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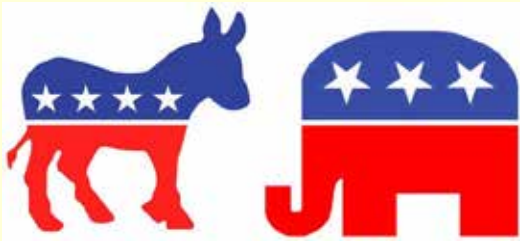
SUMMER 2022

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CALENDAR

Meet the Candidates!

MONDAY, AUGUST 8



Got an absentee ballot? Don't send it in till you meet the candidates! We've invited all local and state candidates on the 2022 primary ballot. Details on page 8.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Next meeting SEPTEMBER 12 7:00pm

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Your 2022-23 Board of Directors



Dianna Brannan



Bernard Doogue



Bobbie Drummond



Paul Gilmartin

Thanks for stepping up!



Joan Giovinazzo



Susan Juranek



Sandy Tulenko

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors of the SVCA was approved at the June General meeting and took office July 1. There are seven directors who share a history and/or commitment to the South Venice community and the SVCA. The 2022-23 Board members are:

Dianna Brannan - with her husband Bill, retired to South Venice in 2014. Board Treasurer 2019-2022. 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 "Duke" 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 Professional Management here. An avid Toastmaster, Duke joined the SVCA Board in 2019 and has served as President 2020 to the present.

Bobbie Drummond - Bobbie joined the SVCA Board in March, filling the seat vacated by John Bowne. She and her husband came here in 2019 after many years running their own very successful business in Atlanta, among them a residential painting company. Here in South Venice, she immediately volunteered to paint our building, which she did and we thank her. It looks great!

Paul Gilmartin - Paul came to here in 2020 from San Diego, after a 30-

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FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



I really enjoy this time of year, as because of day-light saving, it is always so light when I leave the house if I have early meetings, or early appointments. Similarly, when coming home in the evenings, I find that there are number of hours after dinner, which one can spend in the lanai, outside, or down at the beach just enjoying nature.

This time of year is great, as it enables all of us, to recharge our batteries, to plan and enjoy vacations, and to enjoy a more spare time outside communing with nature, or participating in sporting events and activities long into the evening.

I know that I feel energized, and want to do more, as I feel I have all these extra hours in the day, versus when we are in winter, and the sun rises later and sets earlier. We at the SVCA, are busy cleaning and improving our hall, to accommodate a number of extra renters who are renting the hall for all manner of family celebrations and events. We are planning to strip the floor, reseal and re-wax the floor, and then to keep the floors looking very clean and attractive. We survey our hall renters, after having rented, and the response we invariably

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We love to hear from you!

SEND TO: maureenholland@comcast.net

Names may be withheld. 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.

June General Meeting—Board elected

At the Annual General meeting of the Civic Association on June 20, we presented the Board of Directors slate, which was published in the May issue of the WAVE, to a quorum of the membership. A vote to approve was conducted. The slate was elected and the vote was unanimous, with no objections.

Financial Summary: As of May 31, 2022

Current Assets: \$47157.95
Fixed Assets: \$22946
Total Assets: \$70104.32
Total Liabilities: \$2493.09
Total Income/gross Profit: \$30348.93
Total Expenses: \$24463.21
Net income: \$5896.84

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

- The SVCA board met on June 13 and discussed the financials listed above. Also discussed:
- Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws revisions
- New conflict of interest statement for board members
- Membership events.
- Approved an Open House for new residents to be held on October 1, so they can learn more about the SVCA. This event will kick off the membership drive season.
- Buildings and Grounds projects and priorities
- Rental hall usage and the influx of younger families that are renting
- Updates to and progress on the new website
- August 8 event for Meet the Candidates
- Events for the Fall including Red Tide and turtles education, roofing, sewer/septic, and Florida landscaping.
- Other events have been moved to September.
- Next board meeting September 12.

