



Happy New Year everyone!!

South Venice Beach Wave

JANUARY 2023

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Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast SATURDAY, January 14



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

General Meeting MONDAY, January 16, 7:00pm

Welcome to 2023!

Program from Venice Rookery
Stay for coffee and desserts!

JANUARY 28 2023 Business EXPO 9:00am to NOON

MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, JANUARY 9 at 7:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, JANUARY 16 at 1:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, JANUARY 17 at 3:00pm

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thursday, JANUARY 26

at Venice Gardens Comm. Center

A festive December!

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

What a spread to choose from at the Wine & Cheese Social. Volunteer Bartender Jim Drummond smiled throughout!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Thanks to volunteer photographer Celeste Coan for the great Santa photos. And Heather, Luca, Estel-la, Fiona Villalba, and Suzanne Ralph for doing a great job in the kitchen!



FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I want to wish you a very Healthy, Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2023.

I remember when we were approaching the end of 1999 and the beginning of 2000 how much discussion and concern there was about what effect the New Year would have on computer systems, and all they controlled. People were very worried about that New Year and yet as we all know it came without any major interruptions of our normal lives.



As we begin 2023, we look back on 2022 and the impact of Hurricane Ian, the effects of Covid epidemic its impact on global lines of supply, and their disruption which has resulted

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Message from the President

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in large increases in our cost of living. Plus, the bit coin collapse and the war in the Ukraine.

We hope that we have left all these issues behind us and look forward to a year full of promise and opportunity. We will continue with our daily lives and make our plans to enjoy our situation.

Here at the SVCA, we are planning to bring more interesting programs and fun events for you to enjoy. We look forward to your ideas, and your volunteering when you're available to assist. We are focused on improving the condition of our building, to ensure that we continue to rent it out for many uses.

May 2023 be a Great Year for you and your family.

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.

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

**Renew NOW for 2023 online, at the office, by phone
or use the form on page 7**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We love to hear from you!

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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.

Welcome to the New Year!! We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the SVCA Board of Directors and also one candidate to serve as a Trustee for the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust. If you are interested in serving in either, please send an email to info@southvenicebeach.org. We are also looking for volunteers that can help with upcoming events in 2023. It is a fun way to meet people in the community and enjoy a sense of giving and service.

Financial Summary: As of 30 November 2022

Current Assets:	\$41,122
Fixed Assets:	\$30,492
Total Assets:	\$71,614
Total Liabilities:	\$ 3,605
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$55,281
Total Expenses:	\$48,949
Net income:	\$ 6,295

SVCA members can get a copy of financials from the office during business hours.

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA Board met on December 8 and December 12 for Executive sessions and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Discussed SVBET candidate qualifications with SVBET Chairperson.
- Discussed significant damage to the South Venice Beach due to Hurricane Ian
- Discussed ways the SVCA and SVBET can work together to save the beach.
- Discussed 2023 calendar and 2023 Budget
- Discussed 2023 Events
- Discussed 2023 Building repairs and upgrades
- Discussed 2023 membership campaign and mailer
- Discussed 2023 Election Cycle and candidates for slate for Board of directors and SVBET Trustee

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



UPDATE

Hurricane Recovery at Beach and Ferry properties

From CHERYL COOPER, Beach Trust Chair

Greetings from the SVBET. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and wish everyone a prosperous New Year!

Please allow this note to serve as a short update on Hurricane Ian damage, beach activities and the facilities of 4800 Lemon Bay Drive.

We have been working diligently to repair the damaged areas at the ferry field property and to restore the water service which was blown up by Hurricane Ian. You may have noticed the new shed that has been installed near the boat ramp. The old shed, there to protect the well head, was destroyed in Ian.

A special thank you is owed to Trustee Julie Packard for doing all the research on what we were permitted to install and locating a shed for us. A very special thank you also to Trustee Chuck Bauman and Trustee Joe Lewis along with community members Clyde Johnson and Richie Stover, who all worked in the very hot sun all day to get this shed assembled. It looks great! You may have also noticed the widened gates which should provide better access for the boats at the ramp.

We have now purchased and had installed a whole new water system for the ferry house, as Ian destroyed the old one. So, that is completed. The ferry itself is ready to use and the Captains are ready to work. However, the walkway over the dune and the stairs are NOT safe. PLEASE STAY OFF OF THEM!! We had the original marine engineer over to the beach to inspect these stairs and offer suggestions. The Trustees are all concerned for safety, but we also want to get this open as soon as possible. The project is huge and will be VERY expensive. We are awaiting an estimate.

