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Your 2021-2022 Board of Directors



John Bowne



Dianna Brannan



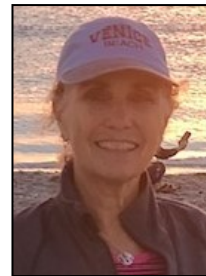
Bernard Doogue



Paul Gilmartin



Joan Giovino



Donna Glomb



Greg Schwartz



Sandy Tulenko

The 2021-2022 Board of Directors of the SVCA was approved at the June General meeting and took office July 1. There are eight directors who share a history and/or commitment to the South Venice community and the SVCA. Stepping down due to term limits are Rick Curwood, Walt Ernst, Maureen Holland, and Gail Parker. We thank them for their service. The 2021-22 Board members are:

John Bowne – John returns to the SVCA Board after a brief hiatus. He and his wife, Jeanne, moved to South Venice in 2010 from New England in large part due to the existence of the SVCA and SVBET. He quickly became involved in the SVCA. SVCA Board 2013-2018, President 2014-15. Beach Trustee 2018. Worked on SVCA Water Quality Task Force, the Siesta Waterway Project and the By-Laws Committee.

Dianna Brannan - with her husband Bill, retired to South Venice in 2014. Board Treasurer 2019-2021. 2014-2019 volunteer with SVCA Water Quality Task Force, Trash Buddies, Alligator Creek and Shamrock Park Waterway clean ups, 2014-2017 Friends of the Beach where she worked on the dune restoration project.

Bernard Doogue – With his wife Nancy, came to South Venice in 2017 from New Jersey, after selling their school lunch catering business. Bernard is a licensed realtor in three states including Florida, and holds a Florida Condo Association Manager license. He formed Duke Profes-

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NEW BOARD *continued*

sional Management here. An avid Toastmaster, Duke joined the SVCA Board in 2018 and has served as President 2018-2021.

Paul Gilmartin - New to South Venice from San Diego, Paul is a 30-year veteran of the United States Navy and retired as a Captain. In California he served on various Boards of Directors, including non-profit boards for special education, public education, and home owner associations. He's a long-time visitor to Venice and his extended family here, including two aunts and an uncle in South Venice. Paul is now getting to know the veteran community and the beach community. He joined the SVCA to continue to serve the greater community - and meet some of his neighbors!

Joan 'Cherry' Giovinazzo (aka "*The Energizer Bunny*") - SVCA Board 2018-2021. Membership Committee, Founder and Chair, Friends of the Beach Committee 2012-2017. Pancake Breakfasts coordinator. Organizes hall decorations and creates table centerpieces for all events.

Donna Glomb - Came here with her husband Chuck from St. Louis in 2019 and says "we absolutely love the area! Both retired, we love to spend our time outdoors bicycling, kayaking, gardening and plenty of beach time. I look forward to working with the SVCA to continue to build a fun and vibrant community."

Greg Schwartz - A 30-year veteran of the US Army, Greg retired as a Sergeant Major. He and Sue came to South Venice just last year. Previously, Greg served on the Board of Directors at Bay Indies. He's also held the post of Commodore at many boat clubs around the Hudson River. A member of the South Venice CERT, Greg was certified in June and looks forward to serving the SVCA.

Sandy Tulenko - Sandy is a retired teacher and administrator from New Jersey and has lived here for eleven years—with her partner Tommy Lee. Long-time SVCA member and Beach activist, SVCA Board 2020-2021. Sandy also worked on fundraising for the new ferry and cares about protecting our resources.

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FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



My fellow South Venice residents, since 1955, the South Venice Civic Association (SVCA) has been a volunteer driven organization, that relies on people to volunteer their time, treasure and talent to an organization that is focused on catering to the needs of its members, and to the residents of South Venice. We have been the heart of South Venice for 66 years.

The South Venice Civic Association formed the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust, to manage the beach, the ferry, and the boat launch ramp. The SVCA maintains oversight responsibility.

