



# South Venice Beach Wave

FEBRUARY 2020

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## CALENDAR

### Pancake Breakfast



**FEBRUARY 8**

8am to 10am  
Adults \$7 Under 12 \$4  
Toddlers free

### FEBRUARY PUBLIC MEETING

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:00pm**

In South Venice, we've all got wells and septic. We have a program to learn about them.

**Stay for coffee and desserts!**

### FEBRUARY 29

SVCA's Annual Community

### YARD SALE



This is the big one—biggest fund raiser of the year. But better come early—last year, they lined up outside the building at 7:30am

### Committees and Clubs

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, FEBRUARY 10 at 4:00pm

#### BEACH TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 19 at 7:00pm

#### SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 11 4:00pm

#### SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Monday, FEBRUARY 17 at 1:00pm

## Suddenly, South Venice Lucky's Market opening is cancelled

To everyone's great disappointment, the long-anticipated opening of a Lucky's Market at the site of the former K-Mart at Shamrock and US41 is expected to close before it even opens. Construction was near completion, but the company announced last week that they are closing their Florida stores. The one in Sarasota is closing February 12, so things are moving fast.



Lucky's Market signs are remain up — but construction appears to have stopped. (Aldi's may take the space)

The store was to be part of the ongoing renewal of Jacaranda Plaza by Benderson Development, who acquired it a few years ago. Marshalls opened in the fall; Lucky's was to be the next 'name' tenant. Benderson is a well-established and successful development company and we hope that they see the value of bringing another grocery retailer to that location. Certainly that's the hope expressed by commenters on nextdoor.com and on SVCA's Facebook page.

## Dumpster Day February 8

On Saturday, February 8 from 8:00am to noon, the County will once again station dumpsters in South Venice. They'll be located at the Civic Association parking lot and at the Beach Ferry Field. You can bring large discarded household items,



yard waste, tree trimmings.

Note that appliances and tires will only be accept-

ed at the Civic Association location, not at the Ferry. Also, no hazardous materials, TVs, computers or other electronics will be accepted at either location.

### SVCA's MISSION:

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# South Venice Civic Association

*The heart of South Venice  
since 1955*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family; the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played *Amazing Grace* like I've never played before and, as I played, the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years." - **Anonymous** (or perhaps lifted from Facebook?)



*Got something to say?*

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

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FROM CHUCK BAUMAN

# *An update on the building and grounds*



Now that “Season” is in full swing, we find ourselves rekindling old friendships and making new friends along the way. This certainly was the case this past month as we at the Civic Center worked diligently to plan, prepare and orchestrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year’s Eve party. It was wonderful to see folks participating in our community’s final event for 2019. Now we must regroup, set our sights for the new year and decade ahead, and work together to make this upcoming year even better than last.

### *Chuck checked a few things off the list in the last month:*

- He installed a new wireless router to remedy ongoing issues with internet access for the office and the public.
- He procured the new projector and screen for future speakers and other events. The Board approved the expenditure of a state of the art system (which, for electronics, changes weekly!)

In our efforts to improve your Civic Center, the Board has developed a long-term capital improvements list that we desperately need your help with, financially, physically and expertly. We all know of someone that would be invaluable in helping the Civic Association attain our goals through either their hands-on assistance, knowledge and expertise or financial support. So, as the grounds and building manager I am reaching out to our community

and asking for your assistance.

Over the next three to five years the civic center will need a new septic system, an entirely revamped electrical system, kitchen updates, hurricane window installation, complete restroom remodeling, tennis court repurposing, landscaping revisions and lighting modifications. As you may have noticed, over the past year your Board has made a concerted effort to market our hall as a venue for meetings, EXPOs, wedding receptions, family parties and community get togethers. We realize that, to encourage membership as well as ownership of our Community Center, we must constantly update and make improvements to the facility. With that foremost in mind, I’m happy to be able to tell you that any money we earn over expenses at events like New Years or EXPO goes right back into the building. Our most recent update is the purchase of a projector for use by speakers during our general meetings. Keep an eye out for more improvements and if you have any suggestions, please let one of your board members know.