The trust has retained the services of an agency to assist our community in obtaining a FEMA grant for some or all of the project. This is a process of many steps. We need

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Really Cool Gadget

By Karen Post

Do you know how cool your hearing aids are? I mean really, really cool.

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The new "smart" hearing aids determine sound quality in the room you are in and provide automatic adjustments. If you are in a small room and adjust the volume for louder sound, your hearing aid will remember this. After a few times of this same action on your part, your hearing aid will automatically provide sounds at the louder volume in these settings.

Imagine you drive to our office to see Blair. While you are in your car, your hearing aid is using a program to soften mechanical sounds and amplify voices. As you step out of your car and the wind tousles your shirt, your hearing aid switches to a program that removes noise caused by wind. Then when you entered our office and the doorbell dings, your hearing aids change to its primary program and began looking for voices to amplify.

When you walk down the hallway and step into Blair's office, your hearing aid switches again to decrease any echo sounds that occur in smaller areas. As I mentioned in the beginning of this article, if you repeatedly upped the volume in smaller areas, your hearing aid will automatically increase the volume to your preference.

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Beach Trust Update *Continued*

everyone's patience, and - when the time is right - cooperation and assistance in getting our beach and ferry back up and running.

In the meantime, the trust office will be selling the new boat ramp passes for 2023. The cost remains the same as last year at \$120.

This year, there will be fences going up near the kayak launch area and kayakers will be charged for access to that area. The cost will be \$100 per kayak which is less than our neighbor, South Venice Yacht Club. Those passes and stickers will be available at the Trust office.

Finally, we have experienced more vandalism at the ferry house, even with the locks and cameras. It is a shame that this exists in our community. The Trust is now investigating the retention of a security company and/or management company. We recognize that most of our neighbors respect the property and amenities and for that, we thank you. There are a few that ruin things for the majority. If you see something going on or being damaged, please call 911. Do NOT attempt to handle things on your own.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

MORE AROUND SVCA. . .

FROM SANDY TULENKO



Everyone enjoyed the Wine Social in December. At the gathering, the Board had an opportunity to thank all our loyal members and volunteers for their support throughout 2022. We have a terrific community here and look forward to your participation in 2023.

JANUARY GENERAL MEEING

After our member meeting, we'll hear from Speaking will be Jack Foard, former President of the Venice Audubon Society on "A Year in the Life of the Venice Rookery". Birders note! Great opportunity to learn about our native bird population. Join us!



Garden Club President Yvonne Schuler welcomed members to the 2022 Holiday Party. And then all eyes were on Sandy Mohr as she opened the first White Elephant gift.



FROM GAIL PARKER

SVCA Book Club

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 17 at 3:00pm. We'll be discuss-

ing *Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valerie Perrin.

For February, we'll be reading *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

As always, we welcome anyone interested in joining our group. Just stop into our meeting!



Renewed for 2023 yet?



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They did great work all through 2022

Thanks to all of SVCA's Trash Buddies, our CERT teams and the crew that maintains the work at The Grove for all their work this past year. Thanks especially to Marla Wilcox who keeps it all going.

Seen at left, the clean up crew on trash duty December 18.: Wini Boyle, Blaine Tippett, Bill Brennen and Marla Wilcox.

AND, two future Trash Buddies came to check out the program.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park

Ecotalk and Walk: Invasive Species – Monday, JANUARY 9, 2-3:30pm – Shamrock Park Classroom – Join Dr. Katherine Clements, UF/IFAS Extension ecology and natural resources educator for a 45-minute talk about how to identify non-native, invasive plants and animals. Learn about how and when they were introduced to our region. Weather permitting, we will also take a walk and try to spot some invasives! Registration required at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/425867911387>

Let's Make Some Black Gold – Wednesday, JANUARY 18, 10:30-11:30am – Shamrock Park Classroom – Join us to learn what UF/IFAS Extension 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 to guarantee your seat and receive notice of any changes. Attendees will learn the basics of home composting, how to build their own compost system and the benefits of composting. Registration required at: [ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com](https://www.ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com)

Demonstration Garden Tour – tours on the first Thursday of each month from 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.

Seasons and Serendipity Stroll – held on the second Friday of each month, November through March from 9:00 to 10:30am. Ages 12 and up. FREE. Meet at the Nature Center. 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 information about these and any other Park matters, call us at 941-861-5000.

