



Happy Valentine's Day



# South Venice Beach Wave

FEBRUARY 2023

The heart of South Venice since 1955

## Upcoming Events

### Pancake Breakfast SATURDAY, February 11

*Get your Valentine's Day photo!*

8:00 to 10:00am  
\$8 Members  
\$10 non-Members  
\$4 Children



### General Meeting MONDAY, FEB. 20, 7:00pm



Our Featured speaker is Kim Cool of the Venice Gondolier.

*Stay for coffee and desserts!*

## FLEA MARKET!

FEBRUARY 18, 9:00am to 2:00pm

*Rent a table, and sell your treasures or just come for the great deals—all in one place!*

## MEETINGS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, FEBRUARY 13 at 7:00pm

### GARDEN CLUB

Monday, FEBRUARY 20 at 1:00pm

### SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 21 at 3:00pm

### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thursday, FEBRUARY 23

*at Venice Gardens Comm. Center*

## Belated thank you's are owed to . . .

. . . Donna Pietras, thank you for once again donating your gorgeous Santa costume!



Thank you to Walt Ernst (that's him!), Santa himself, who headed to the Italian Riviera to rest up from all his Christmas labors.

Thank you to Gary Parker and his fishing buddies for their help.

Thank you to Celeste Coan for volunteering her time to take and edit professional Santa photos.

And always, thanks to Heather, Luca, Estella, Fiona Villalba, and Suzanne Ralph. You do a fantastic job in the kitchen for the breakfast.!

## FROM DUKE DOOGUE

### Message from the President



I hope this article finds you and your families all well and doing well. Well, January is almost done, and we can now look forward to the year of 2023 getting off to a great start.

I wanted to report back that we had an outstanding turnout of 46 people at our Educated Homeowner Series presentation by the folks from the South Venice Rookery, which is located just behind the Sarasota

County building at the corner of Jacaranda and US41.

Please visit The Rookery, which is very interesting, and you'll be able to commune with nature and enjoy the abundant birdlife at that location. The presentation was very well organized, with great slides, and we were introduced to all of this species of birds in South Florida.

I find it so heartening, when I find a number of the larger birds crossing my path on the side roads, and I marvel at how they all survive in this environment.

We are so fortunate to live in Florida and especially to live in South Venice, where although every available piece of vacant ground, has been snapped up, and a house being built on it, we nevertheless have

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# South Venice Civic Association

*The heart of South Venice  
since 1955*

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## Fellowship Bible Church

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## Message from the President

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the enjoyment of the weather, and the freedom, unhampered by bad weather, we can do whatever like.

Our Educated Homeowner Series chaired by Sandy Tulenko is very popular, and we are always reaching out to you our members, for topics, that you may want to hear about, and issues you may hold dear.

We have had some outstanding presentations, both on the environment, and on practical education presentations that have helped us to do everything from get a new roof on our house, to ensuring our insurance is adequate, to discussions on the importance of having the third nail, both to protect the roof during hurricanes, but especially because of the discount afforded on your insurance policy.

We are approaching the time of year, in which we invite our members, to put their names forward should they have an interest in serving on the South Venice Civic Association or should they have an interest in going on to the South Venice Beach endowment trust.

The hurricane absolutely devastated our beach and Cheryl Cooper, chair of the Beach Endowment Trust, has an uphill task, and would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to assist them to get the beach back open again See her report in this issue..

This time of year, we are all looking to clean out our closets, and to try and organize our homes, garages, and home offices even better. We are having our own flea market on Saturday February 18. Bobbie Drummond is the engine driving that effort, so mark your calendars and call 941-493-0006 to reserve your table to sell all the extra items you have available. We'll look forward to seeing you there, and at our General Meeting on Monday, February 20 at 7:00pm.