### BOARD ACTION

## *Cheryl Cooper named to Beach Endowment Trust*

As we have for the 20 years since the SVCA established the Beach Endowment Trust, the Board has made an appointment to the Trust. Terms are five years and every year, one Trustee has to step down.

We held extensive interviews with three candidates—all accomplished and well qualified, so it was not an easy decision, but we’re pleased with the appointment of Cheryl



## 2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8	Pancake Breakfast	JULY 4	2nd Annual BBQ with Bandana
FEBRUARY 17	Public Meeting	AUGUST tba	MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT
FEBRUARY 29	Annual Community Yard Sale	SEPTEMBER 21	Public Meeting
MARCH 7	SVCA Day at the Ferry Field	OCTOBER 10	Pancake Breakfast/First Responders
MARCH 14	Pancake Breakfast	OCTOBER 19	Public Meeting
MARCH tba	Plant/Rummage/Bake Sale	NOVEMBER 14	Pancake Breakfast
MARCH 16	Public Meeting	NOVEMBER 16	Public Meeting
APRIL 11	Pancake Breakfast with the Bunny	DECEMBER tba	Annual Arts & Crafts Show
APRIL 20	Public Meeting and Volunteer Recognition event	DECEMBER 21	Public Meeting
MAY 18	Public Meeting	DECEMBER 12	Breakfast with Santa
		DECEMBER 31	New Year’s Eve Gala

Cooper and think she is going to be a terrific asset to the Trust. Cheryl is an attorney and practiced in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She and her husband Joseph Lewis are new to South Venice; they moved here from Philadelphia a year ago. They have three grown children – and four dogs – between them. They did extensive research prior to purchasing their home, and loved the whole South Venice vibe... no structured HOA, the beautiful private beach, the beautiful waters of the Gulf, and the numerous bicycle trails in the area.

Cheryl says "I'm pleased to be appointed to the Trust as I feel that the biggest asset our South Venice community has is the deeded beach. I am looking forward to attending SVCA community meetings and events and to keep doing all that we can to preserve, and maybe improve the private beach the original South Venice Residents fought to provide for our neighborhood in perpetuity."

**FROM GAIL PARKER**

***What we're reading***



The book club will meet February 11 at 4:00pm at the community center. Our book for discussion this month is *Dead Wake* by Erik Larsen. It is non-fiction and not a new title so should be available at the library without too long a wait, or probably at Amazon pretty cheap. It is fairly long, however, so I would recommend starting soon. We will be choosing our next two books at

the February meeting. Bring any and all suggestions. As always, new folks are most welcome to join us.

**FROM DUKE DOOGUE**

***President's Message***



I hope you are well and want to report some very positive news at SVCA.

On January 10, the board had a special 2020 Board Planning meeting. While, it went for three-and-a-half-hours(!), it was worth it and very productive.


We agreed to do another New Year's Eve party this year; turnout and feedback from last month's event were excellent.

We'll be exploring more evening parties—dance type parties. Stay tuned for more information.

Our "Preferred Vendor Program" has received a very enthusiastic response from those who also exhibited at this month's EXPO, so we will roll that out in the next month.

Speaking of EXPO, it continues to grow and when I canvassed the exhibitors, they all expressed satisfaction at the amount and type of business opportunities they generated. David Everingham of Mirasol Solar told me that he generated more business opportunities than he did at a two-day even at the Robarts Arena the previous weekend.

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All exhibitors confirmed that will be back for EXPO 2021, now scheduled for January 30, 2021.

Volunteers are the heart of the SVCA so we're holding a special volunteer recognition evening on April 20 to correspond with National Volunteer week. And we'll be honoring our local First Responders by inviting them to a special Pancake Breakfast this fall on October 10.

Our "Educated Homeowner Series" is proving to be very well received; next up at the February 17 meeting will be a presentation on "Well, Septic and Plumbing Upkeep" - a perennial favorite topic here in South Venice. Come by and ask questions of the pros—and stay for dessert and coffee!