Over those 66 years we have been extremely fortunate, to have great volunteers who have stepped up, and given of their time, treasure, and talent, to make South Venice an even more enjoyable place to live.

We have just had our election for our new board members, who serve a one-year term, to replace those board members who have timed out, after serving on the board for five years.

Today, we want to thank the following great volunteers who have given so much and ensured the success of the SVCA:

Walt Ernst has served in many positions, over the years and most recently as President of the South Venice Civic Association, where he has guided and motivated us with his wise counsel.

Maureen Holland very kindly donated of her talents in the areas of editing our Wave magazine, and in publicity and marketing at the SVCA. Maureen was also one of the founding members of the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust.

Rick Curwood, was also instrumental in founding the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust, as well as spending countless hours painting, fixing, and maintaining our building and the grounds at the SVCA.



At the May meeting, departing Board member Rick Curwood welcomed three members of the incoming SVCA Board: Paul Gilmartin, Greg Schwartz and John Bowne.

Deputy Cathy Duff was there and Bill Sklodowski taught us about maximizing our smart phones.

Bill is soon moving to South Venice!



Gail Parker, who did an outstanding job, as our secretary, and board member, and who ran the art and craft shows, the Jewelry sale, and the Yard sale, which has grown into a local institution, and is the most profitable event for the SVCA.

These great board members have made the SVCA, what it is today, and we are extremely grateful to them for their years of dedicated service, to our members, and to the residents of South Venice.

We also held a very successful Bandanna Under the Stars concert, although weather conditions forced us to move the concert indoors. We had 144 members, South Venice residents and their guests turn out for the concert.

Thank you to our great board and our member who volunteered to make this a very successful event.

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Board member Sandy Tulenko presenting 'thank you' plaques to Rick, Gail and Maureen. Walt wasn't able to be there to receive his.

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President's Message *Continued*

We did very well, and the funds raised will be used to purchase more new fiberglass round tables, to enable us to host larger rental parties.

As we move into the summer months, and as we go to events and public functions, I would encourage you to motivate friends and family, who may not be vaccinated, to get vaccinated, as the Delta variant is very dangerous. Please also remember in your thoughts and prayers the over 609,000 who passed due to Covid 19.

We have scheduled another one of our very successful Business EXPOs, and this will be on Saturday, August 28 from 8:00am to 1:00pm, where we will showcase local businesses and the wide range of products and services they offer the residents of South Venice.

Our EXPOS are always very well attended, so please mark your calendar, to come to the EXPO and find out the latest products and deals available. We do not charge an entrance fee to the public.

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of our Board, who were elected at our annual general meeting on June 21, at which we had a quorum, and they were overwhelmingly approved by the membership present.

We will be having a series of planning and brainstorming events, with the new board, during the summer months, to help grow the SVCA and to provide our members and the residents of South Venice with better programs and events.

Our new board members will bring new ideas, new energy, and new enthusiasm to our SVCA board, which will result in a stronger and more dynamic SVCA, better able to serve our members and the residents of South Venice.

I wish you safe travels, and very enjoyable vacation days, with friends and family! Enjoy your Summer !!

Be safe! Be well!

FROM CHERYL COOPER, Chair

Beach Trust News



On Monday, July 6, the SVBET made the decision to close the entire Ferry and Boat ramp area until after the storm surge from Hurricane Elsa passes. The Ferry was removed from the water and trailered as a precaution as well. The Coastguard recently revised the regulations for wearing masks on the open air ferry. They are no longer required in the Ferry House or on the Ferry for fully vaccinated people. For the consideration of others, immune com-



EVERYONE HAD A great time with BANDANA on July 3—and we sold out again! A late decision was made to move inside after a glance at weather predictions. The food counter was busy and we made almost \$700 at the bar. And thanks to our great volunteers, the whole place was broken down and cleaned up by just after 9:30! This was our third Bandana event and the second to celebrate the Fourth. Expect to see them again in 2022!

promised individuals and Non-vaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear masks but we will NOT be asking for medical documentation.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE SEA TURTLE NESTS that are marked. Please stay away from them and do not allow your children or family members to dig near them.