Please reach out if we can help you, or if you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions for the SVCA to be able to serve you better.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: We love to hear from you!**

**SEND TO: maureenholland@comcast.net**

*Names may be withheld from publication by request.*

*All letters are subject to review.*

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# Board Matters



FROM PAUL GILMARTIN

*This column in the Wave is to keep you informed on what your Board is doing, and to provide you with financial reports and a summary of Executive board meeting minutes.*

**SVCA had a great financial year in 2022.** Thank you to everyone who attended all of the events, volunteered to support the association and helped bring the community together! Please put the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the membership on your calendar for March 20!!!

### Financial Summary: As of 31 December 2022

Current Assets:	\$41,633
Fixed Assets:	\$30,492
Total Assets:	\$72,125
Total Liabilities:	\$ 3,394
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$61,753
Total Expenses:	\$54,716
Net income:	\$ 7,016

Members can get a copy of Financials from the office during business hours.

### Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on January 17<sup>th</sup> for Executive session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Approved 2023 Board Calendar
- Discussed 2023 Annual Financial Report
- Discussed SVBET Trust appointment for 2023. Looking for a candidate.
- Discussed SVCA insurance requirements for the Hall.
- Discussed Buildings and Grounds projects for the First Quarter
- Discussed Rental Hall prices and comparison to other local venues
- Cancelled the Vendor EXPO due to a lack of vendors available to attend
- Reviewed Educated Consumer Seminar events for February, March, and April
- Accepted the resignation of Bobbie Drummond as a Board Member and Appointed Jim Drummond to finish her term. Bobbie will remain on all committees.
- Discussed Tentative Slate for 2023 Board of Directors (see below)
- Approved Joan Giovinazzo for a 1-year extension (past 5 terms) due to lack of volunteers to fill board seats. (per the SVCA 2016 Policies and Procedures)

SVCA members can find minutes and agendas at the office during business hours.

### UPDATE on 2023 Board Election cycle:

The Nomination Committee Chairman, Sandy Tulenko, proposed the following tentative slate to the Board of Directors for 2023:

Dianna Brannan	Bernard Doogue
Jim Drummond	Paul Gilmartin
Joan Giovinazzo	Susan Juranek
Sandy Tulenko	two vacant seats

SVCA Members can still volunteer to be on the board by submitting a petition to the President with the signatures of five other SVCA members. Please submit petitions within ten days of the publication of the February Wave. (Published date on Wave Mast Head)

The Final Slate will be published in the March WAVE. SVCA members will then vote in the new Board during the March 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Membership.

### SVBET Trustee appointment update:

We are still looking for candidates to apply. Please contact the President if you are interested.



## MORE . . .

FROM SANDY TULENKO

We had a great turnout for January’s General Meeting. Jack Foard of the Venice Audubon Society did an excellent job of introducing us to the feathered residents of the Venice Rookery. His presentation included a slide show and information about our south Florida bird population.

February’s guest speaker is *Venice Gondolier* feature editor, Kim Cool. Kim will be speaking about the Circus Train Car Museum and *this* area’s circus history. The *Greatest Show on Earth* put Venice on the map when it moved here in 1960. We look forward to Kim’s visit. Please join us for this interesting presentation and stay for coffee!

### **Jack Foard of the Venice Audubon Society addressing the January General meeting.**



## Reader's Choice Winner for 2021



**Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA**

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences  
American Conference of Audioprosthology

### **Solutions Not a Sales Pitch**

By Karen Post

As a dedicated hearing specialist, some of my most rewarding experiences involve hearing about the positive impact I have had in people's lives. Here is what Mr. Bridle had to say about his experience:

"I have worn hearing aids for a number of years, on and off. I say on and off because it has been off more with my most recent pair purchased from another provider in Venice. I had an annoying problem with feed-back, which neither they nor another local provider were able to correct or alleviate. Both told me I should consider newer, more advanced models, which they would be happy to sell me. Since mine were similar, I felt they were more interested in making a sale than helping me. As a result, they wound up in my dresser drawer (not an uncommon situation.) I decided to give it one more go. A friend referred me to Blair Post at Contemporary Hearing.

