and more.

The new Events page lists all the upcoming events approved by the SVCA. There, just click on the event to get more information or to sign up in advance. Signing up in advance makes checking into events much faster and you get an email receipt.

If you have questions about the software or need help, please stop by or call the SVCA office at 941-493-0006. Or you can email your questions to [svca@southvenice.org](mailto:svca@southvenice.org).

**Special bonus benefit!!** If you have a small business/hobby that you want to advertise to the SVCA membership you can add details to your profile and it will show up in the member directory for Free!

**Don't miss out on important information:** To access features on the website, please make sure we have your *current email address* on file. Just email Jodi in the SVCA office with your current address to be sure.

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FROM TERESA GOOD, SHAMROCK PARK

## What's up at the Park

**Demonstration Garden Tour** First Thursday each month, 9:00 to 11:00a. Ages 18 and up. FREE. Meet in the Demonstration Garden. No registration necessary.

**Seasons and Serendipity Stroll** Second Fridays in February and March, 9:00 to 10:30am. Ages 12 and up. Meet at Nature Center No registration necessary.

**Ecowalk: Unique Parks and Preserves** Thursday, February 8, 9:00 to 11:00am. Meet outside Nature Center. Registration required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/708613410787>

**Ecotalk and Walk** Friday, March 1, 2:00 to 3:30pm. In Classroom. Ages 12 and up. FREE. Registration required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/708671905747>

**Invasive Plant Pull** – Saturday, March 2, 9:30 to 10:30am. Meet at Nature Center. Ages 12 and up. FREE. Please contact Parks Naturalist, Teresa Good with questions at [tjgood@scgov.net](mailto:tjgood@scgov.net). Registration required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/708677402187>

**Plant Clinic** – First and third Saturdays in January, 10:00am to noon. Florida Master Gardeners will be at the nature center, ready to answer your questions. No registration necessary, just stop by.

### Community Improvement Projects UPCOMING WORKDAYS

To join one of our teams or learn more contact Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641 or [Marlawilcox63@gmail.com](mailto:Marlawilcox63@gmail.com)

#### SEMINOLE DRIVE CLEAN UP

**Saturday, February January 13 - 9:00am**

(meet in parking lot by courts at Shamrock Park)

#### THE GROVE CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, February 17 - 9:00am**

(meet on Quincey between Seminole and Grant)

#### CERT: Community Emergency Response Team



#### SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, February 3,  
9:00am to Noon**

Sarasota Emergency  
Operations Center  
6050 Porter Way in Sarasota

#### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

**Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30pm**

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

### Best of Venice Winner for 2023



### Getting yelled at?

**Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA**

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences  
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Do you think that your spouse is yelling at you more often than usual? If you said yes, you are not alone in this. We recently had George come in and asked for adjustments to his hearing aids. I ask why and he said, "my wife is yelling at me morning and night."

I must have looked confused so he explained. He said, "When I last saw you I remember getting coffee in the morning and my wife came in with a booming voice asking me something. I told her I heard her and she didn't need to yell. She laughed and said something like well there's a first time for everything. This morning she said something to me and I missed it. Then she looked me right in the eyes and said so slowly and loudly, "Go ask Blair to help you.. and me."

I didn't need to adjust his hearing aids in the way he was thinking. I didn't need to make them louder. I just needed to do a cleaning. The skin debris and wax particles will clog both the speaker and the mic screen. If the mic isn't taking in sounds then he can't catch what his wife said. Or if the speaker is clogged then no sound can be transmitted at a volume you can hear, then she will need to yell.

If you feel like everyone is yelling at you, or you are the one yelling. Please know that we can help make talking to each other easier. Call for an appointment to determine if the hearing aids need a cleaning, repair or service.



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## MORE . . . FROM SANDY TULENKO



### What would we do without our volunteers?

Once again we pay tribute to the Drummond clan. During this past month Jim Drummond replaced the elements in our two kitchen wall ovens. This saved us the cost of purchasing new ovens. These ovens are used for our monthly pancake breakfast.

You may have noticed a difference in the appearance of the civic center. This is due to the new lighting which was installed several weeks ago. The old fluorescent bulbs were replaced with new led bulbs which will save us money on our electric bills. This work was done by two more volunteers from the Drummond clan, Lisa Scoggins and Linda Davis. Lisa is a licensed electrician and a long time friend of Bobbie and Jim Drummond.

Along with the new lighting, Lisa and Linda installed 240 service and fixed numerous electrical issues including non working outlets. They also repaired an electrical problem with one of our stovetops, fixed outside lighting and relocated switches to make them safer and more convenient.

We are so grateful for all that Lisa, Linda and Jim have done and for those who donate their valuable time and often their own money to the SVCA.

### CPR Workshop at SVCA

The SVCA will be holding a CPR Workshop on Saturday, February 17 from 10:00am to noon. This workshop is currently filled but if you are interested, you are encouraged to call the office to have your name put on a waiting list. If enough people are interested, we will schedule another workshop. Cost for members is \$5.00 and \$10.00 for non-members.

