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FEBRUARY 2022

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8:00 to 10:00am

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MONDAY, FEB. 7 at 7:00pm
**Environmental
Workshop**

GUEST: Steve Suau
Details on page 3

MONDAY, FEB 21 at 7:00pm
General Meeting
**Speaker: Blair Post on Coping
with Hearing Loss**

Afterward, join us for coffee and desserts

COMING IN MARCH
**AARP Safe
Driving Course**

YARD SALE VOLUNTEERS!

Mark your calendar for a thank you dinner on February 18 at 5:30pm. Cherry will have details later.

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor . . .



Enthusiastic buyers lined up—once again—for our Annual Community Yard Sale.

FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



Saturday, June 22, 2022, dawned as a gray, chilly day with occasional light rain showers. The temperature did not dissuade the crowds that lined up at our door from 7:45 until 9:00am. The first person in line was Wyatt with his white Akita dog KIYO. In discussion, he mentioned that both he and his wife, come to our giant yard sale every year, and they wanted to be sure that they would be the first in line, so they could grab the bargains, as soon the door opened.

KIYO, went to sleep on the front step of the hall, for over an hour. People kept driving in, and lining up with their umbrellas and rain gear, and stood very patiently in the rain for over an hour, waiting for the doors to open.

At one stage, the line stretched from the front of the South Venice Civic Association door right down and along lemon Bay Drive, with cars parked on either side of the road, as well as in our parking lot.

I was amazed, at the support, shown by the homeowners of South Venice, to our South Venice Civic Association Giant Yard Sale!

Our giant yard sale, under the guidance of Joan Giovinazzo, and with the help of Dianna Brannan and a team of volunteers, not only picked

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President's Message *Continued*

up a lot of pieces over the course of the year, but then had to transport and store them, and then once again take them out of storage and bring them to our hall for display on the days before the sale. Joan had organized a large team of volunteers, who worked Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to ensure that everything donated so generously by so many people in South Venice, was unpacked and put on display, and then subsequently each piece was marked with a price tag.

Once the doors opened shortly before 9:00am the crowd of anxious bargain hunters, swept into the building, and within minutes many were standing with their treasures in their hands, lined up to pay at the door prior to exiting and possibly going on to yet other yard sales to look for those elusive treasures.

We had a great team of volunteers, assisting with the parking outside, as well as other duties inside the hall, and those also helping to carry the various items out of the hall and also helping load these items, into people's cars and vans, on their journey to their new homes.

As I always mention, once a few small expenses are deducted from the total amount of revenue earned, the balance will be put into our project fund, where it will be allocated to pay for the next project in line, to help maintain our hall in great condition, so that it can be rented out and generate revenue for the SVCA.

Thank you again to everyone who donated, insuring the success and to our volunteers, who gave so much time and effort, and to those eager buyers, who bought the items that we had for sale. Thank you all for making our giant yard sale such an outstanding success!

**For 67 years, the SVCA has been here for
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SVCA's MISSION

To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, conditions and quality of life.

To bring South Venice together to promote our civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests.

FROM SANDY TULENKO

Round Table Talks back on schedule



We had confidently scheduled the first of our Round Table talks for November but had to cancel due to multiple conflicts. So I'm really glad to announce we're back on track. We'll officially launch this new program on February 7 at 7:00pm as an Environmental Workshop. Joining us will be Steve Suau, familiar to many of you—he's spoken at general meetings a few times over the years and is a former President of the SVCA as well. In fact, it was as a result of his presentation at the October General Meeting that this program was conceived.

Sue Juranek and I will lead the first few meetings and then perhaps others can take over. We will try to meet every month or so. Ten people have signed up already but everyone is welcome

Generally, the idea is to gather people who share interests in various issues to sit together and discuss those issues. Among the topics proposed so far are Veteran's issues, Environmental issues, Homeowners' resources, Senior planning, Health & Wellness. If you'd like to suggest other topics, just let us know through the office.