What they said couldn't be done, was done by Blair.

No sales pitch on newer models; just a willingness to listen to and work with me.

After testing my hearing, he patiently worked with me to make adjustments to the programming. He also refitted the aids with new leads and cones. The ones I had were not sized or fitted properly and caused much of the feedback.

I was given a follow up appointment the next week at which time Blair fine tuned the programming and changed out one of the cones for another size. These were simple, inexpensive solutions to a fixable problem. Although I was advised of charges ahead of time, no payment was collected until I was satisfied.

I found Blair to have an abundance of knowledge, patience and humor, and his greatest attribute is INTEGRITY. He honestly wants to help. I would recommend Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing to any person desiring to improve their hearing."

~ M.J. Bridle, Venice

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### UPDATE

## *Stairs and walkway still too dangerous to use*

From CHERYL COOPER, Beach Trust Chair

Happy New Year everyone! There is not much more to report as far as the beach is concerned. We have filed our FEMA application and we are awaiting acceptance of our request.

In the meantime, the wooden structure at the beach has deteriorated further. The stairs are not attached to the structure. The support pilings have no sand under them and are not stable - the middle bowed and cracked. **IT IS NOT SAFE TO WALK ON.** PLEASE STAY OFF OF IT. We have signs posted on the structure indicating that it's DANGEROUS. We have a structural engineer scheduled for the week of January 23, 2023. Her damage report will be submitted to FEMA.

Fences were installed on the entry way to the walkway from both the beach side and the ICW side. Anyone trespassing will be prosecuted. It is simply not safe for anyone to be on the walkway.

Special thank you's to Captain Eric, Trustee Joe Lewis, community members Susan and Bill Juranek and Trustee Julie Packard for assisting with this project.

We are doing all we can to secure the walkway, and to get the structure rebuilt so that we all can use the beach we love. Some kayakers have told me that there is a spot near the small island to the right of the ferry that you are able to cross to the beach side. Please use that area and stay AWAY from the ferry landing area.

There is no estimate of the time it will take with FEMA, debris removal, or the rebuild. After we meet with the structural engineer we'll know more. Conservatively, we are looking at 6-9 months. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

NOTE: Year-end Trust balance for 2022 is \$692,222.60



**FREE WI-FI AT SVCA**

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**QUARTER AUCTION**

(MUST BE 18 TO PARTICIPATE)

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

6pm - 8pm (DOORS OPEN 5:30)

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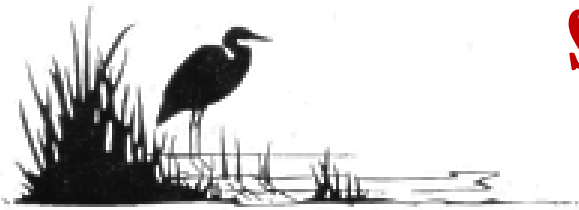
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## 2023 MEMBERSHIP

(Membership year is January 1 to December 31, 2023)

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

Beautiful Neighborhoods Initiative • Water Quality Task Force • Siesta Waterway Clean-up • Shamrock Park Clean-up  
International Coastal Cleanup • Government Affairs Committee liaises with Sarasota County on issues that affect  
our community • Meet County officials at SVCA meetings • Community Emergency Response Teams

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**Are you interested in volunteering?    \_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_ NO**

*Skills/Interests—check all that you have interest in:*

- Activity/Events planning                       Event helper
- Cooking     Building and Property improvement projects
- Gardening/Weeding                               CERT Community Emergency Response Training Civic
- Attend local government meetings             Neighborhood cleanups

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership has its benefits!**

***Civic, Social, Educational, Recreational, Fun for all!***

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park  
*What's up at the Park*



**Demonstration Garden Tour**

First Thursday of each month. 9:00 to 11:00am. Ages 18 and up. FREE

Meet in the Demonstration Garden. Master Gardener volunteers will answer questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-friendly landscaping. No registration necessary. For more information, call

us at 941-861-5000.