Remember that our Golf Cart Raffle continues; 48 of the available 250 tickets have been sold so far. A raffle ticket would make a great gift for birthdays, graduations, retirement, housewarming or any special event. Even as a "just because" gift. Tickets are \$50 at the SVCA office or at any SVCA event.

As always, please contact me with any comments, questions and suggestion. You'll find my contact information on page 2 with the rest of the board's info.

FROM SANDY McHENRY

## *Beach Trust News*

At our January meeting, we elected officers and welcomed our new Trustee, Cheryl Cooper, in absentia. Serving as officers this year: Sandra McHenry, Chair; Steve Suau, Vice Chair; and Bob Pietras, Treasurer. Our fifth Trustee is John Bridinger who can often be seen addressing issues on our property "on the mainland".

Kudos to Martha Nielsen for her 5 years of service on the Trust, her years as chair and her work addressing beach erosion. Due to her expertise and previous interfacing with ESA - Environmental Science Associates - on the Beach Preservation Project, Martha is going to chair a newly formed Beach Preservation Committee. Steve Suau is the Trust Liaison. If you have expertise in this area or if it is simply a passion, please contact the Trust Office for consideration for an appointment to this vital committee. Our recent beach survey revealed that there is less than 25 feet of dune remaining and that we have lost between 125-175 feet of beach width since 1974! Paperwork has been submitted to the FDEP to declare our beach as critically eroded. This status will assist with State monies for matching funds. The Trust is also sponsoring Steve Suau to attend a three-day conference exploring Beach Preservation Technology.



Thanks to Barbara Searight, visiting sister of Board member Dianna Brannan. Barbara won the 50-50 at January's meeting and handed it right back to Nancy Doogue as a donation to the SVCA.

# 2020 FUNDRAISER

## You can win a new 4-seater Golf Cart!

**Raffle tickets are \$50**

**Only 250 will  
be sold!**

**Drawing will be when all tickets are  
sold (hurry up!) or at our July 4  
BBQ Bash with Bandana, whichever  
comes first.**



Purchase tickets at all SVCA vents, at the SVCA office or  
**941-493-0006 or [info@southvenicebeach.org](mailto:info@southvenicebeach.org)**

## *South Venice Garden Club installs 2020 Officers*



The **South Venice Garden Club** had their installation of new board members for the coming year at their December meeting. Here, from left to right: Jean Goodrich-outgoing President, Yvonne Schuler-President, Ann Olson-First Vice President, Diane Clark-Media Representative, Rhonda Tippett-Secretary, Karen Paulsen for Bruce Paulsen (not pictured)-Treasurer, Suellyn Norton-Parliamentarian, and Linda Cullinane-Second Vice President. The club met January 20th at the SVCA building with fun discussion of our gardening successes and failures. We also shared Florida gardening tips and enjoyed refreshments. Everyone interested in gardening is welcome to attend our next meeting on be February 17 at 1:00pm.

### **IT'S COMING—Saturday, FEBRUARY 29!**

**THIS IS THE BIG ONE! IT'S WHEN WE MAKE ALL THAT \$\$\$**

**OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUND RAISER EVERY YEAR**



Your donations are what always make this such a successful event for us. And we're grateful for your amazing generosity already— so generous, we're almost out of storage space.

For that reason, it would help greatly if you could hold on to your donations until the week of the sale. We'll be at the center on Thursday and Friday, February 27 and 28 to accept donations and to set up and someone will be there to help you unload.

If you can't wait till then, you an drop off at SVCA during office hours.

If you need a hand with large items, contact Linda in the office at 941-493-0006.

**Interested in helping? Gail Parker, as always, is organizing this**

**You can call or text her at 517-712-9789 if you have a few hours.**



**Call me!**

If she has enough volunteers no one will have a shift longer than three hours (unless they want one!). She'll start scheduling workers next week and needs volunteers on Thursday and Friday, February 27 and 28, to set up and take down tables, unpack and organize donations, display and price items.