Welcome Susan Juranek to the SVCA Board



Recently, Susan was appointed by the Board to fulfill John Bowne's term. John was elected in 2021 and it was a loss that he had to step down. However, we are all grateful that he continues to work with the SVCA as a volunteer.

So . . . On to Susan. Here she is, in her own words:

My husband Bill and I bought our South Venice home on Ponderosa Rd. in 2005 and moved here full time in 2011 from Chicago. We both grew up in the Detroit suburbs. In 2010, I retired from AT&T; in my 31 years there, I held many positions - Operator, Service Rep, Technician, Manager with a team of techs, Service Manager and Project Manager. Once here, I held a few jobs more aligned with my personal interests: a passionate gardener, I worked in a plant nursery/garden center and then moved on to a retail position with Venice Olive Oil, a perfect job for this "foodie" who loves to cook. I then got my real estate license and worked for Century 21

on the island for three years. I wrapped up my work life in 2020 working for Sarasota County in the scalehouse at the county landfill.

Also, I have had many volunteer experiences since moving here: I donated my time and skills at Venice Hospital, Venice Wildlife Rescue, Habitat for Humanity, and All Faiths Food Bank. In addition, I joined several local organizations including The Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club, The Bitter Ends (a local women's sailing club), The Mangrove Chapter of the Native Plant Society, and the South Venice Garden Club.

As a lover of nature, I am passionate about the need to improve and protect our environment. For fun, you may find me working in my garden, recharging my spirit at the beach or in my kayak, or pursuing my interest in the creative arts. I love South Venice and the people here and have always supported the SVCA. Now that I have the time - I am excited about giving back to our unique community, with a goal of helping to increase our membership and grow the spirit of community.



NOT ONLY DID THEY LINE UP OUTSIDE for the big Yard Sale, but eager shoppers filled the hall as they searched for treasures. And there were many! Above is Dianna Bran-

nan, unofficial co-chair of the event, with Board member Paul Gilmartin in front of our storage trailer - finally empty after everything had been moved into the hall.



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FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park



Seasons and Serendipity Stroll Second Friday of every month from 9:00 to 11:00am. Ages 12 and up. Free. Meet at Nature Center. 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. For more information and to register, visit scgov.net/parks or 941-861-5000.

Florida Scrub Jay in Peril Two dates available: Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 to 10:00am or Thursday February 24 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. All ages. FREE. Meet in Classroom. Come join master naturalist, Kate Borduas to learn all about the common and not-so-common birds you might encounter in the Sarasota area. Tools to make identification more accurate can be very helpful when encountering the vast majority of birds Florida has to offer.

Reducing Plastics Wednesday, February 16, 3:00 to 4:00pm. All ages. FREE. Meet in Classroom. This is a new, open-discussion class focused on the issue of plastic pollution. Additionally, the course will discuss recycling with waste reduction, composting and other topics. This course is aimed toward individuals passionate about protecting the environment and who are willing to make our community healthier.

Register early through ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com to reserve a seat and receive notice of any changes.

Let's Make Some Black Gold Wednesday, March 2, 9:30 to 10:30am. All ages. FREE. Meet in Classroom. Join us to see what UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County is doing around the region with composting, waste reduction and recycling. This 60-minute workshop blends indoor lessons with outdoor, hands-on activities.

Register early through ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com to reserve a seat and receive notice of any changes.

Deck Renovation Update: We're open!

After months of renovation work and unfortunate inconveniences for our visitors, I'm thrilled to tell you that the project is finished and the deck and restrooms have been reopened. The Nature Center is still open—Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Volunteers are a big part of Park operations—if you're interested, email me at tjgood@scgov.net



SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings



FROM DIANE CLARK

At our January Garden Club meeting we learned some AMAZING facts about our local butterflies from Antonio Gasparoni, the butterfly house keeper at Historic Spanish Point/Osprey.