Please note that this is a workshop where you will learn the basics of CPR and other life saving techniques for your personal use. You will not earn a CPR card or be eligible to use CPR in a medical setting. That training is more extensive.

### *Garden Club Sets March 2 for Annual Plant & Rummage Sale*

Get ready for great finds in plants and rummage on Saturday, March 2 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Garden Club's annual plant and rummage sale.

Club members will be on hand to answer questions about plants they have grown for the event, plant care, light and watering needs, and more. Florida-friendly plants and pollinators will be featured.

Rummage always includes something for everyone – household items, décor, clothing, toys, books, tools, and much more. Proceeds support the Garden Club's community outreach activities.



**Board Treasurer Susan Juranek with new volunteer Lisa Scoggins, a skilled electrician who—along with Linda Davis—has already made a huge difference.**

### Mangrove Chapter of Native Plant Society

**Chapter Meeting:** February 13, 12:15pm at the Lemon Bay Environmental Center. . BY Picnic social at 12:15pm. This event is free and all are invited to attend. **Nature Walk at Stump Pass Beach:** February 20, 8:30 to 10:30am. As parking has a \$3 charge and is limited, carpool and plan to arrive around 8:00am. Wear shoes that can get wet and bring a hat and water. All are invited to participate. **Nature Walk at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve :** February 29, 9:00 to 11:00am. This event is free and all are welcome.

For event details and more information, contact us at [mangrovechapter@fnps.org](mailto:mangrovechapter@fnps.org).



**SVCA's Trash Buddies had a great turnout to clean up the Venetian Waterway on Saturday, January 13. Patriating was our new trash buddy Carol Piotrowski. Welcome Carol! Above are Blaine Tippett, Wini Boyle, Rick Boyle, Carol Piotroski and Gary Bennett. Also, not pictured, Marla Wilcox. Unusual items picked up that day included a pair of boots and what we think was some sort of battery operated warning signal for a bicycle!.**

# FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 <b>CERT Open House</b> 9:00am to noon at Sarasota Emergency Operations Center
4 <b>Calvary Chapel Service</b> 10:00am	5	6	7 Events Cmte 11:00am <b>ART CLASS</b> 12-3pm <b>YOGA</b> 8:30-9:30am <b>Calvary Chapel</b> Bible Study 7:00pm	8	9	10 <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 8:00am to 10:00pm <i>with County</i> <i>Commissioner</i>
11 <b>Calvary Chapel Service</b> 10:00am	12 <b>GARDEN CLUB</b> 1:00pm <b>SVCA Board Meeting</b> 3:30pm	13 <b>BOOK CLUB</b> 3:00pm	14 <b>ART CLASS</b> 12-3pm <b>YOGA</b> 8:30-9:30am <b>Calvary Chapel</b> Bible Study 7:00pm	15	16	17 <b>CPR Workshop</b> 10:00am to Noon Registration required
18 <b>Calvary Chapel Service</b> 10:00am	19 <b>General Meeting</b> 7:00pm	20	21 <b>ART CLASS</b> 12-3pm <b>YOGA</b> 8:30-9:30am <b>Calvary Chapel</b> Bible Study 7:00pm	22 <b>CERT 6:30pm</b> Community Emergency Response Team at Venice Gardens CC	23	24
25 <b>Calvary Chapel Service</b> 10:00am	26	27	28 <b>ART CLASS 12-3pm</b> <b>YOGA</b> 8:30-9:30am <b>Calvary Chapel</b> Bible Study 7:00pm	29	<p><i><b>New calendar feature online</b></i></p> <p>Future meetings and events - not just this month - can now be accessed at the SVCA web-site, southvenice.org.</p> <p><b>Just click on the EVENTS tab and scroll down on that page</b></p>	

**COMING UP!**

MARCH 2 • Garden Club's Big Annual Plant and Rummage Sale

MARCH 23 • Breakfast with the Bunny!

# Beach Trust News

FROM JOE LEWIS, TRUST CHAIR

First, welcome to Dan Atkins, just appointed by the SVCA Board as our newest Trustee.

We are getting very close to getting the Kisi system to work. When it is, you'll just swipe passholder cards for ferry access. It's been a challenge but once it's running, all NEW 2024 cards will be with the Captains; we'll let you know when it's a go. If you never picked up your 2023 card (many didn't!) and you are going to renew for 2024, please check with Karen in the office. Meanwhile, keep the 2023 cards to renew and use. Remember, the fee to replace lost cards is \$25.00. In the meantime, please continue to show the Captains your receipts to board the Ferry.

We are very close to having our new website up. One feature we are pushing for is a live link to view the beach! We weren't able to modify the old website, so we have an experience webmaster who has us almost to the finish line.

We have been working with the Sheriff's Marine patrol, Coast Guard and FWC to replace the No Wake Zone sign. The marine unit will continue patrolling until the replacement sign is installed, which we've been advised will be by the end of February.

The annual fee for Kayaks, Canoes, Paddle Boards, etc., is \$100 and note that they may NOT be launched at the Boat Ramp which is reserved for those who pay the ramp fee.