On sale day, Saturday, February 29, she'll need floor people, cashiers, parking lot directors, food sellers, door greeters, baggers, clean-up and take away.

Preserving our beach for future generations is a prime concern and responsibility for the South Venice Beach Endowment Trustees.

The ferry pass sales are almost exactly the same as last year. Despite our eroding beach, South Venice residents and friends are still enjoying the shark teeth, shells, beautiful sunsets and relaxing environment.

FROM MAUREEN HOLLAND

## *How are your social media skills?*

**WANTED: Some Help!!!** As our communication and marketing efforts depend more and more on our online presence, I'm looking for some help. With Linda Fisher in the office, I'm handling things so far, but it needs more oversight, more frequent posting, more engagement and more aggressive use of the marketing tools offered, especially by Facebook. For instance, I recently bought a \$5 ad on Facebook for our EXPO—over five days that ad reached almost 1000 local people beyond our own followers.

So, do you want to apply your social media skills for the SVCA? Maybe help generate content for the website? If you're interested in being my sidekick on this, contact me at [maureenholland@comcast.net](mailto:maureenholland@comcast.net) or 941-408-4065.

**Are you sure you've renewed your membership?**  
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## What I Wish You Knew...

Having worked in this industry for over 20 years, I've seen all too often people who waited to get their hearing checked struggle during conversations. They describe the same pattern, while listening to their friend's story one word sticks out as odd, and they lose track of the rest of the story.

It's always just one word in a story that causes confusion, which results in an interruption since the story doesn't make sense. Needing to ask for help with a misunderstood word gets embarrassing for the listener. Overtime they stop asking for clarity. Then they worry that everyone thinks they are always confused.

Being able to hear a story clearly is what hearing aids should do.

People think wearing a hearing aid is like wearing glasses. When you look at a flower, you see a flower. When you hear a simple noise, like a siren, you hear the sound. However, a better comparison would be listening is like reading, since both involve understanding what is being shared.

Reading is not about looking at words it is about comprehension of words. Reading a story requires you to imagine characters and what they will do. When you get caught up in a story you feel their reactions and hope for their future. You have an emotional response to the characters. You aren't just reading words, you engage in what happens.

Listening to a conversation is not about hearing sounds, it is about the words and their meaning. Listening involves the entire story, including emotions and experiences. You honor your friends by engaging with their stories.

Studies have shown that waiting to address a hearing loss will reduce the words you understand. Every time a word is not understood during a story, you will lose the flow of what is being shared while you try to figure out that one word. Missing out on words during a conversation reduces your ability to connect the words you hear to the full experience of the story.

If you get lost when hearing a story and wonder if you hear well enough, call for a hearing test, 941-244-9300.

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FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

## What's up at the Park

### Demonstration Gardener Tour

First Thursday every month at 9:00am, 18 years old and up, FREE

Come on out and meet our Master Gardeners – and get answers to your landscape and gardening questions! Meet in front of the Nature Center.

### Seasons and Serendipity Stroll

Every second Friday 8:00 to 10:00am FREE

Join master naturalists and Shamrock Park staff as they stroll trails that rely on changing seasons to bring us new flowers, birds' nests, insects and animal activity. Meet in front of the Nature Center. Ages 12 and up.

### Old Growth Forest

Saturday, February 29, 9:00 to 10:00am FREE

Vast swaths of forest from American Chestnut to Long-leaf Pine once covered America east of the Mississippi River, but most today have been felled for lumber or have succumbed to disease. Join master naturalist, Kate Borduas as she explores the history and the efforts to compensate. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

