



# Holly Jolly everyone!

## South Venice Beach Wave

**DECEMBER 2020**

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HERE COMES 2021!

### *It's time to renew your SVCA membership!*

What a year it's been – with it all, it's easy to forget that the Civic Association had to shut down in March, cancelling nearly a year's worth of events and meetings. And we had some great stuff lined up!

Throughout this time, the Board has been meeting and handling the challenges such a year presented. For instance, our regular revenues took a hit as rental income almost dried up. Then - after the big yard sale in February, all fund-raising events stopped as well. But thanks to solid membership income and good planning in recent years, we were able to manage the shortfalls.

**We emailed all this to you last week, so if you've already renewed, thanks! If not, you can do it now online at [Southvenicebeach.org](http://Southvenicebeach.org), in person or by phone to the office, or just fill in and mail your renewal form (it's on page 5 of this issue).**

In January, we opened a 2020 Golf Cart Raffle to raise funds. Early ticket sales were very encouraging as we sold tickets at our events and at other local events like the Farmer's Market. Then came Covid. No more public opportunities for raffle ticket sales.

We're grateful that you – our members – have continued to support the project and continued to buy tickets. Thank you. While we'll not reach the projected heights, we can still count this as a success—and will do it again!

All of that is why it's more important this year than ever that you continue to support your Civic Association. Membership fees are still only \$60 for a family.

We'll get through all this together and sometime next year, when it's over, let's have a big big party. Let's have the biggest party SVCA has ever had.

But first, please renew your membership for 2021. We're a community – let's stay strong together. SVCA has been here for you for over 65 years. We should all be proud of that. And thank you for your support!

FROM DUKE DOOGUE

### *Message from the President*

I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving break and had much to be thankful for in the past year. 2020 will go down, for all of us, as an amazing and unique year, in which the whole world, experienced the impact of a pandemic, that we seemed, to be totally unable, to stop or control in any way. Sadly, hundreds of thousands

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### **Christmas Shopping at SVCA!**

## **December 12**

9:00am to 2:00pm

**JEWELRY SALE** By ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SVCA

*Jewelry to the Rescue*

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Jewelry to the Rescue is a non-profit and has done this event for dozens of area organizations to help them raise money. This is all at no cost to SVCA and proceeds of all jewelry sales

come to us! Visit them at [jewelrytotherescue.org](http://jewelrytotherescue.org)



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### *Masks Work!*

I am writing in response to Daniel J. Gauthier III's letter to the editor of the South Venice Beach Wave that appeared in the November 2020 edition. He said that he is "following the science and the science says masks do not work", therefore he does not wear a mask. I don't know where he gets his information, but all scientific studies show that MASKS DO WORK in protecting us from airborne particles such as those associated with Covid19.

Multi-layer cloth masks can block up to 50-70% of fine droplets and particles as shown in controlled studies ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)). An N95 mask filters out 90-05% of airborne particles. See [www.nature.com](http://www.nature.com).

Models predict that increasing U.S. mask use to 95% could save nearly 100,000 lives in the period of 9/23/20 – 01/01/21 (95% usage is actual in Singapore).

See [www.go.nature.com/30n6kxv](http://www.go.nature.com/30n6kxv), also [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com) and "The Forgotten Science Behind Face Masks" by Brenda Goodman, MA.

**Pat Wellington, SVCA member**

**We'd love to hear from you!**

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*Names may be withheld upon request but all letters are  
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# President's Message *Continued*



of people lost their lives, and we must always remember them.

Thanks to my science, and considerable pressure from governments and citizens around the world, we now seem to have at least three viable vaccine options, and so we can see light at the end of what was a dark and very long tunnel.

2021, should be a year of great renewal.

We will have a new Pres. in the Oval Office, and a new administration, who will bring in new energy and new initiatives, to help guide and develop our country. This new energy, will reflect itself, in terms of initiatives, policies, and plans designed to re-employ over 30 million Americans, who lost their jobs during the covered pandemic, and also to pour money into the economy, in terms of assisting people who lost their jobs, and in stimulating small business, which after all is the majority of businesses in the United States, and to so get our people and our economy moving again.

