

News & Views

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2700 RIVERBLUFF PKWY, SARASOTA FL 34231

Strathmore Riverside Villas

A 55+ Community



SRV BOARD GREETINGS - 2025



Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year!

[Click anywhere on the photo of the pool to go to the Strathmore Riverside Villas website](#)

Board Members

President	Marcia Drake Lawson (2026 TL)
Vice President	Mitch Wyant (2026 TL)
Secretary	Arlene Johnson (2025 TL)
Treasurer	Jennifer Royer (2026 TL)
◆ Directors	◆ Larry Gill (2026 TL)
	◆ Rolo Miles (2025 TL)
(Asst Secretary)	◆ Julie Micheletti (2025 TL)
(Asst Treasurer)	◆ Jerry McDermott (2025 TL)
	◆ Mike Cavallo (2026 TL)

Note: *TL denotes "Term Limit"

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Committees

Audit	Julie Micheletti
Building	Mitch Wyant
Calendar	Sarah Daley - Office
CAM	Sarah Daley
Clubhouse	Rolo Miles
Communication	Marcia Lawson
Dock Master	Mitch Wyant
Elections Committee	Linda Meyer
Finance & Budget	Jennifer Royer
Grounds	Mike Cavallo
Hurricane Committee	Marcia Lawson
Insurance	Roy Lawson
Legal Committee	To Be Determined
Library	Jerry Stuenkel
Maintenance	Lance Strahorn
Newsletter Editor	Carol Maccio
News & Views	Marcia Lawson
Phone Book	Sarah Daley
Programs / Services	Rolo Miles
Property Manager	Real Manage
Public Relations	To Be Determined
Sales, Lease & Rental	Ceil Cooper
Safety / Security	Larry Gill
Social Committee	Rolo Miles
Website	To Be Determined
Office (941) 922-8188	Sarah Daley



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SRV and 2025

As we begin a new year with a new Board and a goal of resolving roof issues once and for all... I am very excited about our Board and look forward to working with them and our community. Several owners are already offering to help in any way and that is great news! We love volunteers and appreciate all of you offering!

Hurricanes have not been kind to us! Ian forced us to replace 185 roofs, plus the clubhouse, but thankfully we do have a smaller number of villas damaged by Debbie, Helene and Milton.

While things never seem to move as quickly as any of us would like, we are trying to get things finalized and repairs underway. Estimates are being obtained and while there aren't established dates yet, we expect them soon.

We do need someone to manage our website. We also need experienced people for the legal committee. If you have time, it is not a huge commitment and you would be greatly appreciated.

There will be future opportunities coming and we'll post them as they are established.

We are interested in any ideas or suggestions you have. While we know we can't implement everything, we will work together to maintain the community we all enjoy living in.

Thank you for welcoming our new Board members:

President – Marcia Drake-Lawson
Vice President – Mitch Wyant
Secretary – Arlene Johnson
Treasurer – Jennifer Royer
Safety and Security – Larry Gill
Clubhouse/Programs/Social – Rolo Miles
Grounds – Mike Cavallo
Assistant Treasurer – Jerry McDermott
Assistant Secretary – Julie Micheletti

Here's to a Happy New Year and SRV!

Marcia

DATE	PARTY	HOST
Thu, Jan 2, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Mon, Jan 6, 25	CABARET - DJ SAMMY	ELAINE ROBICHAUD
Fri, Jan 10, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Tues, Jan 14, 25	ARTS & CRAFTS FELLOWSHIP	RITA NYSTROM & KAREN CONINE
Wed, Jan 15, 25	FRIENDLY FAMILY FEUD	ROLO & VITO
Thu, Jan 16, 25	TRIVIA & LUNCH	JOHN SRP
Wed, Jan 22, 25	FRIENDLY FAMILY FEUD	ROLO & VITO
Sun, Jan 26, 25	HORSE RACES	JOYCE & ART
Wed, Jan 29, 25	FRIENDLY FAMILY FEUD	ROLO & VITO
Mon, Feb 3, 25	CABARET - FAWNY	ELAINE ROBICHAUD
Wed, Feb 5, 25	FRIENDLY FAMILY FEUD	ROLO & VITO
Thu, Feb 6, 25	LADIES' CLOTHING EXCHANGE – EVENING	HARRIET & CANDY
Thu, Feb 6, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Wed, Feb 12, 25	WHITE WINTER GALA	BJ & COMMITTEE
Fri, Feb 14, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Sat, Mar 1, 25	STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE DESSERT EVENING (AFTER DINNER)	BJ & COMMITTEE
Mon, Mar 3, 25	CABARET	ELAINE ROBICHAUD
Thu, Mar 6, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Mar 14, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Sat, Mar 15, 25	OLDIES PARTY LACEY JANE	JOHN SRP
Thu, Mar 20, 25	FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON	HARRIET & CANDY – NEED 10-12 VOLUNTEERS
Thu, Apr 3, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Apr 11, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Wed, Apr 16, 25	PIZZA & TRIVIA	JOHN SRP
Thu, May 1, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Sat, May 3, 25	KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY	JOYCE & ART
Mon, May 5, 25	CINCO DE MAYO	ROLO
Fri, May 9, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Thu, Jun 5, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Jun 13, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Thu, Jul 3, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Jul 11, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Thu, Aug 7, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Aug 8, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Thu, Sep 4, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Sep 12, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Thu, Oct 2, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Oct 10, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Thu, Nov 6, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Nov 14, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
Thu, Dec 4, 25	SIP N DIP	KATHY KELLEY
Fri, Dec 12, 25	BINGO	JOYCE & ART
	MARINARA SAUCE COOKOFF (?)	