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

RIP Jeanne Bowne, wife of former Board President and Beach Trustee

Our condolences to John Bowne, long time SVCA board member, former President and, later, Trustee on the Beach Endowment, on the loss of his wife Jeanne who fought a valiant 18 month battle with multiple myeloma.

New Englanders through and through, John and Jeanne came to South Venice twelve years ago and immediately began making a difference in the community. They were regular volunteers — John still is—and we are always so grateful for such dedication.



2022-23 Board of Directors

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year career in the United States Navy, retiring 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. These days you see his monthly column "Board Matters" in the WAVE.

Joan 'Cherry' Giovinazzo (aka "The Energizer Bunny") - SVCA Board 2018-2022. 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. This year, Cherry took over leadership of the Annual Yard Sale from Gail Parker.

Susan Juranek - Susan joined the board in February, filling a vacated seat. She and her husband Bill came to South Venice from Chicago in 2011, becoming full time residents. She's retired from AT&T and today is a passionate gardener and 'foodie'. Susan got her real estate license in 2021, and worked with Century 21 on the island. In addition, she's volunteered at Venice Hospital, Venice Wildlife Rescue, Habitat and All Faiths Food Bank. A supporter of the SVCA from the beginning, she strongly believes in giving back to our unique community.

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 2020-2022. Sandy also worked on fundraising for the new ferry and cares about protecting our resources. This year, Sandy established a new project, the SVCA Environmental Roundtable.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park



We're still here all summer. If you're still here, come on over and enjoy this wonderful, natural corner of our world.

Restoring our Florida landscape

We have heard from many neighbors about the grounds work being done at the Park and along Shamrock Drive. There are lots of folks who understand what we are doing, but I want to make sure the whole community understands the activity as we fold the newly acquired ESLPP addition.

Acres of invasive Brazilian Pepper trees along with some Carrotwood trees and other non-natives have been mulched, treated and removed from areas along Shamrock Drive. This removal project is the beginning of a process to restore the landscape to its native habitat. Brazilian Pepper trees were first brought to the United States in the 1890's from South America - In their native ranges, there are natural controls which keep them in check. But here, those natural controls are absent and there is nothing to stop them from taking over our native landscapes. Brazilian peppers can reach heights greater than 30 feet, live for over 30 years, grow around 10 feet per year and form dense thickets. The thickets become so dense and provide

so much shade that any vegetation trying to grow underneath is choked out.

These invasives also produce allelopathic chemicals in the soil that make it impossible for anything else to grow nearby. Unattended, eventually, nothing but Brazilian pepper trees would exist, producing a monoculture.

Allowing this to happen in our native habitats, directly affects listed species of wildlife such as gopher tortoises and scrub jays. They destroy mangrove, pineland, scrub, and wetland habitats. In fact, Brazilian pepper trees are so destructive, it is illegal for anyone in the state to grow, harvest, cultivate or transport the tree throughout the state. Since the County purchased this new section of land for preservation purposes, we plan to continually monitor the area to once again re-populate the landscape. The restored habitat will support a much healthier population of Florida wildlife including wading birds, turtles, crabs, raptors and more.

The restoration process will take time, however. We will see many phases of change on our way to the goal.

Before the County purchased these 39 acres, it was destined to be developed into residential housing. The goal now is to restore the land to a diverse, native ecosystem which will benefit a healthy variety of wildlife for many years to come.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help monitor and pull invasive weeds in these restoration areas, just contact me at tjgood@scgov.net. *Continued*

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Let's Make Some Black Gold

August 24 – 10:30am in the Park Classroom

Join us to learn 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. Attendees will learn the basics of home composting, how to build their own compost system, and the benefits of composting. Register early at: ufsarasotaext.eventbrite.com to reserve your seat and receive notice of any changes, or visit scgov.net/parks or call 941-861-5000.

Demonstration Garden Tour

First Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am

Ages 18 and up/Free/Meet in the Demonstration Garden. Master Gardener volunteers will be in the Demonstration Garden at Shamrock Park to answer questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-Friendly landscaping. No registration necessary. For information, call 941-861-5000.