Increased spending, particularly in the right areas, will result in tremendous new opportunities, for employment, for career growth, and for personal rebuilding of resources devastated by the pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us, how quickly we as human beings, are capable of adapting, to new technologies such as the Zoom platform

for communicating both locally and internationally. Most interestingly, it also taught us, how important it is for all of us, as social animals, to reach out to and communicate with, friends, family, business associates, and yes even strangers. I trust, that as we receive the vaccines, we continue to reach out to those, who may not be able to join us in social events. The pandemic saw a rise in the number of people experiencing isolation and loneliness, and a lack of purpose in their lives, sadly a large increase in the number of suicides. The zoom technology enables us to reach out, and communicate, and share with many of these isolated individuals, and help them enjoy their lives more fully. We should continue to reach out to those who may be isolated and lonely.

A new phrase entered our vocabularies in 2020, and that was the phrase "food insecurity", which simply means not having sufficient food now, for ourselves or for our families, into the future to be able to support one's family, because of the loss of a job, or burning through resources, and then being unable to replace savings, as these people do not have a job, or their hours have been severely cut back.

Please remember these people and reach out if you can and have excess resources, to share some resources for those who do not have, in our society. That need is vast and continues to grow. Please help, charities, food pantries, and those who are experiencing food insecurity.

In 2021, let us also continue to focus on other ways to reduce our pollution of our waters. Every day, you can read reports, about the oceans of the world, becoming dumps for plastic and garbage that societies around the world have produced in abun-

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## Interested? TIME IS RUNNING OUT

### *SVCA Board preparing to fill seat on Beach Trust*

The South Venice Beach Endowment Trust was created in 2000 by the South Venice Civic Association. It consists of five Trustees who each serve 5-year terms, with one term expiring each year - Bob Pietras term ends this year and he will be missed.

The SVCA Board of Directors is responsible for appointing the new Trustee each year, as outlined in the Trust Agreement. That decision is made in December. **If you are interested in being considered for this year's open position, please do so quickly and no later than December 6.** Contact the office or any SVCA Board member.

According to the Trust Agreement, in addition to being South Venice property owners, Trustees "must be of high moral character, have an established working or relational affiliation with the Community as determined by the Directors of the SVCA and be eligible and qualified to hold membership in the SVCA with all associated rights and privileges."

Put more simply, the SVCA and Trust are looking for people who are invested in the community as a whole and are committed to working together to preserve the assets and institutions of South Venice.

**Most indoor meetings and events at the Civic Association are on hold for now. We'll keep in touch by email as circumstances change.**

### Meanwhile, let us all:

WEAR OUR MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCE,  
STAY SAFE, AND BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

**BOTH THE SVCA AND TRUST OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO WALK IN TRAFFIC AT PRESENT.**

You can still contact us by email to [info@southvenicebeach.org](mailto:info@southvenicebeach.org) or by phone to 941-493-0006

## **SVCA's MISSION**

*To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, conditions and quality of life.  
To bring South Venice together to promote the civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests of South Venice*

# Captain's Corner:

By CAPTAIN RANDALL PATTERSON



Veteran's Day this year was quite exciting at the ferry house. Wednesday, November 11, 2020 saw Tropical Storm Eta pass by our shores before making landfall just south of Cedar Key. With 50 to 70 mile per hour winds and significant storm surge, we were quite concerned for the safety of the ferry.

Eta was a hurricane for a short while, but began to weaken on Tuesday, the 10th. Then on Wednesday morning, the National Weather Service issued a storm surge warning that sounded quite ominous. Unfortunately, the winds in Lemon Bay were already 35 miles per hour and gusting to 50, so trying to move the ferry by putting it on the trailer was too dangerous. The only thing we could do was secure it in the ferry house and hope for the best.