FACT #1 : Butterflies are an "INDICATOR SPECIES" (they indicate if a healthy environment is present). So to promote reproduction and thus our environment, he gave us these tips:

Provide flowering plants to attract them (they see red ,yellow and white best)

Put out pieces of oranges and watermelon (placed off the ground so ants don't swarm & kill them)

Create water puddles in low areas or in shallow saucers (the water provides extra minerals and nutrients).

FACT #2 : While in the pupae/chrysalis/cocoon stage, the caterpillar becomes a soupy liquid and then a butterfly! This is the Holometabolic stage (meaning complete change) and during this stage the IMAGINAL DISCS /CELLS form specific parts of the butterfly! Sounds like a science fiction movie to me!

FACT #3 : In the ADULT stage they have very short lifespans— many only 2 weeks. However, our Florida State butterfly, the Zibra Longwing, lives the longest at three to four months.

FACT #4 : They fly better on warm days, with 86 degrees being the best temperature.

Antonio is so knowledgeable and passionate about butterflies! Visit Spanish Point and learn more!

Our next meeting is February 21 at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome, so if you LOVE plants, come join us!

Our \$1 Plant Raffle was popular—the lucky winners here picking up their prizes!



2022 Schedule of Community Improvement Projects

To join one of our teams or learn more about what we do contact:

Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641 or Marlawilcox63@gmail.com

Alligator Drive Clean-Up

(meet at SVCA parking lot)

Saturday, March 12 - 9:00am

Saturday, June 11 - 8:00am

Saturday, September 10 - 8:00am

Saturday, December 10 - 9:00am

Seminole Drive Clean-Up

(meet at Quincy and Burke)

Saturday, February 12 - 9:00am

Saturday, May 14 - 8:00am

Saturday, August 13 - 8:00am

Saturday, November 12 - 9:00am

Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

(meet by tennis courts at Shamrock Park)

Saturday, April 9 - 8:00am

Saturday, July 9 - 8:00am

Saturday, October 8 - 9:00am

CERT: Community Emergency

Response Team

Fourth Thursday - 6:00pm

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

Grove/Seminole Cleanup

(Meet at Quincy near Burke Road)

Bring yard tools and gloves. Trash bags provided.

Saturday, February 19—9:00am

Saturday, March 19—9:00am

Saturday, October 15—8:00am

Saturday, November 19—9:00am

Saturday, December 17—9:00am

Got an event? Rent our hall!

We're open for rentals during the Coronavirus pandemic. We're following the guidelines set by the CDC—and the hall can still accommodate up to 100 people.



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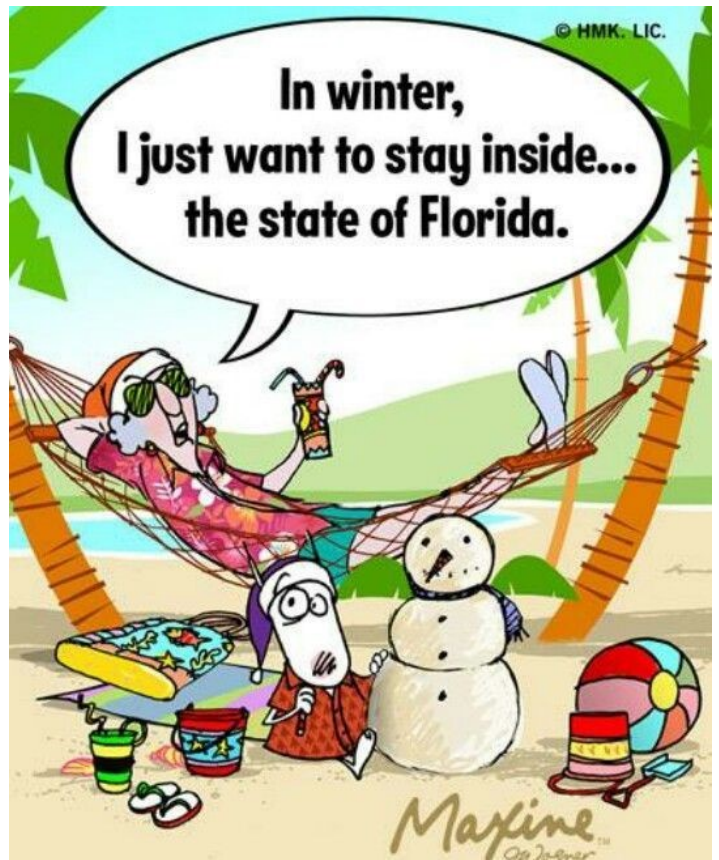
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Yard Sale success was thanks to you!