Please take all trash back to the mainland with you and pick up any debris you may find on the beach. Sea turtles are endangered. We are fortunate they have chosen our beach to nest each year.

Welcome to our newest members!

Olin (Ed) & Ave' Maria Perkins
Randall Green
Peter Gorman



SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings

By DIANE CLARK

We are thrilled to announce that the Board of the SVGC has decided to resume the Garden Club's regular activities in September. We will meet every month until May at the Community Center, as we had been pre-COVID, on the third Monday of each month at 1:00pm.

At our monthly meetings, we enjoy guest speakers, refreshments, camaraderie and our marvelous \$1.00 plant raffles! The Club also has special events during the year that include a Holiday Lunch in December and our famous Annual Plant Sale in March.

All interested men and women are invited to stop in on September 20 or on any third Monday. We'd love you to join us and learn all about how to garden here in Paradise!

Be sure to visit us online at SouthVeniceGardenClub.com or southvenicegardenclub@gmail.com.

Captain's Corner:

By CAPTAIN RANDALL PATTERSON



Things are finally back to as close to normal as we're probably going to get. The Coast Guard recently lifted the mask requirement for open air vessels and transit hubs. That means us, so we're now running full loads with only a request that unvaccinated persons should still wear a mask. Since I have yet to see anyone wear a mask, I must

assume we've achieved a 100% vaccination rate for all of South Venice and all of the tourists who are visiting. That's simply amazing. Some regular passengers are still bringing masks, but that's more for the red tide.

We had our annual safety inspection in June. It was Captain Lou's first time and he did great hauling the man-overboard dummy back aboard.

In case you're unaware, most passenger vessels are required to have a Captain and a Mate. We have a waiver due to the fact that our route is very short and in protected waters. The trade-off is that the Captain has to be able to handle all emergencies by themselves, and the Coast Guard tests us annually. For the man-overboard drill, they throw a dummy into the water, and while it floats, it is lifeless and can't help you get it back aboard. It can also get heavy when it gets waterlogged. (That's why I always volunteer to go first; don't tell the other guys).

By the way, if you haven't met our newest Captain, Lou Baggett, you owe it to yourself to ride on a Monday or Tuesday and introduce yourself. He's fifth generation Floridian and has commercial fished the area for most of his life. He has some great stories.

Finally, Hurricane Elsa blew through on July 6. Unlike Hurricane ETA in November, which caught us off guard, we had plenty of warning. Our newest volunteer, Josh Uhl, came over to help me prep the boat for haul out. Mark Gunn, who lives nearby brought his truck over and we put the ferry on its trailer and moved it to the parking lot. It made for a much more restful night than that one in November when the ferry rode out the storm in the ferry house slip. Have a beautiful and safe summer.

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



We're looking for volunteers!

If anyone is interested in volunteering at Shamrock Park, please email Teresa Good at tjgood@scgov.net. I am in need of trail stewards for the summer months. What trail stewardship entails is keeping the trail clean by picking up litter, being an extra set of eyes in the park to report maintenance issues, and just being present to answer visitor questions. These three things play important roles in keeping Shamrock Park a great place for folks to get outside and see the beauty we have right here in our own neighborhood.

Shamrock Park Deck Renovation

This has certainly been a year for much needed upgrades at Shamrock Park. Earlier this year the Shamrock path was re-paved, the water plant behind the building got a brand new fence, fencing was added near the entrance of the park and starting soon, the building deck will be completely replaced.

So far, each project has been very successful, and a brand new deck will certainly add to the beauty of the Nature Center building. During the two to three month renovation period, we will be providing port-a-lets in the parking lot for visitor and staff use. Since the water fountains will also not be available during the project, visitors may need to use the bubbler located at the tennis courts or bring a bottle of water from home. Once the project is complete, things will be business as usual! As always, thank you for visiting Shamrock Park and have a great summer!

