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JANUARY 22 9:00am to 2:00pm
Community Yard Sale

Details on page 3

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, JANUARY 10 6:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, JANUARY 17 1:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday JANUARY 11 3:00pm
(NOTE: meeting at Gail Parker's house)

We love Breakfast with Santa when the hall fills with excited children. Santa and his elves were the stars of the show—thanks to Santa Walt Ernst (he lost his hat!) and elves Di-anna Brannan and her sister Barbara.



This group finished their breakfast and were all ready for their turns with the big guy!



FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President

I wanted to start my article this month, by wishing you and your families a very happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous 2022.

2021 was certainly an extremely challenging year, caused by the Covid and then the numerous other issues that followed on the heels of the Covid, such as unemployment issues, supply-chain issues, and of course the tremendous increase in the inflation, due to the shortages of items.

We are very fortunate to live in Florida, and thus not have to deal with snow and ice, and the issues caused by problems with electrical transmission during these large storms.

I wanted to thank the Board Members of the SVCA, and the many volunteers, who assisted us this year and resulted in our having one of our most successful years. We are very stable financially, and have repaired a number of items, to improve the quality of the hall. Our hall is our most important asset, as it helps us generate rental income and from that the profits that we use to continue to improve our hall.

I wanted to thank Gail Parker, who once again ran the craft show and

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I wrote a letter to the 'Wave' about six months ago asking why there was not any 'news' articles regarding our neighborhood and board activities including financial reports, resignations, and local crime. No one responded, including board members. I have seen no letters since. Each month there are congratulatory messages to volunteers and mentions of assaults, vandalism, and the like [all at the ferry/boat launch area]. No details are provided and these 'issues' are not supported in reports from the Sarasota Sherriff's Department.

This Summer there was much significant news, such as the letter from Sarasota County to both of our Boards which has now resulted in a law suit against us, the forfeiture of a Public grant to the Beach Trust, the resignation of several Board members and their replacements, none of which was reported in the latest 'Wave'. Despite a dance/party on the 4th of July, pancake breakfasts, and rental of our community center no financial or attendance information was reported. Why are our Boards so secretive? What are they hiding? I figure that membership in the Civic Association amounts to approximately less than 3% of the potential, why is that? It is not the expense.

Why do our Boards select their own members? Can they not stand criticism? To be elected one must first be 'vetted' by the Board and those that pass are put to a vote only by those members who attend the June meeting, which is far less than 1/100th of our potential members. Does the Association need to pass into obscurity? The silence is deafening.

John Hutson, South Venice

SVCA President Doogue responds:

The SVCA is not involved in any way with the suit from Sarasota County, the suit is against the SVBET, and I suggest he contact a Trustee for further information

Financial reports will be available at the end of the year, and will be available at the SVCA office.

I suggest the gentleman attend our monthly meetings at which he will be educated on a number of the points he raises. We also always have a very interesting speaker as part of our educated consumer program.

At every public meeting, Deputy Duff reports on the crime situation in South Venice.

As a private organization, the Board of Directors appoints a nominating committee, which solicits candidates, and the candidates are then vetted by the Board prior to being proposed for membership on the Board. Board members then vote on the inclusion of those nominees on the potential board member list, and appoints a new board member. The public at the general meeting ratifies the Board.

All organizations today, struggle to gain members, and we would welcome any suggestions Mr. Hudson has for increasing membership. He can of course volunteer to be on the membership committee, where his ideas would be most welcome, to help us attract new members.

I believe Mr. Hutson has talked to a number of members on the SVCA Board and has been given a lot of answers to his questions. I suggest he come to our meetings and also read the Wave and in so doing will find out what the SVCA does for the community.



It's almost here!

**SATURDAY
January 22**

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SVCA's MISSION

To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, environment and quality of life, and to bring South Venice together.

We promote the civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests of our community.



REPORT FROM GAIL PARKER

Arts & Crafts Sale drew crowd

This second annual pre-Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair was a big success. It was a beautiful day and attendance was brisk.

All of our 24 vendors were from Sarasota County and most were from right here in Venice. We had a wonderful range of items to choose from, including jewelry, pottery, wall art, outdoor art, Christmas decor, soaps and candles, books, bags



Venice Gondolier's Kim Cool has written and published many local history books (including ghost stories!).

and purses. This yearly event keeps getting better and better with something for everyone at reasonable prices.