Our annual Yard Sale on January 22 was a huge success – thanks to all the folks who donated goods, and those of you who gave so generously of your time. The money we raised goes to our project fund, designed for building repairs and improvements.

Co-chairs were Cherry Giovinazzo and Dianna Brannan (aka ‘Sanford and Son’). Cherry – as she always does – recruited and motivated a lot of volunteers who pitched right in. Dianna (and her trusty truck) picked up donations for months, and unloaded them into multiple storage areas—sometimes with help, often alone.

Three days before the event, our volunteer crew moved it all (again) out of storage into the hall, organized and priced it. So many of you – our friends and neighbors - manned the event itself, checking people out and helping them get purchases to their cars. Later, everyone stayed afterward, packed up the unsold merchandise, and cleaned up the hall. Some of that was stored for our next sale, some was put aside to be donated forward to local organizations. Thanks too to all those who helped spread the word in media and by posting on Nextdoor, Facebook and putting signs out around the area.

Of course, we’re also grateful for the terrific support from the community who filled the hall—and our pocketbooks! Our sincere thanks to the following great volunteers:

Barbara & Russell Searight, Michele De Francesco, Sandy Tulenko, Tommy Lee, Sue & Bill Juranek, Mary Joe Collins, Joe Lewis, Paul Gilmartin, Duke & Nancy Doogue, Rick Curwood, Bobbie & Jim Drumond (plus their friends, Suzanne, Suzet, Teresa), Eileen Sherlock, Judy McLllwham, Betty Ann Rigg, Pat Wellington, Donna & Chuck Glomb, Donna & Jim Marti, Gail & Gary Parker (and Gary's Fishing Buddies; Jack, Gary, and Dennis), Jack Head, Kay & Tom Stanek, John Bowne, Jean White, Luanne Rhoten, Karen Crownover, Kendra Montz, Jim Fitzsimmons, and Maureen Holland.



Kiyo, the Akita, decided early on that the front door mat was a fine place to take a rest. His owner, Wyatt, had other ideas.

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My Inherited Passion

I have many memories from my early childhood of talking into my Grandpa’s pocket, so his body-aid would pick up my voice. Both my grandfather, Howard and my Mom, MaryEllen, were profoundly hard of hearing.

My Mom’s hearing was due to surgical procedure. She had been wearing hearing aids for years before I came into the industry 14 years ago. The first time I fit her with aids she was startled by how much better she heard. I knew the technology had not improved dramatically so it wasn’t until I realized she had been using moderate technology levels. That experience showed me how much it had cost her in connecting with others and being part of the group by wearing aids not fit for her busy lifestyle.

She didn’t have to buy a moderate set, I just don’t think she knew how much benefit and ease of listening a higher level of technology would provide for her challenging hearing and busy lifestyle.

I do understand that there are times when you have to compromise due to financial strains. If you have to compromise do so knowingly. Be aware of what you are choosing between.

Having my life, my family so directly affected by hearing loss I am truly passionate about helping others hear their best. I lived in a family that had frustrations that occurred from not hearing someone or frequent misunderstandings.

I help people with a hearing loss participate in their family moments. I have sought out additional training to ensure I have the ability to help.