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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.

FROM GREG SCHWARTZ

You've heard about it. Now be a part of it!

But what is a CERT Program?

CERT is a national emergency preparedness program with over 2,700 local chapters nationwide. Our SVCA CERT program began almost 20 years ago. Today, we are a joint chapter with the Venice Gardens group. (SVCA chapter in 2018 at right.)

CERT volunteers go through training in basic disaster response skills, like fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations—it's a nationwide approach to volunteer training and **organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations**, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

Neighbors helping Neighbors

The Community Emergency Response Team helps you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. You make a difference by using CERT membership to save lives and protect property.

CERT is about readiness, neighbors helping neighbors, volunteer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

If you're interested in joining up, there's a basic training coming up—there are six sessions to be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings from August 17 to August 28, 202 at South Central Florida, Lakewood Ranch Campus.

For more Information, you can contact me at 518-441-5787 or Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641.



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

**Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641 or
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**Seminole Drive Clean-Up
Saturday, August 21 - 8:00am**

Meet at Quincy and Burke

**Alligator Drive Clean-Up
Saturday, September 18 - 8:00am**

Meet at SVCA building

**Venetian Waterway Clean-Up
Saturday, October 16 - 8:00am**

Meet by Shamrock Park tennis courts)

**CERT: Community Emergency
Response Team**

Thursday, July 22 - 6:00pm

Thursday, August 26 - 6:00pm

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

Grove Workday at Siesta Creek

Summer workdays will be announced

Meet at corner of Seminole and Quincy. Workers are encouraged to bring yard tools and gloves. Face masks please. Trash bags will be provided.

YOGA with AMELIA

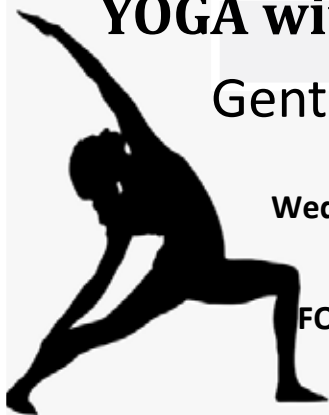
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Amelia Lombardi is a trained instructor and has been teaching for 18 years. She and her family are from Massachusetts and came to South Venice four years ago.