At 8:30 am we put spring lines on to keep the ferry from floating away should the storm surge lift it out of the slings we use to raise the boat each night. High tide was around 10 am, so I felt that would be sufficient. Jason Edwards, Sandy McHenry, and Bob Pietras kept an eye on things, and when they reported that the water was still rising in

the early afternoon, I made another trip down to the ferry house to secure things further with lines I brought from home. By the time I arrived, standing water on Lemon Bay Drive north of the property was up to the chassis of my Jeep. This time I lowered the bimini on the ferry, put fenders all the way around, and put additional lines on all four corners. With the bimini down, that would allow the boat to rise higher to the ceiling before any damage would occur. We clocked gusts of 70 miles per hour on the weather station at the ferry house.

Bob and Jason reported that the water continued to rise throughout the afternoon and evening. The water got all the way across Lemon Bay Drive. Fortunately, the ferry house sits higher than the surrounding property, so while some water splashed in, the building was not flooded. By 1:30 in the morning on Thursday, Bob reported that the water had receded. I got to the boat by 6:00 am, removed all the lines and fenders, and took Sandy over to the beach to survey the damage. And, amazingly, the ferry opened on time.

Damage at the beach included significant dune erosion and a bent up handrail on the stairs to the beach...apparently from something (a tree, maybe) crashing into it. There was also a lot of debris and trash washed up in the parking lot. Thanks to Kathy and Bob Zehr for picking up all the garbage and recyclables.



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Chuck invested in premium hearing aids, and we adjusted his settings to offer him the best experience possible. In a variety of environments his hearing aids show off all the bells and whistles.. Only Chuck never notices the bells and whistles, they are his silent heroes.

Premium hearing aids can adjust to his preferences based on the sound quality of the room. These hearing aids detect whether the room is open with a lot of background sounds or closed-in with softer sounds. When Chuck walks from his bedroom, through the hallway and into his great room, his hearing aids adjusted three times without him having to touch a button.

Over the holidays Chuck had some friends down to visit. Chuck noticed that John wasn't hearing well in the great room with everyone in it. They got talking about hearing aids and John was wearing the same brand as Chuck.

Chuck called me and talked to me about John's struggle. I had room in my calendar, so they came in, and I read out the program on John's hearing aids. Not only did they have the same brand, they had the same model. When I read out the program, I noticed that John's settings were not taking advantage of all the bells and whistles available for these premium hearing aids.

Since John was visiting for two weeks, we had time to adjust his program and John could go out and try the new settings while eating out or visiting with a group of friends.

Now both Chuck and John can take advantage of all the bells and whistles available in their hearing aids.

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**Saturday, January 30 - 9:00am**

### Grove Workday at Siesta Creek

Meet at corner of Seminole and Quincy. Workers are encouraged to bring yard tools and gloves. Face masks please. Trash bags will be provided.

### Trash Buddies!

**Saturday, January 16 - 9:00am**

### Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

Meet at Parking lot by tennis courts in Shamrock Park

**Saturday, February 20 - 9:00am**

### Seminole Drive

We meet at corner of Quincy and Burke

**Saturday, March 20 - 9:00am**

### Alligator Drive Clean-Up

We meet in the SVCA parking lot.

### Community Emergency Response Team

CERT Team as of now is not yet meeting but we have now got three enthusiastic volunteers and discussions are underway with other local groups for cooperative ventures with South Venice CERT.



**SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB**

*Clippings*

FROM RHONDA TIPPET

While not meeting yet, we continue to stay in touch with a newsletter. This month's newsletter featured a member interview with photos and illustrations of her garden and pond that were beautiful. One of our originally scheduled speakers gave us a YouTube link to her presentation on butterfly plants and a .pdf to the plants she mentioned in her talk. Numerous gardening and county links were included in the newsletter along with Everglades tomato plants being given away for free. SVGC contacts are [yvonneshirley@yahoo.com](mailto:yvonneshirley@yahoo.com) or [rhondat@mac.com](mailto:rhondat@mac.com)

## *President's Message* Continued

dance, and then dispose of by throwing them into waters, which then deposit into the oceans.