LIBRARY REPORT NOVEMBER 2024

The last report from the library was from June, 2024. I was gone for the summer and JoAnn and Georgene oversaw the library. They had a busy 4 months! 332 hardbound books and 312 paperback books were either donated or borrowed from the library. I think that is a record for summer reading. I am not going to list all the new books—too many!! But you can review them on the “New Arrival” shelf. Looking forward to a new season of reading at SRV!

Thanks to all you readers!

Jerry Stuenkel, JoAnn Stout, and Georgene Zechman

DECEMBER 2024

I messed up last month and did not get my report in on time. So, I included it for this month!

Reading was light in November—I think people were getting ready for Thanksgiving! A total of 64 hardbacks and 58 paperbacks were checked out/donated last month.

HARDBACKS

BOX. Three-inch teeth. 2024

Woods. Smolder. 2024

Banville. Drowned. 2024

Haig. Live impossible. 20024

Kellerman. Ghost Orchid. 2024

We are in the process of weeding the collection to make room for more books. The shelves are overcrowded. It's a good thing!!

Happy Reading,

Jerry Stuenkel, JoAnn Stout, Georgene Zechman



LANDSCAPE/GROUNDS REPORT

November 2024

Although Hurricane Milton blew through on October 9, we are still addressing numerous problems and challenges in its aftermath. A significant number of trees sustained much damage, resulting in severe trimming and, in many cases, complete removal of trees. Several trees were leaning over, off the center and posed a risk of falling on to a structure. Sam's Tree Service is still working on the property as of November 22, 2024. Our tree service expense for the past two storms exceeds \$40,000 by itself.

Several weeks ago, some villas had sections of the front lawn replaced with new sod. Over \$6500 in new shrubs were planted at the front of the villas. Although plans existed to replace more sod and plants, that effort was terminated in order to reallocate all remaining budget money to pay for necessary tree work which continues to this day, this reallocation of money also impacted plans for fresh mulch to be applied to the front of the villas, as well as all of the small landscape islands along the roadways. This work will be deferred until 2025.

Now for the good news. The SRV Board of Directors recently approved an increase in the Grounds/Landscape budget of over \$40,000, positioning the new incoming Board and the new incoming Grounds Chairperson with budget money to provide much needed improvement in the appearance of our grounds.

Another good news story: At the November 21 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the hiring of a new landscape company, TRUSCAPES, effective 1-1-25. REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL were mailed to four landscape companies requesting a bid for our business. TRUSCAPES and ARTISTREE responded with a bid proposal. Our current company, Yellowstone, had a 2025 price increase already scheduled for the new year.

A future report will address other changes coming to SRV in the near future.

I have been the Grounds/Landscape Board Member since March 23 ,2024. These past eight months have been very challenging, for so many reasons. As you may know, I am term limited, having served as a Board Member for the past four years. At the December 19 annual meeting a new Board will be seated and at that time someone on the new Board will assume the responsibility as Grounds Chairperson. I anticipate exciting events to occur.

Carl Shepherd, Grounds/Landscape

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Karen Conine Private Party 6:00pm Hand & Foot	30 10:00am Chair Exercise 10:00am Mahjong 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:00pm Rummikub 6:30pm Euchre	31 12:05am New Year's Eve Party - Dan Hooks, Host 9:00am Qi Gong/Tai Chi 6:30pm Game Night 6:30pm Mexican Train Dominos	1 4:00pm Easy Aerobics	2 TruScapes 5:00pm Sip N Dip - Host Kathy Kelley 6:00pm Pay Me & Pass the Ace	3 10:00am Chair Exercise 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:30pm Pinochle	4 9:00am Fitness Class - Carolyn Brown
5 6:00pm Hand & Foot	6 Cabaret - DJ SAMMY - Elaine Robichaud, Host 10:00am Chair Exercise 10:00am Mahjong 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:00pm Rummikub 6:30pm Euchre	7 9:00am Qi Gong/Tai Chi 6:30pm Bridge 6:30pm Game Night 6:30pm Mexican Train Dominos	8 4:00pm Easy Aerobics	9 6:00pm Pay Me & Pass the Ace	10 10:00am Chair Exercise 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:30pm Bingo - Hosts Art & Joyce Showalter 6:30pm Pinochle	11 9:00am Fitness Class - Carolyn Brown
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19 6:00pm Hand & Foot	20 10:00am Chair Exercise 10:00am Mahjong 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:00pm Rummikub 6:30pm Euchre	21 9:00am Qi Gong/Tai Chi 6:30pm Bridge 6:30pm Game Night 6:30pm Mexican Train Dominos	22 Friendly Family Feud - Hosts - Rolo & Vito 4:00pm Easy Aerobics	23 9:30am Board Meeting 6:00pm Pay Me & Pass the Ace	24 Women's Clothing Exchange - Harriet Marek & Candy Woelk, Chairs 10:00am Chair Exercise 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:30pm Pinochle	25 9:00am Fitness Class - Carolyn Brown
26 Horse Race Party - Joyce & Art Showalter, Chairs 6:00pm Hand & Foot	27 10:00am Chair Exercise 10:00am Mahjong 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:00pm Rummikub 6:30pm Euchre	28 9:00am Qi Gong/Tai Chi 1:00pm Arts & Crafts - Come Meet New People - Rita Nystrom & Karen Conine 6:30pm Bridge 6:30pm Game Night 6:30pm Mexican Train Dominos	29 Friendly Family Feud - Hosts - Rolo & Vito 4:00pm Easy Aerobics	30 TruScapes 6:00pm Pay Me & Pass the Ace	31 10:00am Chair Exercise 4:00pm Easy Aerobics 6:30pm Pinochle	1 9:00am Fitness Class - Carolyn Brown