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



Trash Buddies CleanUps

VENETIAN WATERWAY

Saturday, January 14 - 9:00am

(meet at Shamrock Park by the tennis courts)

SEMINOLE DRIVE

Saturday, February 11 - 9:00am

(meet at Quincy and Burke)

ALLIGATOR DRIVE

Saturday, March 11 - 9:00am

(meet in SVCA parking lot)

CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

Usually the fourth Thursday at 6:00pm

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

Grove/Seminole Cleanup

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

Bring yard tools and gloves. Trash bags provided.

Saturday, January 21—9:00am

Saturday, February 18—9:00am

Saturday, March 18—9:00am



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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!

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 RENTAL: Church 10am NEW YEARS DAY	2 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	3 Jazzercise 9-10am	4 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	5 Jazzercise 9-10am	6 Jazzercise 9-10am	7
8 RENTAL: Church 10am	9 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 Board Meeting 7pm	10 Jazzercise 9-10am	11 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	12 Jazzercise 9-10am	13 Jazzercise 9-10am	14 WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:00-10:00am
15 RENTAL: Church 10am	16 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Garden Club 1pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 GENERAL MEETING 7pm	17 Jazzercise 9-10am Book Club 3pm	18 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	19 Jazzercise 9-10am	20 Jazzercise 9-10am	21
22 RENTAL: Church 10am	23 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	24 Jazzercise 9-10am	25 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	26 Jazzercise 9-10am	27 Jazzercise 9-10am	28 2023 BUSINESS EXPO 9:00am to NOON
29 RENTAL: Church 10am	30 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	31 Jazzercise 9-10am	COMING UP! FEBRUARY 13 — Valentine Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST <i>with a professional photographer!</i> FEBRUARY 18 — Community Flea Market—rent a table and sell your treasures! MARCH 25 — Annual Arts & Crafts Fair APRIL 8 —BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY—bring the kids and grandkids for photos <i>with a professional photographer.</i>			

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669 ALLIGATOR DR	973	2	2	1974	None	1	26	\$299,900	\$281,000
196 OBERLIN RD	1,236	3	2	1980	None		23	\$299,900	\$294,900
811 PANDA RD	1,014	2	2	1980	Private	1	2	\$295,000	\$295,000
1 CRANE RD	1,480	3	2	1961	None		138	\$329,900	\$315,900
1140 HUDSON RD	1,175	2	2	1981	None	1	4	\$299,000	\$317,000
116 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,204	3	2	1977	None	1	3	\$330,000	\$344,000
341 AZURE RD	1,559	2	2	1982	None	1	6	\$369,900	\$356,100
1159 FUNDY RD	1,271	3	2	1987	None	1	5	\$369,900	\$365,000
248 CORAL RD	1,226	3	2	2001	None	2	1	\$365,000	\$365,000
2607 SERPULA ROAD RD	1,330	2	2	1984	None	1	15	\$409,000	\$405,000
748 CLEMATIS RD	1,811	3	2	1974	None		19	\$410,000	\$410,000
889 CONSTANCE RD	1,931	3	2	1987	None	2	8	\$437,000	\$412,000
1066 FUNDY RD	1,419	3	2	1982	None	1	46	\$425,000	\$420,000
3672 PINE RD	1,252	2	2	1973	Private	1	34	\$450,000	\$450,000
2800 SUNSET BEACH DR	2,375	4	2	1991	Private	2	13	\$475,000	\$475,000
911 HORIZON RD	1,891	3	2	1955	Private	2	2	\$499,900	\$485,000
531 BURKE RD	1,528	3	2	1973	Private	1	74	\$489,000	\$485,000
4741 ALLIGATOR DR	2,108	3	2	2001	None	2	38	\$565,000	\$544,500
2945 SIESTA DR	1,732	4	2	1971	Private	1	43	\$575,000	\$550,000
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State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers and Associates Real Estate

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

This period things stayed at about the same pace, with 21 Closings. The highest sale was a newer home on Olympia for \$585,00 and the lowest sale was on Oberlin for \$285,000. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$273.70, up almost \$10 from the last report. The average sale price this period was \$404,114, up from last report. Lastly, the Average Days on Market was just 25 days, a little slower than the last two months.

Currently there are 31 HOMES PENDING and waiting to close and that number is holding steady. South Venice currently has 63 homes Active on the market, with asking prices ranging from \$995,000 to \$220,000. The inventory did increase mildly from the last report. Sales are starting to get moving again!

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!

Kathy and I have opened our own brokerage! Our new office, Ayers & Associates Real Estate, is at 718 Albee Rd West in Nokomis. We are right next to Sweet Melissa's Ice Cream shop just before you go over Albee Bridge to Nokomis Beach! Stop by—we'll treat you to an ice cream!

Welcome to our newest members!
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