The January "Burgers at the Beach" went well, and we'll look at doing it again!

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1256 OLYMPIA RD	780	2	1	1981	None	1	8,000	2	\$239,900	\$240,000
1346 NANTUCKET RD	1,172	3	1	1955	None		12,000	8	\$289,900	\$284,500
299 NIGHTINGALE RD	1,633	4	2	1962	None		8,000	210	\$319,000	\$315,000
1237 ACADIA RD	1,185	3	1	1970	None		10,000	33	\$349,900	\$340,000
5155 FLORIDA RD	1,430	3	2	1971	None		16,726	85	\$344,900	\$350,000
1485 POINCIANA RD	1,485	3	2	1956	None		8,000	31	\$365,000	\$360,000
5787 VIOLA RD	944	2	2	1979	Private	1	8,000	87	\$400,000	\$385,000
991 KIMBALL RD	1,179	2	2	1972	Private	1	10,000	12	\$399,000	\$385,000
641 BEVERLY RD	1,584	3	2	1976	None	2	10,000	4	\$389,717	\$388,009
675 YALE RD	1,637	3	2	1989	Private	2	14,550	11	\$425,000	\$412,000
861 SUNRISE RD	1,259	3	2	2002	Private	2	8,000	120	\$455,000	\$440,000
351 CARMEL RD	1,560	2	2	1973	Private	2	12,000	50	\$465,000	\$450,000
1415 LEEWARD DR	1,527	3	2	1977	Private	2	12,000	19	\$469,000	\$457,000
1021 PANDA RD	1,852	3	2	2023	None	2	8,000	329	\$472,181	\$472,181
680 TROJAN RD	1,318	3	3	1977	None	2	13,504	70	\$474,900	\$475,000
1170 HORIZON RD	1,882	3	2	2020	None	2	8,000	57	\$523,000	\$502,500



Happy Valentine's Day From:

## MASTER PLUMBERS



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## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

# Our Volunteers did it again!



FROM SUSAN JURANEK  
AND CHERRY GIOVINAZZO

For the fourth year in a row, our stalwart volunteers made it happen. Thanks for doing a wonderful job setting up, displaying and pricing – and selling! - all the items donated by our members. Their time and talent made this another successful event.

Thanks to these volunteers who priced the hundreds of donations and then set it all up – Mary Jo Collins, Eileen Sherlock, Judy McIlwham, Donna Marti, Julie McLaren, and Betty Ann Rigg. And of course, the “Three Stooges” (as Cherry’s son calls them) Cherry Giovinazzo, Dianna Brannan and Susan Juranek. Jim Reilly and Ray Martinez handled the parking, and Tommy Lee, Bill Brennen, Bill Juranek, Judy and Alastair McIlwham, and Wade McLaren did whatever needed doing. Mario and Stacy Fiorentino were behind the food counter and Paul Gilmartin manned the



membership table. Great job everyone - big thanks and a pat on the back to us all!! (Also, a special thanks to Cherry for supplying and making a delicious and hardy lunch on Friday for all the volunteers doing the setup.)

It was a lot of work but we earned a nice sum to be used for building improvements, and the building and trailer are much improved with the clutter gone!

Here is the updated total revenue we earned -- just shy of \$2,000. Not too shabby!!

Merchandise sales	\$ 1334.70
Food and Beverage	\$ 270.00
Table rentals	\$ 360.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1964.70</b>

Thank you also to Kindra Muntz, who donated an **Apple8 iPhone!** Susan Juranek will be putting that up for sale on Nextdoor and FB Marketplace. When it sells, that money will be added to the total revenue .



## State of the Market **KELLEY ANN AYERS**



Winter has made its presence known in Florida, marking the return of part-time residents to the region. We extend a warm welcome, accompanied by apologies for the recent bout of rain and cold weather! Optimism prevails as we anticipate a return to the usual sunny days with temperatures hovering around 70 degrees. The current market reflects the impact of high interest rates at the close of 2023, but recent trends show a decline in rates, coupled with lower inflation and a robust stock market. Despite fluctuations, Sarasota County maintains a historical trend of 60% cash buyers, unaffected by interest rate variations. From December 16 to January 15, South Venice Beach saw 17 closings, slightly below the typical market activity. Noteworthy transactions included the sale of 1170 Horizon, a 3-bedroom contemporary residence, for \$502,500, and a fixer-upper on Palmetto Road, a 2-bedroom, 1-bath property, changing hands for \$102,500. Average metrics held steady with a price per square foot of \$271.53, an average sale price of \$378,129, and an average of 45 days on the market. Presently, there are 28 pending sales and 100 active listings, with a price range of \$275,000 to \$1,300,000. Despite economic challenges, the market remains promising for both buyers and sellers. Looking back at 2023, there were 330 sales with an average sale price of \$378,129 and an average of 45 days on the market. We continue to demonstrate expertise in South Venice with 25 home sales in recent months. Visit us and enjoy an ice cream treat at Sweet Melissa's, next to our office on Albee Road W in Nokomis.

**Disclaimer:** The sales information was gathered from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). The sales were by various participants of MLS. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

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