**Seasons and Serendipity Stroll**

Second Friday of each month, November through March/ 9:00 to 10:30am. Ages 12 and up.

Meet at Nature Center and join park naturalists and staff for a leisurely, guided walk in the park. You'll learn about Florida Scrub Jays, Gopher tortoises and the important role prescribed fire plays in restoring and maintaining Florida's fire dependent ecosystems. No registration necessary. For more information, call us at 941-861-5000.

**Ecotalk and Walk: Invasive Species**

Tuesday, March 7, 1:00 to 2:00pm in the Park classroom. Ages 12 and up

Join Dr. Katherine Clements, UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County ecology and natural resources educator to learn about the amazing animals you may encounter in your neighborhood, how to minimize human/wildlife conflict by being informed, and how you can play a role in fostering a peaceful coexistence between ourselves and the wild lands we are encroaching upon. Registration required, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/425805635117>

**Plant Clinic**

First and third Saturdays in February, 10:00am to noon at the Nature Center

Florida Master Gardeners will have a table set up in the nature center, ready to answer your plant questions. Whether it's an identification question or you are having trouble with your grass, skilled volunteers will be ready to help! No registration necessary, just stop by anytime between 10:00am and noon. While your there, check out the nature center displays and kids zone!

**OUR 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.*

**South Venice Civic Association**

**Community Flea Market**

Have stuff to sell? Love a bargain?

**Come and SELL or SHOP!**

**Saturday, FEBRUARY 18, 9:00am to 2:00pm**



**TO BUY A TABLE** - \$15 for a 10'x10' space. Sellers may bring their own tent, tables, chairs, displays etc. or rent a table for \$10. Specify indoor or outdoor preference when you sign up. Set up is Saturday from 6:00am to 8:00am.

Doors will open promptly at 9:00am

**To reserve space, contact Bobbie Drummond at [digslife@mac.com](mailto:digslife@mac.com) or 404-217-0807**

**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](mailto:Marlawilcox63@gmail.com)



**Grove/Seminole Clean-up**

(Meet at The Grove—Quincy between Seminole and Grant)

Bring yard tools and gloves. Trash bags provided.

**Saturday, February 18—9:00am**

**Saturday, March 18—9:00am**

**Trash Buddies Clean-ups**

SEMINOLE DRIVE

**Saturday, February 11 - 9:00am**

(meet at Quincy and Burke)

ALLIGATOR DRIVE

**Saturday, March 11 - 9:00am**

(meet in SVCA parking lot)

VENETIAN WATERWAY

**Saturday, April 8 - 9:00am**

(meet at Shamrock Park by the tennis courts)