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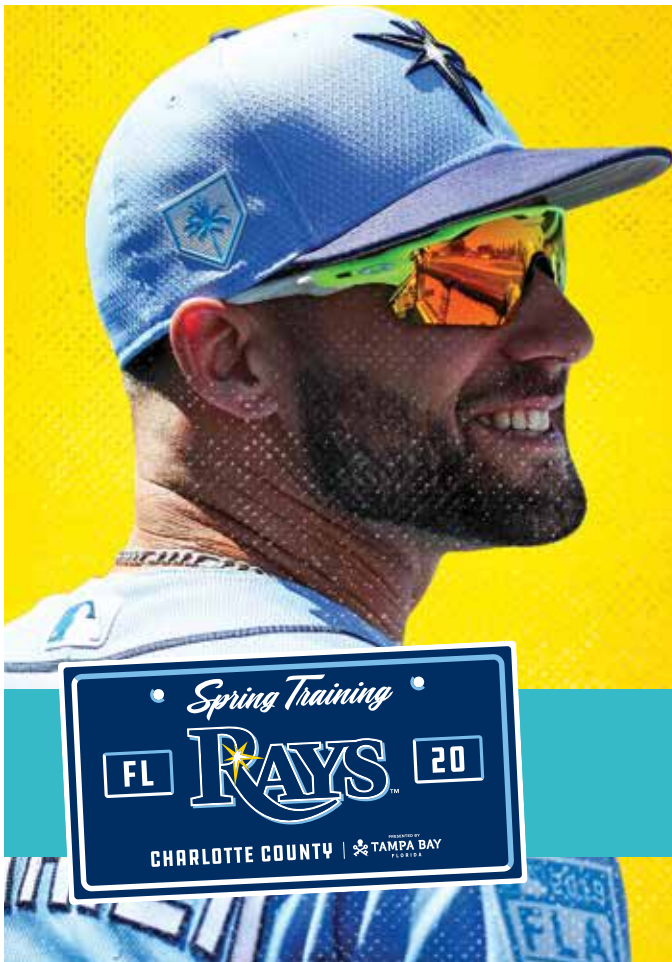
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1 MAR MIN 1:05	2 BAL 1:05	3 ATL 1:05	4 TOR 1:05	5 PIT 1:05	6 MIN 1:05	7 <sup>SS</sup> BAL 1:05
8 PIT 1:05	9 TOR 1:07	10	11 BOS 6:35	12 PHI 1:05	13 BOS 1:05	14 TOR 1:07
15 BAL 1:05	16 ATL 1:05	17	18 PHI 1:05	19 <sup>SS</sup> TOR 1:05	20 WAS 1:05	21 PHI 1:05
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# EXPO 2020!



# BEFORE THE DOORS OPENED!

That's former SVCA President Kelly Ann Ayers in there taking a moment before setting up the Ayers Team booth.

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Saturday, FEBRUARY 15 9:00am**  
**Water Quality Taskforce Workday**  
 Meet at The Grove, corner of Seminole and Quincy

- March 21 Alligator Drive Clean-up
- April 18 Venetian Waterway Clean-up
- May 2 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
- June 6 Alligator Drive Clean-up
- July 18 Venetian Waterway Clean-up
- August 15 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
- Sept 19 Alligator Drive Clean-up
- October 17 Venetian Waterway Clean-up
- November 7 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy

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## Home Sales: DECEMBER 16 to JANUARY 15, 2019

