



Happy Valentine's Day!

South Venice Beach Wave

FEBRUARY 2021

The heart of South Venice since 1955

FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



My fellow South Venice residents,
I wanted to just reflect for a moment on the mission of the SVCA, which is 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.

We started our initial planning over one year ago, at a brainstorming session of the Board of Directors, in which we mapped out a program and calendar of events, for each month of the calendar year 2020.

The planning was guided by the concept of **pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps**, which meant that we would seek to plan, and execute, a number of events, designed to help us raise money, whilst reaching out to and bringing the residents of South Venice together. Our fellow

residents have been very generous, in giving donations, and in taking part and being customers for the events that we had planned.

Truly an example of the SVCA and the community working together, to bring us together, and to share civic social intellectual and recreational pursuits.

The board reacted magnificently, assisting with the planning, and in many cases, individual board members took on the responsibility for captaining an event, and seeing it through to a successful, and for the SVCA, a profitable conclusion.

These events brought our residents together and we had a lot of fun, and enjoyed one another's company, and helped to raise money for the SVCA.

Another large focus of our planning was to preserve and improve our largest asset (other than *you*, the people of South Venice) and that was our South Venice Civic Association hall.

The hall is of very solid construction, and has good bones,

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FEBRUARY 20!

9:00am to 2:00pm

*You don't want to miss it.
There will be bargains galore!*

Because of Covid, we ask you wear your masks. The number of people inside the hall at any one time will be limited, and this year, weather permitting, we'll have much of the merchandise outdoors.

NOTE: We're still taking donations. You can drop off during office hours or call Cherry Giovinazzo at 215-872-2943. She can also arrange pick up of large items if you need. (No TVs, stereos or computers please.)

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President's Message *Continued*

so we had to ensure that it was not only maintained. but where possible improved and updated. The hall is our biggest moneymaker, because it allows us to host events, and then to improve our hall further. A good example of this has been, where the board set the objective of upgrading of our electrical system, making our hall more rentable.

We then conducted three events, the first of which was chaired, by Gail Parker, who has chaired the yard sale event, for six years, and who has very kindly given of her time and talent, and produced an outstandingly good yard sale, last February, which was the best yard sale ever, and our largest single revenue generator for the SVCA. Gail earmarked these funds for improving our electrical service at the SVCA.

The second event was the golf cart raffle, which was chaired by Chuck Bauman, and which potentially could have been our biggest revenue earner ever, but for the Covid-19 pandemic, which dramatically impacted the raffle ticket sales. However, it was still a profitable event, and the funds from that were also earmarked for upgrading our electrical system.

The third event, which Gail handed over to Joan aka Cherry to Chair, landed in our laps, as we had received so many donations, that our storage facility was filled to the brim, and we therefore had to conduct a yard sale in November, to free up space, for receiving more donations for our giant yard sale scheduled for February.

The yard sale, thanks to the very generous donations from you, the residents of South Venice, and the great effort and leadership of Cherry, together with our board and other volunteers, resulted again, in a successful fundraising venture. These funds were also earmarked for upgrading of our electrical system.

Walter Ernst, Pastor John Meyer, who has been a great tenant for over 20 years, and I met on Saturday with an electrical contractor for a quote on the upgrading of the electrical system, to serve our needs now and into the foreseeable future.

I wanted to welcome Diane Molesky, our new SVCA Office Manager to our great team!! Welcome Diane!!

In overview, we ended the year at the SVCA in a strong financial position, which Diane Brannon, who is doing a great job as our treasurer, will provide more details. We also improved our hall.

Thank you, to my great Board and especially to you the residents of South Venice, for your generosity and donations, and for your support of the events we conducted in 2020.

You are helping us to help you, and in so doing we are pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps.

Be safe! Be well!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We'd love to hear from you!

SEND LETTERS TO: maureenholland@comcast.net

Names may be withheld upon request but all letters are subject to review.

SVCA Board appoints Chuck Bauman to seat on Beach Trust



In December, the SVCA Board appointed Chuck Bauman to the open seat on the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust. He replaces Bob Pletras, whose five year term expired.

When the SVCA created the Trust in 1999, we set Trustee terms at five years with one Trustee rotating out every year.

And, every year, the Board names a new Trustee to a five year term. (If a Trustee doesn't complete that five year term, the Trust itself appoints someone to finish that term.) Chuck and his wife Nancy became full time South Venice residents just a few years ago and in that time he has dedicated himself to the community. He served on the SVCA Board of Directors, took on oversight of the building maintenance and it was Chuck who launched the Golf Club raffle in 2020.

RIP:

SVCA Board member, Eric Barnes

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of our Board member Eric Barnes, who succumbed to the Covid-19 virus last month. Eric and his wife Judi Light were active SVCA volunteers even before Eric joined the board.

They came here after Eric's lengthy career as an actor, singer, dancer, comedian and production stage manager. During his career, he served on the National Board of the Screen Actors Guild and was also a member of Actors Equity and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

If you attended any of SVCA's meetings or events knew Eric as the guy behind the 50-50 table – a job he took seriously. Eric will be missed – especially when we resume our 50/50 Table, which he manned with great determination.