MEMBERSHIP MAKES US STRONG!

When we're strong, we are heard at the County on issues that affect us—like tree trimming, ditch mowing, code enforcement, mosquito spraying, drain maintenance, zoning, permitting, water and sewer.

Together, we work to keep South Venice a strong community!

Beautiful Neighborhoods Initiative • Water Quality Task Force • Siesta Waterway Clean-up • Shamrock Park Clean-up • Community Emergency Response Team • South Venice Garden Club • Government Affairs Committee to liaise with County

Renewed your membership yet?

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Welcome to our newest members!

John VenHousen

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Jack Toohey

Thomas Bartlett & Katherine Anderson

John VenHousen

Becky Lee & Diana Hoover

SVCA's MISSION

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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, September 10 - 8:00am

Saturday, December 10 - 9:00am

Seminole Drive Clean-Up

(meet at Quincy and Burke)

Saturday, August 13 - 8:00am

Saturday, November 12 - 9:00am

Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

(meet by tennis courts at Shamrock Park)

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, October 15—8:00am

Saturday, November 19—9:00am

Saturday, December 17—9:00am

*A lie can travel halfway around the world while the
truth is still putting on its shoes.* Mark Twain

President's Message Continued

get is how much people enjoy renting our hall, because of its central location, and because it is always reasonably priced and kept very clean and well maintained. Respondents also always tell us about how pleasant we are to deal with.

We are noticing a lot of new faces, at our meetings, and I would encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to come to our events, once we resume in the fall.

As I drive around South Venice, I am always amazed, about how once vacant lots have now been purchased and how new homes are being built on these lots. We know that many people are flocking to Florida based on our weather, the economy, and the lifestyle we offer.

Please reach out to these newcomers, make them feel welcome, and guide them on the various opportunities that are available in South Venice and in Venice.

These newcomers bring their talents and are keen to seek out and exploit opportunities that they may see for them in Venice and South Florida.

I remember how Nancy and I came to South Venice in October 2017, and how now within a few months we will have already been here five years. We find South Venice a marvelous place to live, and really enjoy being part of the community, contributing to it, and giving back with our talents to the various organizations and especially the South Venice Civic Association.

Our membership has really grown, and we look forward to the membership growing even further, with many of these newcomers joining the SVCA.

The Jazzercise classes have been very well patronized at the South Venice Civic Association, and we are planning to offer other fitness classes, that may be less strenuous, and may be more attractive to our older members. Stay tuned for further exciting information within a short period of time.

We as the South Venice Civic Association, wish you all a very enjoyable summer, and wish you safe travels wherever you plan to go.

We are planning to offer you further exciting events for you to enjoy, commencing in the fall.

Please give us your thoughts and ideas, for any programs, events, or Educated Consumer programs that you might like see the South Venice Civic Association offer to our members, and to the public of South Venice.

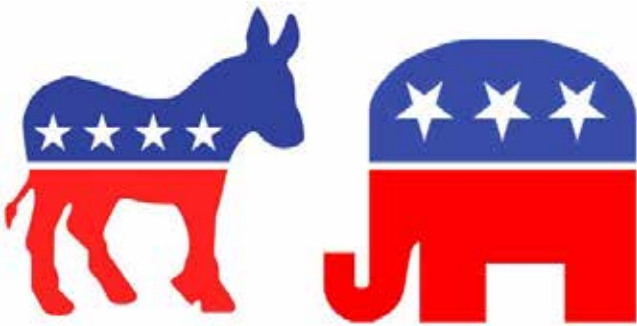
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Election 2022

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Monday, August 8 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Bring your friends and neighbors!

Your opportunity to meet the candidates for local, state and national offices—face to face!