Unless things close down (again!), we will have this fair again in early December 2022.

If you might be interested in renting space at this sale, please let the office know so we can put you on our contact list.



SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings



FROM DIANE CLARK

We closed out 2021 with a wonderful Holiday party! Fully 27 of our members were there and brought appetizers, desserts and white elephant surprises! Hands down the best appetizer was an igloo-shaped cheese ball with black olive penguins! It was just delicious edible art!

In my opinion the New York style cheesecake rivaled Junior's in Brooklyn!

And the gift that got the biggest response was a wind chime, made by a club member, out of a colander and kitchen utensils! Because it was the last gift, no one could "steal" it!

Decorations were festive and elegant with the cyclamen centerpieces going home with whoever was sitting in the green covered chair! Oh what fun!

Due to Covid some long time members understandably have not been attending. We hope they're back soon—and if you are interested in joining us and coming to a meeting, know that we meet here at SVCA which is an enormous, well ventilated hall where social distancing is

easy to do, hand sanitizer is always available and masks are optional.

Come to your first meeting as our guest; January 17 at 1:00pm might be just the day to come as our speaker will be a butterfly specialist from the Marie Selby Garden!

Looking forward to meeting you in 2022!

FROM GAIL PARKER

BOOK CLUB:
What we're reading



In December, we met and enjoyed a lively discussion about *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. The January's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 at 3:00pm. Depending on the weather, we'll meet either on Gail's patio or the Civic Association.

Our book for January is *Billie Summers*, Stephen King's most recent best seller and we already have February's book chosen—another best seller, *The Lincoln Highway* by Anor Towles. It is on the best seller list, so probably will only be available right now just in hardback. If you want to get it from the library, I would recommend getting your name on the reserve list now.

Anyone who is interested in joining us is invited to just show up—you're always welcome!



Holiday cheer was everywhere at the Garden Club's festive December party, celebrating another fine year in South Venice.

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Even while the kiddies were inside squealing with delight as Santa entered the hall on December 18, our stalwart and faithful SVCA Trash Buddies set out on their regular clean up of Alligator Drive—which the SVCA ‘adopted’ a decade ago as part of Keep Sarasota Beautiful. Here, Trash Buddies Blaine Tippet, Laurie Hartman and Marla Wilcox just before heading out.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park
What’s up at the Park

Building deck renovation is still and port-a-lets are in the parking lot. We encourage you to bring your own water but there is a water bubbler near the tennis courts.

NEW! Introduction to Birds of Florida

Two dates available: Saturday morning, January 22 from 9:00 to 10:00am or Thursday evening January 27 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. All ages. Free. Meet in Classroom.

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 call 941-861-5000

NEW! Let’s Make Some Black Gold

Wednesday, January 19 9:30am. All ages. Free. Meet in Classroom. Learn what UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County is doing 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.



**2022 Schedule of
 Community Im-
 provement 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, January 8 - 9:00am

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, January 15 - 9:00am

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

FROM CAPTAIN RANDALL PATTERSON

A parting word

I'm sorry to say that this will be my last column for the Wave. As I write this on New Year's Eve, I am still the head Captain of the South Venice Beach Ferry. My contract ends at midnight and I will then no longer be affiliated with the ferry - for the first time in 11 years.

I started in 2010 as a fill-in captain. That soon turned into regular weekends, a schedule I have maintained for the last ten years. I was named head captain in 2017 and have relished that role. We've been through a lot these last five years: a huge dredging project, Hurricane Irma, a nasty red tide bloom or two, and, of course, COVID-19 and it's ever changing restrictions. Through it all, the understanding nature of you regular passengers, dedicated volunteers, and a cadre of professional captains, made it a much easier job than I anticipated when I took over.

The sweet part of leaving (if there is one) has been the many warm and thoughtful comments people have made to me. It's nice to know that so many of you appreciate the effort I and the other captains have made over the years. I've been fortunate to work with some great captains: Mac, David, Clint, Jerry, Ted, Dan, Judd, Rick, Jennifer, and Lou. I couldn't have done it without them. Volunteers, like Jerry and Phyllis, Don, Walt, Dean, Bruce and Kathleen, Frank, Josh, and, of course, the late Bo Fugazzi, made Wednesday workdays both fun and productive.