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close
1045 LEMON BAY DR	768	2	1	1957	None		3	\$114,900	\$120,000
2551 YUCCA RD	1,491	3	2	1971	None	1	14	\$120,000	\$131,250
1910 REDFERN RD	1,632	2	2	1971	None		46	\$187,150	\$140,829
2632 OSAGE RD	1,144	3	2	1988	None		6	\$165,000	\$157,500
395 PLANTATION RD	1,338	3	2	1961	None		93	\$164,777	\$162,000
911 NECTAR RD	924	2	1	1985	None	1	7	\$164,900	\$168,500
3024 DOGWOOD RD	1,134	2	2	1978	None	2	39	\$189,900	\$175,000
3440 SHAMROCK	1,241	2	2	1978	None	1	77	\$179,900	\$177,110
1115 GRAHAM RD	1,553	2	2	1959	None	4	0	\$180,000	\$180,000
5831 PHORUS RD	1,039	2	2	1978	None	1	2	\$189,900	\$185,500
930 ROYAL RD	1,574	2	2	1974	None	1	56	\$195,000	\$187,000
5864 MARIGOLD RD	1,429	2	2	1978	None	2	8	\$199,000	\$189,500
1424 OLYMPIA RD	1,302	2	2	1982	None	1	15	\$199,900	\$194,000
2885 ARROWHEAD RD	1,112	2	2	1971	None		40	\$195,000	\$195,000
2175 GENTIAN RD	1,525	3	2	1970	None	2	202	\$209,900	\$195,000
4188 POMPANO RD	1,085	2	2	1976	None		12	\$199,500	\$199,500
3444 PAPAYA RD	1,270	2	2	1979	None	1	0	\$203,000	\$203,000
310 MARQUETTE RD	1,882	3	2	2005	None	2	20	\$198,000	\$205,000
4378 POMPANO RD	1,415	2	2	1957	None		54	\$219,000	\$207,000
5241 ROLLA RD	1,327	3	2	2002	None	2	58	\$217,000	\$212,000
618 E SEMINOLE DR	1,197	3	2	1986	None	2	12	\$230,000	\$215,000
646 GARDEN RD	1,040	2	2	1998	None	2	3	\$215,000	\$216,000
1031 FLAMINGO RD	980	2	2	1997	None	2	57	\$213,900	\$218,000
5050 LUCINE RD	1,108	2	2	1990	None	2	42	\$224,900	\$222,000
5531 VARET RD	1,297	2	2	1987	Private	1	3	\$224,900	\$224,900
595 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,314	2	2	1984	None	2	20	\$232,000	\$232,000
959 CUMBERLAND RD	1,377	2	2	1972	Private	1	7	\$234,500	\$237,000
1170 GRAHAM RD	1,615	4	2	1965	None	1	26	\$249,000	\$239,000
520 RANDOLPH RD	1,408	3	2	1980	None	2	83	\$249,000	\$240,000
900 DARWIN RD	1,348	2	2	1977	Private	2	33	\$255,000	\$245,000
195 TANAGER RD	1,491	4	2	1977	None	1	7	\$245,000	\$245,000
1131 OLYMPIA RD	1,703	3	2	1987	None	2	20	\$250,000	\$247,500
291 CRANE RD	1,619	3	2	2002	None	2	5	\$259,900	\$250,000
2555 YUCCA RD	1,328	2	2	1977	Private		59	\$289,000	\$270,000
280 CARDINAL RD	2,038	3	2	2006	None	2	1	\$289,000	\$281,000
1130 KIMBALL RD	1,697	3	2	2018	None	2	299	\$289,999	\$285,000
1264 KIMBALL RD	2,024	3	2	2001	Private	2	102	\$329,900	\$300,000
3250 SHAMROCK DR	1,730	3	2	2018	None	2	337	\$350,000	\$320,000
2890 TERN RD	3,037	4	2	1978	Private	2	2	\$435,000	\$420,000



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## State of the Market

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There were 39 SALES IN LAST 30 DAY PERIOD, a very high number to kick off the year! The highest sale was for \$420,000 on Tern Road and it was very large four-bedroom built in the 70's on a lake with a pool and on a large lot. Two other homes sold for over 300K. Twenty homes sold in the 200's and sixteen homes closed between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in this period. The average "sold price per square foot" was \$160.76 and the average sale price this period was \$217,746, which are both higher than what we normally see. Also the Average Days On Market was 48...that number is consistent ... and again very good news for homeowners of South Venice Beach!

Inventory is still low with only 75 Active listings at the time of this article, 44 are Under Contract and waiting to close, which is still the normal number of Pending Sales for the neighborhood. So inventory is down and homes are selling fast!

My sister Kathy and I sold four houses in South Venice in January and also four in December. We know the South Venice market well and we know it's a very good time to put your home on the market! If you are thinking of selling or buying please call for a confidential free market analysis!

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