We have invited all candidates for the following offices:

United States Senator
United State Representative
Florida Governor
Florida Attorney General
Florida CFO
Florida Commissioner of Agriculture

AND LOCALLY:

County Commission
County Charter Review Board
City of Venice Council—Seats 5, 6 and 7
County School Board
County Hospital Board

REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE OPEN HOUSE

Registration deadline for the general election is October 11, 2022
Primary Election— August 23, 2022
General election— November 8, 2022

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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) • New students may register at the class or contact instructor Carol at 941-366-2866 to get started.

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Jazzercise at the SVCA

Group classes incorporate HIT Cardio dance moves with strength training for the ultimate full body workout. Instructor is SVCA member Karen Schroll.

For more information, contact her directly at 847-361-5810 or just go to Jazzercise.com.



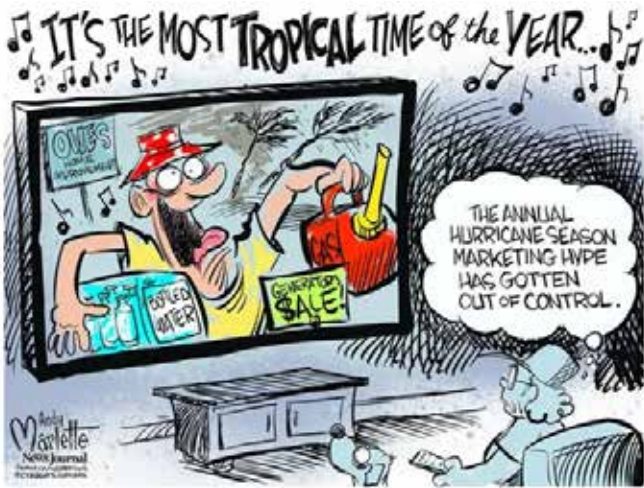
NEW: Low Impact Class beginning in August!

Every Monday and Wednesday—10:00am to 10:45am

This class is specially designed for low impact, and features balance and light weights. It's a great way to get some cardio exercise—AND meet new people right here at the Civic Center.

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Hearty Referral

As a small business owner, the best compliment I receive is a referral. Identifying who needs a referral can be a bit tricky. I created a story to help my clients identify who might need my services.

When you dine out with friends you may notice someone who keeps saying "huh" or "what". This indicates they can't hear well in a noisy setting and tends to be a first indicator of a hearing loss.

Research has indicated that on average people take seven years to seek help for their hearing loss. Maybe if enough people ask they might get the help sooner.

Over the years I have had referrals of new clients who tell me they were out to dinner with friends who recommended they come see me. And now, I have my referral suggestion taken to a whole new level. A lovely lady, with a great heart, was out to dinner with friends. She heard the gentleman sitting behind her saying "huh" and "what" quite a lot. After a while she turned around, interrupted him and suggested he come and see me.

The happy ending is he did come in. His wife had been begging him to get his hearing checked for years. Since a stranger said, "you are showing signs that you need to go see Blair". He realized he might have a bigger loss than he thought.

Since he was admitting he might have a loss, I was able to help him hear better. Now, his wife is happier when they go out to dinner.