Trust members such as Martha, Sandy, three different Johns, Bob and Steve, as well as Karen in the office, treated me with respect and I appreciated their trust in me.

Finally, you, the regular passengers, were the whole *raison d'être* for our efforts. It would be impossible to list you all. Some are no longer with us, and even an exhaustive list would fall short. I must hope that you all know who you are and that I appreciated your friendship.

I wish I could end this with some clever comment befitting my typical Captain's Corner missives, but I got nothing. So let me just say it this way. In all honesty, the job is kind of boring. It's driving the same short trip, on the same body of water, over and over and over again. I estimate that I've done it over 20,000 times in the past decade.

The thing that made it interesting is the people. That's why I stayed as long as I did. I will miss you. I hope our paths cross often. Stay safe, sane, and work hard to protect and keep the wonderful asset you have in your beach and ferry.



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Message from the President

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sale, and once again it was an outstanding success. We attract great crafters, and it is a very popular stop for folks looking for that ideal Christmas present.

We held our most successful ever, breakfast with Santa, and I want to thank our great board members, and the other volunteers who helped us produce this fantastic event.

We have all heard people say, that Christmas is really for the kids, and it was fantastic to see the joy in the children's eyes, when Santa (Walt Ernst) entered the hall. I was looking over Walt's shoulder as he entered through the kitchen door, and I saw one little girl grab her baby sister by the hand and rush towards Santa with this absolutely beautiful look on her face of expectation and joy.

Thank you particularly, to the families, the grandparent's parents and the children who came out and made this our best ever breakfast with Santa event.

In January, we have two major events, the first being our giant yard sale scheduled for Saturday, 22 January 2022. Should you have any items you wish to donate, please just call the office at 941 – 493 – 0006, to have the items picked up and transported back to the hall. This event is our largest revenue-generating event, and the profits, are put back into taking care of the numerous projects on our project list. Please tell your friends and neighbors, and have them come out on Saturday, January 22, to the SVCA.

On January 29, we are holding another of our very successful Expo events, which are aimed at the homeowners, and we have a wide range of vendors displaying their wares, and educating our members and guests, on a wide range of services available, ranging from pest control to air conditioning, to water purification and many other valuable services. Please once again invite your friends, family, and neighbors to come out to this event, which is always very popular.

We are looking forward to a very exciting and successful 2022 at the SVCA, and welcome your suggestions, your volunteering, and your donations, to ensure that we continue and prosper in the 67th year of our existence.

We wish you all a very happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous 2022! Be safe! Be well!

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During the shutdown due to covid the majority answered "online" since there weren't any gatherings.

Now that we are able to get together we are getting more referrals from existing clients. They tend to say, 'my neighbor said I wasn't hearing well and should see you.'

My favorite this year came from Betty. When asked, how did you find us, she said I overheard my friend, Shirley say she loves her hearing aids. That is a direct quote.

Betty explained that other people complain about their hearing aids, especially when trying to understand conversations in groups. Yet, Shirley was in a line dancing class and while talking to another woman said, "I loved my hearing aids."

Hearing someone say they love their hearing aids, Betty knew she had to check it out. Betty walked over to Shirley and asked, who helps with your hearing aids?

When I heard the story I was thrilled to know how well we had fitted our client Shirley. Knowing that Shirley is able to be social and hear with confidence is our intention.

Our goal is to help clients hear well in groups. To know that we helped Shirley hear well in a dance class and so well that she shared how much she loves her hearing aids. This is such a great testimony for us.