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564 GRANT RD	780	2	1	1972	None	1	3	\$200,000	\$220,000
2705 CARMINE RD	1,116	2	1	1963	Private		17	\$259,900	\$230,000
861 E SEMINOLE DR	816	2	1	1969	None		4	\$239,995	\$232,000
411 FOXGLOVE RD	1,044	2	2	1996	None	1	5	\$254,900	\$237,500
281 SOUTHLAND RD	1,139	2	2	1986	None	1	5	\$249,900	\$237,500
1328 JAMAICA RD	1,066	2	1	1959	None		2	\$225,000	\$239,000
2505 SHAMROCK DR	1,019	2	2	1986	None	1	15	\$249,900	\$254,900
595 GRANT RD	969	2	2	1971	None	1	6	\$249,000	\$255,000
1435 GRAHAM RD	1,416	2	2	1981	None	2	10	\$238,000	\$275,000
2121 GENTIAN RD	1,118	3	2	1966	None		12	\$279,000	\$275,000
4045 COLEMAN RD	1,145	2	2	1969	None	1	1	\$282,000	\$282,000
450 SHAMROCK DR	1,800	3	2	1980	None		33	\$260,000	\$285,000
2691 GENTIAN RD	1,035	2	2	1978	Private	2	4	\$269,900	\$290,000
4821 EGRET RD	1,498	2	2	1987	None	2	6	\$275,000	\$291,000
5923 ELTON RD	1,246	2	2	1985	None	2	1	\$288,800	\$295,000
2731 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,255	3	2	1977	None		9	\$299,000	\$300,000
1341 PORPOISE RD	1,046	2	1	1956	None		6	\$295,000	\$315,000
821 AZURE RD	2,029	3	2	1972	None		5	\$315,000	\$315,000
3634 PINE RD	1,559	3	2	1972	None	2	12	\$324,900	\$315,000
905 Tanager RD	1,100	2	2	1973	None	1	3	\$299,900	\$320,000
3433 ROSLYN RD	1,268	3	2	1976	None	1	2	\$319,000	\$325,000
1061 CITRUS RD	1,631	3	2	1983	Private	2	21	\$335,000	\$325,000
108 STANFORD RD	1,126	2	2	1986	Private	2	42	\$360,000	\$350,000
273 AURORA RD	1,266	2	2	1982	None	1	4	\$354,900	\$367,500
1248 REDSTART RD	1,899	3	2	1972	Private		50	\$384,999	\$370,000
1068 HUDSON RD	1,706	3	2	1975	Private	2	13	\$399,900	\$389,900
980 JAMAICA RD	1,359	2	2	1974	Private	1	2	\$389,900	\$400,000
1319 OLYMPIA RD	1,761	3	2	2001	None	2	39	\$448,975	\$425,000
3339 SHAMROCK DR	1,580	3	2	1973	Private	1	5	\$409,000	\$445,000
1381 KIMBALL RD	1,823	3	2	2021	None	3	0	\$455,000	\$455,000
989 OLYMPIA RD	1,530	3	2	2021	None	2	12	\$464,900	\$464,900
596 CARMEL RD	1,740	4	2	1977	Private	2	0	\$475,000	\$475,000

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State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

Winter in Florida! How nice it is to have the sun shining on us! As promised, here are the final numbers for 2021 in the South Venice Beach community:

- 479 homes sold
- Average closing price—\$303,834 (last year was \$232,656)
- Average price per square foot—\$213.60
- Average days on market—24 days!

Now, looking at the first 30 day period for the 2022 year: Thirty two homes sold in the last thirty-day period. The highest sale was for \$475,000 (remodeled, built in 1977 on a double lot with a pool). The lowest sale was \$220,000, and the average “sold price per square foot” this period was \$244.19! The average sale price was \$320,506 and Average Days On Market was just 11 days! Currently there are 57 HOMES PENDING!

The inventory remains very low! At the time of this report (Jan 24th) there were just 13 Active Listings with prices ranging from \$299K to 1.7 million. 2022 is expected to remain a very strong Seller’s Market! In my recent experiences in this current market, sellers can pretty much decide their price! There are typically multiple offers for a seller to choose from and often we are seeing them go for full price or above the asking price!

My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold seventeen homes in South Venice in the recent months. 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 (MLS). The sales were

by various participants of MLS. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

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- Julie Kimball
- Melody Culp
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