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2720 GENTIAN RD	1,189	3	2	1976	None		4	\$280,000	\$241,000
1066 FUNDY RD	1,219	2	2	1982	None	1	4	\$229,900	\$260,000
840 QUEEN RD	946	2	1	1955	None	1	3	\$275,000	\$265,000
205 TREASURE RD	791	2	1	1970	None	0	1	\$275,000	\$290,000
687 CONSTANCE RD	1,024	3	2	1955	None	2	30	\$337,500	\$300,000
251 AZALEA RD	1,108	2	2	1987	None	2	4	\$328,500	\$315,000
451 AZALEA RD	969	2	1	1977	None	1	1	\$315,000	\$315,000
1076 QUEEN	1,016	2	2	1997	None	1	7	\$349,500	\$325,000
281 AZALEA RD	1,555	3	2	2003	None	2	5	\$319,000	\$335,000
1255 JAMAICA RD	1,470	2	2	1972	None	2	42	\$350,000	\$343,000
856 MACON RD	888	2	2	1979	None	1	4	\$339,900	\$353,000
3436 ROSLYN RD	1,338	2	2	1985	None	1	9	\$349,900	\$353,000
1420 NANTUCKET RD	1,840	3	2	1977	None	2	1	\$329,900	\$359,500
3345 PAPAYA RD	1,101	2	2	1975	None	1	23	\$369,900	\$375,000
807 INDUS RD	2,356	4	2	1976	None	2	36	\$399,000	\$379,000
308 PURDUE RD	1,303	3	2	1978	None	1	9	\$379,900	\$385,000
971 MOHAWK RD	1,538	2	2	1980	Private	1	13	\$415,000	\$395,000
771 HOBART RD	1,520	2	2	1988	Private	2	20	\$399,000	\$400,000
4632 ALLIGATOR DR	1,440	3	2	1978	None	2	65	\$425,000	\$402,000
655 DUKE RD	1,713	3	2	1985	None	2	4	\$375,000	\$405,000
911 SOUTH VENICE BLVD	1,888	3	2	1957	Private		7	\$429,999	\$429,999
87 PRINCETON RD	1,290	3	2	1976	Private		1	\$419,000	\$430,000
880 FLAMINGO RD	1,410	3	2	2002	None	1	6	\$429,000	\$438,000
823 PANDA RD	1,340	3	3	1980	Private		14	\$450,000	\$450,000
1016 NANTUCKET RD	1,483	3	2	2000	None	2	4	\$450,000	\$450,000
616 YALE RD	1,611	2	2	1973	Private		48	\$475,000	\$460,000
521 CABANA RD	1,530	3	2	2022	None	2	36	\$455,000	\$462,550
531 CABANA RD	1,530	3	2	2022	None	2	0	\$455,000	\$465,050
250 MAGNOLIA RD	1,590	2	2	1976	Private	2	1	\$475,000	\$475,000
541 CABANA RD	1,530	3	2	2022	None	2	11	\$475,000	\$475,190
3534 TUNDRA RD	1,865	3	2	1987	None	2	2	\$469,900	\$490,500
1355 YACHT CLUB DR	1,393	3	2	1969	None	2	4	\$450,000	\$491,000
988 SENECA RD	2,124	3	3	1979	None	3	16	\$550,000	\$550,000
5632 BAYLOR RD	1,766	3	2	1997	Private	2	10	\$565,000	\$555,000
5224 FLORIDA RD	2,127	3	2	2007	Private	2	3	\$675,000	\$693,000
288 NIGHTINGALE RD	2,118	3	2	1987	None	2	28	\$699,000	\$699,000

SOUTH VENICE HISTORY An ad from a 1958 edition of the South Venice News:
FOR RENT - Season only. \$135 per month. Four room house to responsible couple. Fireplace, newly furnished. (This one was on Lemon Bay Drive.)



State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

It's been a beautiful Summer in paradise! A total of thirty-six homes have sold in the last thirty-day period. The lowest sale was \$241,000. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$282.17. The average sale price this period was \$411,383, the average days on market was just 13 days and the average price per square foot was \$285.55. Currently there are 37 HOMES PENDING waiting to close, which is the lowest number we have seen in months. The inventory has increased but still remains low!_At the time of this report (7/15/22) there were 42 Active Listings, and that is the most we have seen in a while. Asking prices ranging from 1.1 million to 275K.

In my opinion, **the market has cooled and softened in my opinion. I also do not under any circumstance think we are headed for a real estate crash, for several reasons.** This is not like 2008 where we had liars loans and rigged appraisals, it's very different.

Today, the news we hear is national, our area remains an extremely desirable destination, historically we have 60% cash buyers who are unconcerned with mortgage rates, just to name a few things. In fact, the market is stabilizing in my opinion. Also, just last night on CNBC's Cramer, they showed that the most popular investment right now is real estate. Don't worry friends, we are going to be fine!

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!

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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