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4431 ALLIGATOR DR	1,103	3	2	1961	None		19	\$264,000	\$240,000
79 CYPRESS RD	1,221	2	2	1978	None		0	\$240,000	\$249,000
1384 JUPITER RD	1,146	2	1	1963	None		4	\$235,900	\$250,000
300 GARDEN RD	990	2	2	1991	None	1	8	\$274,900	\$250,000
1249 OLYMPIA RD	942	2	1	1972	None	1	5	\$250,000	\$250,000
637 EVEREST RD	1,070	2	2	1974	None	1	23	\$249,000	\$250,000
171 CORNELL RD	1,393	2	2	1978	None	1	0	\$279,900	\$259,900
150 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,220	2	2	1970	None	1	61	\$250,000	\$260,000
230 ZEPHYR RD	1,020	2	2	1957	None		3	\$249,500	\$265,000
271 PALMETTO DR	1,018	2	1	1962	None		4	\$263,000	\$273,000
32 DARTMOUTH RD	1,093	2	2	1980	None	1	27	\$299,900	\$285,000
1041 SUNRISE RD	996	2	2	1988	None	1	2	\$289,000	\$289,000
1081 REDSTART RD	1,197	2	2	1976	None	1	60	\$299,999	\$290,000
980 S VENICE BLVD	1,267	2	2	1961	None	1	1	\$305,000	\$295,000
1171 OLYMPIA RD	1,174	3	2	1972	None	2	16	\$299,987	\$299,987
939 OLYMPIA RD	1,445	3	2	1987	None	1	2	\$295,000	\$303,000
2926 DOGWOOD RD	1,218	2	2	1977	Private	1	7	\$350,000	\$344,500
3171 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,378	3	2	1994	None	2	1	\$345,000	\$345,000
170 ARGUS RD	1,287	3	2	1977	Private		91	\$349,000	\$345,000
381 FALKLAND RD	1,175	2	2	1978	Private	1	2	\$335,000	\$350,500
4024 TARPON RD	1,365	2	2	1980	None	2	22	\$375,000	\$352,500
255 PERIWINKLE RD	1,559	2	2	2005	None	2	7	\$360,000	\$355,000
4281 ALLIGATOR DR	2,010	3	1		None	2	0	\$359,199	\$359,199
416 FOXGLOVE RD	1,299	3	2	1958	None	1	6	\$374,900	\$367,400
4381 TARPON RD	2,059	3	3	1991	None	1	1	\$375,000	\$375,000
4557 POMPANO RD	1,557	3	2	1989	None	2	21	\$399,000	\$380,000
5671 OSPREY RD	2,476	4	2	1979	Private	1	0	\$388,000	\$388,000
170 COWRY RD	1,744	3	2	2019	None	2	6	\$330,000	\$390,000
960 JAMAICA RD	1,329	2	2	1974	Private	1	4	\$385,000	\$390,500
821 NECTAR RD	1,492	3	2	1997	Private	2	4	\$389,000	\$391,000
965 W BAFFIN DR	2,106	4	3	1959	Private		7	\$395,000	\$397,000
1320 NANTUCKET RD	1,487	3	2	1978	Private	1	4	\$410,000	\$410,000
523 BROWN RD	1,993	4	2	2002	None	2	9	\$415,000	\$420,000
2861 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,545	3	2	1991	None	2	33	\$434,900	\$428,000
1457 SUSSEX RD	1,569	3	2	1977	Private		4	\$399,900	\$438,000
371 E BAFFIN DR	1,697	3	2	1991	Private	2	1	\$425,000	\$450,000
973 OLYMPIA RD	1,530	3	2	2021	None	2	2	\$459,000	\$459,000
3181 NOCTURNE RD	1,707	3	2	2005	None	2	2	\$469,900	\$469,900
664 BROWN RD	1,638	3	2	1990	None	2	15	\$475,000	\$475,000
5196 ALBION RD	1,880	3	2	1964	Private	1	3	\$485,000	\$485,000
481 YALE RD	1,900	4	2	1988	Private	2	4	\$499,000	\$508,000

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State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2022! 2021 was certainly an interesting and record-breaking year for real estate. At the time of this article (12/18/21) the Year-To-Date sales for South Venice Beach are 460 ! I would not be surprised if the number reaches over 500 by December 31; I will update the year end numbers in mid-January when I write the February Market Update! Also, perhaps more interesting is that the average closed price per home is \$301,865—compared to last year, which was \$232,656. Bottom line is we have seen significant appreciation in this area! Forty homes sold in the last thirty-day period. The highest sale was for \$508,000, built in 1988 on a double lot with a pool. The lowest sale was \$240,000. The average “sold price per square foot” this period was \$246.50...up about \$20! The average sale price was \$350,790, up about 25K from last period and the Average Days On Market was just 12 days! Currently there are 46 HOMES PENDING and most of those will likely close before year end! The inventory remains very low! At the time of this report there were 13 Active Listings with prices ranging from 240K to 1.7 million.

It certainly remains a very strong Seller’s Market, therefore Seller’s 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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