Today's masked crew was: Laurie Hartman, Gary Bennett, Marla Wilcox, Sarah Calabrese, Bill Brennan, and Blaine Tippett.

JANUARY 16 REPORT

from Trash Buddy, Dianna Brannan

Today Marla Wilcox and her crew met to clean up the Venetian Waterway. These trash buddies braved a windy day to get the job done. Everyone was joking and having a good time before the walk. Sarah Calabrese, trash buddies newest addition, introduced herself with an arm full of empty cans and trash before the adventure began.

On behalf of the Board — and all of us — I would like to thank Marla and her crew for helping the community and environment. Marla goes the extra mile organizing the community improvement projects. Interested? The Trash Buddies could always use another buddy. There are a lot of good reasons to join this team. It's free, it's a way to meet your neighbors, you get to see Florida nature at its best, clean the environment, and best of all you get exercise. Check out future community improvement projects on Page 6 in this issue!

FROM WALT ERNST

Board Nominations open for '21-'22 term

The Nominations Committee is now accepting applicants for positions on the SVCA Board of Directors. Interested parties should be SVCA members and South Venice residents.

They can email me at walterernst4@gmail.com and describe why they are interested and what they think they could contribute to the SVCA and the Board. Those letters will then be reviewed by the Board.

A full slate of proposed directors up for election will be

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Welcome to our newest members!
 Bjorn Velandar
 Deborah & Mike Gerack
 Susan Hill
 Regina & Perry Waldrep

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Board nominations *continued*

published in the March issue of the WAVE.

We're also looking for people to serve on committees in a few specific areas like membership development and building & grounds. Many of you help with these areas already. A committee is a great way to get involved without the responsibility of being on the Board. If you're interested in getting onto a committee, contact the office and we'll get back to you. Or speak to any Board member.

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Most indoor meetings and events at SVCA are on hold for now. We'll keep you updated.

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

Meanwhile, let us all:

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Google Review:  J. Kostbar 1/8/2021

★★★★★ I have now gotten my 3rd pair of hearing aids from Blair Post. I wanted to share a story with you about how well thought of Blair is, literally nationally.

As part of the process of setting up my new hearing aids, Blair had asked me to bring in my Resound streamer boxes and he would link them up. Upon getting home, I was plugging them in and broke a little door piece on the back of one and thus the cord would not stay in the box.

I phoned Resound Customer Service and spoke with an Agent based out of Minnesota. He asked me who sold me my hearing aids.

When I told him Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing he knew right away who Blair was. I asked him how in the heck he could know Blair in our little town of Venice.

He told me that he deals with 3000 plus hearing aid providers on behalf of Resound and that he has had so many calls through the years from patients of Blair who just rave about him.

He told me that he fields so many calls every day, from people that are dissatisfied from their providers. Quite an amazing story, almost unique....so I just wanted to share it.

And PS, I would certainly recommend Blair and Contemporary Hearing to anyone.

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SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings

FROM YVONNE SCHULER

The Garden Club is still in a holding pattern, as our meetings continue to be on hold—thanks to Covid! I expect our members are very busy on their own properties and we all keep in touch planning and sharing information at we look forward to better times!

We are so looking forward to meeting again and re-suming our popular annual plant sale.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



To join one of our teams or just learn more about what we do contact: **Marla Wilcox at**
mswlcx_50@msn.com
303-818-3641

Saturday, March 13 - 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, 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.

Saturday, April 17 - 8:00am

Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

Meet by tennis courts at Shamrock Park

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.

FROM GAIL PARKER

BOOK CLUB:

What we're reading



The Book Club met in person in January for the first time in ten months! We held the meeting outdoors and everyone wore masks.

We chose the books we'll be reading over the next two months. This month, it's *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, which we'll be discussing at the February 22 meeting at 2:00pm — which for now is at my house across the street from the SVCA — still outdoors and masks please! If weather isn't with us, we'll meet at the Community Center, same time.

We've chosen *Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean for discussion at our March meeting. We haven't set the date yet, but I'll let everyone know. If you are interested in joining our group, read our next book and come to our next meeting for some lively discussion. You can also contact me anytime at 941-244-0814.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park

Great news! The popular bike path at the park is scheduled to be re-paved this year. (You may see staff trimming and cutting trees along the path prior to the project.)

Watch for a lot of activity over the next several months to

maintain and promote the County's newly acquired 39-acre parcel located just south of the Park as part of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program. The County will be conducting land management activities on the property including surveying and posting the landward property boundary. This new property will have a cleared fence line established where necessary to allow easy access for County staff and contractors. This cleared fence line will also serve as a fire break between county property and private property. Future land management activities for this property include mowing, removal and herbicide treatment of invasive vegetation, prescribed burning, mulching and maintenance of firebreaks and fence lines.

Seasons and Serendipity Stroll

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

Class size is limited – please register at 941-861-5000 or go online to scgov.net/parks.

The Paw Print Scavenger Hunt

Anytime FREE

Great opportunity to have some fun outside with your kids. You can pick up maps in the Nature Center (open every Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm) and do the hunt at your convenience. The hunt trail is about a mile in length and covers many fun areas of the park.