Scientists are already finding plastics in the flesh of fish, and those plastics will enter our bodies as we consume the fish. We need drastic attention and quick, immediate action to that area, as there is no way we can replace the bounty of the oceans, as a source of food, even by trying to use fish farms. We must simply focus on recycling plastics and other trash, before they ever get into our waters, and then into our oceans.

2021, will be a year of new opportunities, which we should look forward to, as people are reemployed, and again begin to earn decent incomes, to be able to support themselves and their families.

We, at the SVCA, are excited, as we approach 2021, and for the opportunity once again, once we have all attained a herd immunity, to be able to welcome our members back to the SVCA, for functions, and events that we would like to produce, as well as bringing you interesting programs such as our educated consumer series, fun events such as our Fourth of July barbecue with Bandanna, our New Year's Eve party ,events such as our business Expo, our art and craft sales, and are very popular giant yard sale and events aimed at attracting and catering to our youngest members, such as breakfast with the bunny, and the popular breakfast with Santa.

We are continuing, to improve our hall, and to ensure that we maintain it in very good condition, for you to be able to have your own celebrations, and parties there, as well as to attend events we would like to present.

On behalf of the SVCA we wish you a very healthy, happy, peaceful, and prosperous 2021 and we thank you for your continued support! Make it a great 2021!!

### CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

## *Ferry House Bricks make a great gift*

FROM PHYLLIS BURELLE

Hey all, need that unique and special gift for that hard to buy person? Consider purchasing one of the bricks at the ferry house and we will have it engraved. Choose that special someone's name, a favorite pet, or put your creative juices to work.

All proceeds are used for repairs and maintenance on the ferry, the ferry house, and the boardwalk. It's a win win...you give a unique gift and help your community at the same time.

There are application forms inside the ferry house with instructions. Or just contact Karen in the Trust office at [karen@southvenicebeach.org](mailto:karen@southvenicebeach.org).

**For 65 years, the SVCA has been here for South Venice, for YOU!**

**MEMBERSHIP MAKES US STRONG**

**MEMBERSHIP MAKES US A COMMUNITY**

Reach out to your neighbors— invite them to join

When we're strong, we are heard at the County on civic and service issues that affect South Venice— like tree trimming, ditch mowing, code enforcement, mosquito spraying, drain maintenance, zoning, permitting, water and sewer.

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We encourage you to follow the same guidelines located at [coronavirus.gov](http://coronavirus.gov).

The phrase “We’re all in this together” is more meaningful now more than ever.

### What are we doing?

We are still providing a **FREE newsletter to your community**.

This newsletter is FREE to your community because we partner with local and regional businesses to advertise their products and services in this newsletter.

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- Who provides other services for your? insurance, doctors, travel, etc.
- Any other businesses your patronize?

Let us know and we'd love to reach out to them.

Be patient and kind with each other, especially now. Reach out to friends and neighbors who may need help.