Home Sales: MAY 16 to JUNE 15, 2021

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
5090 CARYL RD	1,480	3	2	1993	None	2	13	\$129,900	\$157,000
3224 INDRA RD	887	2	1	1989	None	1	0	\$157,224	\$157,224
5930 ELTON RD	1,176	2	1	1980	None	1	2	\$178,300	\$182,000
208 LOYOLA RD	926	2	2	1990	None	1	0	\$210,000	\$215,000
214 AURORA RD	835	2	1	1959	None	1	3	\$215,000	\$215,000
2530 RIGEL RD	1,152	2	2	1963	None		8	\$225,000	\$215,000
986 DEVON RD	1,078	2	2	1987	None		1	\$240,000	\$225,000
732 NECTAR RD	960	2	2	2002	None	2	53	\$228,000	\$228,000
3101 FALLOW RD	1,064	2	2	2001	None		6	\$235,000	\$235,000
1015 HUDSON RD	1,026	2	2	1970	None	1	3	\$249,900	\$249,900
588 YALE RD	1,611	3	2	1978	None	1	91	\$259,000	\$254,500
3036 SHAMROCK DR	1,091	2	2	1971	None		2	\$248,975	\$255,000
4508 POMPAO RD	1,654	2	2	1970	None	1	9	\$265,000	\$255,000
340 CARMEL RD	1,324	2	2	1981	None	2	4	\$243,000	\$259,000
1184 HORIZON RD	1,262	3	2	1972	Private	1	4	\$259,000	\$259,000
2991 SIESTA DR	1,160	2	2	2004	None	2	12	\$269,900	\$260,000
596 BROWN RD	902	2	2	1980	Private	1	1	\$240,000	\$260,000
620 AZURE RD	1,428	2	2	1979	Private	1	13	\$264,900	\$260,000
806 NANTUCKET RD	1,211	2	2	1977	None	1	7	\$259,900	\$262,000
3055 ENGLEWOOD RD	1,240	2	2	1979	Private	2	5	\$269,000	\$270,000
286 ALTAIR RD	1,145	2	2	1992	Private	1	2	\$259,900	\$270,500
574 DEVON RD	1,368	3	2	2020	None	2	123	\$281,697	\$278,397
686 ALLIGATOR DR	1,308	2	2	1972	None	1	0	\$279,000	\$279,000
3665 STERLING RD	1,253	2	2	1976	Private	1	2	\$274,000	\$289,000
307 COWRY RD	1,180	2	2	1987	Private	1	3	\$285,500	\$290,000
416 BUCKNELL RD	1,322	3	2	1978	None	1	1	\$289,900	\$290,000
1049 GRAHAM RD	1,108	2	2	1989	None	2	12	\$299,900	\$299,900
1150 S VENICE BLVD	1,108	2	2	1989	None	2	5	\$289,000	\$300,000
5880 REGENT RD	1,123	2	2	1990	Private	1	4	\$279,900	\$311,000
230 AURORA RD	1,960	3	2	1984	None	2	2	\$299,900	\$313,000
1490 S VENICE BLVD	1,531	3	2	1973	None	4	3	\$339,987	\$315,000
1180 MANGROVE RD	1,475	2	2	1978	Private	1	3	\$310,000	\$320,000
915 DEVON RD	1,556	2	2	1978	Private	1	2	\$299,900	\$325,900
1132 LEEWARD RD	1,522	3	2	1978	None	2	42	\$329,500	\$329,500
450 PONDEROSA RD	2,149	3	2	2003	None	2	6	\$329,900	\$334,500
1248 REDSTART RD	1,899	3	2	1972	Private		6	\$350,000	\$337,000
5220 DREW RD	2,265	4	3	2020	None	3	13	\$344,945	\$344,945
460 PELICAN RD	1,544	3	2	1977	Private		2	\$324,900	\$356,000
380 FOXGLOVE RD	1,496	3	2	1972	Private	1	3	\$339,000	\$357,000
4051 SHAMROCK DR	1,665	3	3	1971	Private	2	0	\$369,000	\$369,000
360 BLUEBELL RD	1,294	2	2	1984	None	6	23	\$399,900	\$370,000
1247 PIEDMONT RD	1,650	3	2	1996	Private	2	4	\$384,900	\$379,000
251 PLANTATION RD	1,328	2	2	1987	Private	2	2	\$395,000	\$426,500
395 SHAMROCK DR	2,000	3	3	2020	None		174	\$450,000	\$450,000
5040 MIMOSA RD	2,230	5	4	1977	Private	6	11	\$499,500	\$460,000
4420 YACHT CLUB DR	2,194	2	2	1991	Private	2	7	\$535,000	\$520,000
570 PONDEROSA RD	1,986	3	2	2019	Private	2	0	\$549,900	\$549,900

State of the Market

KATHEREN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

It's been another great month for sales in South Venice. There were 47 homes sold in the last thirty day period! The highest sale was for \$549,900 on Ponderosa Rd. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$217.75 which is still continuing to climb. **Twenty—nearly half! - of these properties Sold for over asking price.**

Almost as many—44 - are pending and range in asking price from \$569,000 to \$169,000. There are currently 24 Active listings on the market ranging from \$699,000 to \$209,900. We continue to see 'bidding wars' on properties. My sister Kelley Ann and I are experts in South Venice having sold over seventeen homes right here in the recent months. If you are thinking of Buying or Selling 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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