For questions about the park or the activities, contact me at tjgood@scgov.net or at 941-861-5000.

SVCA member creates magic Christmas village at home



Board member Cherry Giovinazzo brought our attention to something wonderful - the astonishing and extensive Christmas Village created every year by South Venice's Betty Oldstrum. Betty is a major donor to our yard sales; last year she

donated a batch of costumes (which disappeared immediately!)

Cherry and Nancy Doogue went over to see it all before Betty took it down and get some photos. The display is composed of 497 Fontini figurines along with 597 animals. The scene depicts Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth and even features palm trees and lakes. The entire thing is 20 feet long and is lit with hundred of lights and spot lights. Betty says it takes her a month to assemble it every year — now that's dedication!



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We encourage you to follow the same guidelines located at coronavirus.gov.

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

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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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Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
87 OBERLIN RD	816	2	1	1982	None	1	1	\$169,900	\$168,500
3151 SUNSET BEACH DR	966	2	1	1966	None	1	1	\$172,000	\$172,000
607 GARDEN RD	1,756	3	2	1977	None	1	12	\$195,900	\$172,500
451 BEVERLY RD	816	2	1	1962	None	1	2	\$179,900	\$175,000
136 ARGUS RD	816	2	1	1962	None		0	\$179,900	\$179,900
15 TULANE RD	1,164	3	2	1987	None		16	\$189,000	\$185,000
5060 HERON RD	1,202	2	2	1978	None	2	2	\$179,900	\$186,000
1040 ACADIA RD	833	2	2	1985	None	1	2	\$205,000	\$198,000
1260 ACADIA RD	1,178	2	2	1976	None	1	3	\$199,900	\$200,000
555 CONSTANCE RD	1,218	2	2	1975	None	1	26	\$211,900	\$205,000
264 MAGNOLIA RD	1,292	3	2	1971	None		2	\$210,000	\$210,000
431 MARLIN RD	1,207	2	2	1983	None	1	1	\$199,700	\$210,000
1510 NANTUCKET RD	1,003	2	2	1989	None	1	3	\$205,000	\$215,000
4667 BONITA RD	1,528	2	2	1978	None	2	179	\$249,900	\$223,900
1559 JUPITER RD	1,275	3	1	1965	Private	1	0	\$225,000	\$225,000
456 W SEMINOLE DR	1,242	3	2	1980	None	2	27	\$225,000	\$225,000
315 GINGER RD	1,300	3	2	1960	None		24	\$249,900	\$230,000
934 INDUS RD	1,426	3	2	1978	None	1	2	\$225,000	\$232,000
307 BUCKNELL RD	2,009	3	2	1989	None	2	7	\$230,000	\$232,000
508 GARDEN RD	1,165	2	2	1995	None	2	22	\$239,700	\$235,000
385 GARDEN RD	1,301	3	2	1961	None		10	\$239,900	\$235,000
391 CARMEL RD	1,515	3	2	1990	None	1	18	\$239,900	\$237,500
4180 POMPANO RD	985	2	2	1991	None	1	15	\$246,000	\$241,000
156 JASMINE RD	1,100	2	2	1974	Private	1	14	\$250,000	\$245,000
1064 MOHEGAN RD	1,695	2	2	1957	None		8	\$264,000	\$247,500
475 HOBART RD	1,568	2	2	1962	Private		10	\$249,900	\$255,000
2020 REDFERN RD	1,632	3	2	2009	None	2	3	\$264,900	\$260,000
623 CONSTANCE RD	1,441	3	2	1998	None	2	34	\$278,000	\$267,000
273 AURORA RD	1,266	2	2	1982	None	1	3	\$274,365	\$280,000
470 TREASURE RD	1,216	3	2	1973	None	2	6	\$259,900	\$280,000
1562 FUNDY RD	1,848	3	2	1977	None	2	53	\$277,900	\$280,000
872 SENECA RD	1,755	3	2	2003	None	2	3	\$288,500	\$281,575
450 BARD RD	1,450	2	2	1980	Private	2	2	\$285,000	\$285,000
3339 SHAMROCK DR	1,580	3	2	1973	Private	1	1	\$299,000	\$310,000
549 BEVERLY RD	2,169	3	2	2019	None	2	335	\$323,856	\$318,856

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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, water and sewer.

Together, we work to keep South Venice Beach a community to be proud of!



State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

The real estate market is ON FIRE! Thirty five sales in the last thirty day period! A little lower than last period but still very strong! The highest sale was for \$318,856 and it was a new Adams Home with over 2100 square feet, 8000 square foot lot, no pool with an expected completion date of July. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$179.44, up a little bit again and very good. The average sale price this period was \$231,521. Also, the Average Days On Market was only 24! Great news for homeowners of South Venice Beach!

Inventory Continues to be Shockingly low with AGAIN even less homes on the market this period, only 35 Active listings at the time of this article (Jan 19) compared to the report in May there were 94 Active listings! Lastly, 56 homes are currently Under Contract at the time of this article; again 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 last year. It is a Smoking Hot Seller's Market! If you are thinking of selling or buying Please call for a confidential free market analysis!

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



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