**CERT: Community Emergency Response**

**Usually the fourth Thursday at 6:00pm**

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

# FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p><b>COMING UP!</b></p> <p><b>MARCH 25</b>—Annual Arts &amp; Crafts Fair</p> <p><b>APRIL 8</b>—BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY—bring the kids and grandkids for FUN and photos with a <i>professional photographer</i>.</p>				
5 RENTAL: Church 10am	6 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	7 Jazzercise 9-10am	8 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	9 Jazzercise 9-10am	10 Jazzercise 9-10am	11 <b>VALENTINE 'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b> 8:00-10:00am
12 RENTAL: Church 10am	13 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 <b>BOARD MEETING 7pm</b>	14 Jazzercise 9-10am <b>Book Club 3pm</b>	15 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	16 Jazzercise 9-10am <b>RELAY FOR LIFE QUARTER AUCTION</b> <b>6-8:00pm</b>	17 Jazzercise 9-10am	18 <b>FLEA MARKET</b> 9:00am-2:00pm
19 RENTAL: Church 10am	20 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am <b>Garden Club 1pm</b> Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>7pm</b>	21 Jazzercise 9-10am	22 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	23 Jazzercise 9-10am	24 Jazzercise 9-10am	25
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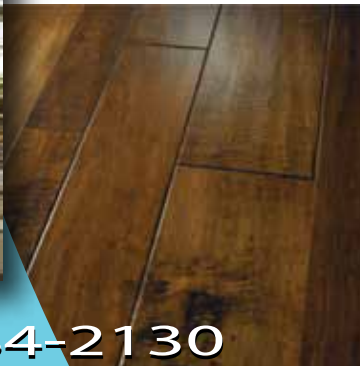
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176 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,136	2	2	1974	None	1	2	\$255,000	\$245,000
1122 ACADIA RD	888	2	1	1975	None		91	\$280,000	\$280,000
1930 FAUN RD	1,376	2	2	1994	None	2	6	\$285,000	\$291,000
1805 FAUN RD	1,184	2	2	1985	None	1	2	\$330,000	\$317,550
3248 VALENCIA RD	1,784	3	2	1978	Private	1	12	\$350,000	\$335,000
4590 BONITA RD	1,494	3	2	1979	None	1	119	\$365,000	\$341,000
211 AZALEA RD	1,368	2	2	1978	None	2	11	\$349,900	\$344,000
2624 CARMINE RD	1,294	2	2	1974	None	2	5	\$349,800	\$345,600
526 CONRAD RD	1,131	2	2	1967	None		104	\$399,000	\$350,000
1132 REDSTART RD	1,668	3	2	1976	None	2	42	\$339,000	\$350,000
940 E SEMINOLE DR	1,480	2	2	1977	Private	1	70	\$359,000	\$353,000
2964 ODESSA RD	1,685	2	2	1963	None	2	56	\$359,000	\$359,000
411 HOLLY RD	1,246	2	2	1971	None	1	27	\$389,900	\$370,000
1131 OLYMPIA RD	1,703	3	2	1987	None	2	37	\$405,000	\$385,000
1441 TINAMOU RD	1,098	2	2	1987	Private	1	33	\$395,000	\$390,000
141 W BAFFIN DR	2,784	2	2	1981	Private	3	15	\$425,000	\$400,000
4529 TORTOISE RD	1,835	3	2	2022	None	2	142	\$482,609	\$450,000
595 YALE RD	1,622	3	2	2004	Private	2	41	\$540,000	\$530,000
1500 LEMON BAY DR	2,168	3	2	1990	None	3	80	\$835,000	\$800,000

**For 67 years, the SVCA has been here for South Venice, here for YOU!**

## ART CLASS

**Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA**



Monthly sessions. Course starts first Wednesday every month 12:00 to 3:00pm • The full course is \$100 (plus supplies)

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*Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at SVCA*

**Jazzercise AM—9:00 to 10:00am**

**Jazzercise PM—4:30 to 5:00pm**

Group class—incorporates HIT Cardio dance moves with strength training for the ultimate full-body workout.

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# State of the Market

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Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! This period things stayed at about the same pace with 21 closings. The highest home sale was on Lemon Bay Dr for \$800,000 and the lowest sale was on Galiot for \$225,000. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$255.20, down about \$20 from the last report. The average sale price this period was \$373,058 a little down from the last report. Lastly, the Average Days on Market was 43 days, a little slower than the last three months.

Currently there are 40 HOMES PENDING, waiting to close and that number has increased. South Venice currently has 58 homes active on the market, with asking prices ranging from \$995,000 to \$220,000. The inventory actually decreased from the last report. Snowbirds and people of all ages are here and they are buying!

My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold twenty-one homes in South Venice in the recent months. If you are thinking of selling or buying, we are happy to assist you. Please call for a confidential free market analysis! This is Venice Florida; we still have more people that want to move here than we have houses!

I also wanted to mention that Kathy and I opened our own brokerage! Ayers & Associates Real Estate located at 718 Albee Rd W, in Nokomis. We're right next to Sweet Melissa's Ice Cream shop just before you go over Albee Bridge to Nokomis Beach! Stop by and we will treat you to an ice cream!

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