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1340 CUMBERLAND RD	768	2	1	1979	None	1	26	\$149,900	\$149,900
3838 TARPON RD	1,349	2	2	1973	None	2	2	\$160,000	\$150,000
4201 BLOSSOM RD	816	2	1	1959	None		6	\$159,900	\$159,900
275 CORAL RD	1,102	2	1	1972	None	1	3	\$167,000	\$167,000
331 BAHAMA RD	988	3	2	1986	None	1	2	\$169,900	\$170,000
4124 HIBISCUS RD	1,677	2	2	1990	None	2	0	\$200,000	\$175,000
5275 MIAMI RD	1,364	2	1	1971	None		56	\$188,900	\$175,000
1012 PALMETTO DR	1,100	2	1	1971	None		133	\$179,900	\$176,000
1240 ACADIA RD	1,101	2	2	1973	None	1	37	\$189,900	\$179,000
431 CRANE RD	1,247	2	2	1978	None	1	6	\$179,900	\$181,000
774 EVEREST RD	1,208	2	2	1980	None	1	1	\$199,900	\$194,000
4437 CRYSTAL RD	1,456	3	2	1971	None		14	\$199,000	\$194,000
1350 SOUTHLAND RD	1,310	2	2	1991	None	2	46	\$229,000	\$214,000
714 TREASURE RD	1,060	2	2	1964	None		114	\$219,900	\$215,000
872 DUQUESNE RD	1,756	3	2	1979	None	2	142	\$224,900	\$218,000
230 ALTAIR RD	1,752	2	2	1975	None	1	13	\$217,500	\$220,000
3132 LOBELIA RD	1,618	2	2	1989	Private	2	61	\$234,000	\$228,000
4932 POMPANO RD	1,343	2	2	1985	None	2	91	\$229,900	\$229,900
333 NIGHTINGALE RD	1,500	3	2	2019	None	1	153	\$239,000	\$235,000
541 CARMEL RD	1,535	2	2	1981	None	2	1	\$239,900	\$239,900
3051 SHAMROCK DR	1,593	2	2	2003	None	2	36	\$249,000	\$242,000
4471 POMPANO RD	1,650	3	2	1972	Private	1	5	\$249,000	\$243,000
1220 ACADIA RD	2,001	3	2	2004	Community	2	6	\$265,000	\$245,000
4731 EGRET RD	1,471	2	2	1980	Private	2	0	\$259,900	\$250,000
415 E BAFFIN	1,668	3	2	2001	None	2	47	\$258,500	\$250,000
3097 CONCORD RD	1,610	3	2	1982	None	2	319	\$257,500	\$250,000
1082 LINDEN RD	1,367	3	2	1988	Private	2	2	\$279,000	\$264,000
2511 FIESTA DR	1,884	3	2	2002	None	2	33	\$279,000	\$269,000
171 MANESS RD	1,746	3	2	1960	None	1	77	\$299,000	\$281,000
223 BOWDOIN RD	1,720	2	2	1981	Private	2	23	\$289,000	\$289,000
944 CITRUS RD	1,714	4	2	1998	Private	2	5	\$310,000	\$300,000
116 ARGUS RD	1,658	3	2	2017	None	2	82	\$314,800	\$300,000
2581 SHAMROCK DR	1,708	3	2	2019	None	2	61	\$320,000	\$309,000
4437 MERIDIAN RD	1,700	3	2	2018	None	2	259	\$315,000	\$310,000
4447 MERIDIAN RD	1,700	3	2	2018	None	2	381	\$299,999	\$310,000
140 TEMPLE RD	1,658	3	2	2019	None	2	13	\$315,000	\$311,000
3181 FALLOW RD	2,061	4	2	1999	Private	4	2	\$324,900	\$324,900
4656 POMPANO RD	1,870	3	2	2016	Private	2	5	\$349,900	\$345,000
1775 SCENIC DR	2,784	3	3	1999	None	3	6	\$475,000	\$435,000

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# State of the Market

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There were 25 SALES in the last thirty day period. The highest sale was a large home on a 12K square foot lot that had been renovated and it sold for \$370,000.. without a pool. The average "sold price per square foot" was \$175.62, up a little bit and again very good. The average sale price this period was \$239,216. Also, the Average Days On Market was only 41, which is all really good news for homeowners of South Venice Beach! Inventory Continues to be Shockingly low with even less this period, only 42 Active listings at the time of this article (Nov 17th) compared to the May report which had 94 Active listings! Lastly, 68 homes are currently Under Contract at the time of this article a very large number of homes waiting to close! My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold fifteen homes in South Venice this year. It is a very hot market right now and clearly a Seller's Market! If you are thinking of selling or buying Please call for a confidential free market analysis!

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