



# South Venice Beach Wave

**JUNE 2022**

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## **MONDAY, JUNE 20 at 7:00pm General Meeting**

### **Hurricane Preparedness**

A presentation by Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief Ed McCrane, followed by a Q&A. **MORE INFO ON PAGE 9**



**At this meeting, members will**

**be voting to confirm the slate of candidates for the 2022-2023 SVCA Board of Directors**

As always, there will be no general meetings in July or August.

*Have a great summer!*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monday, **JUNE 13 7:00pm**

### **GARDEN CLUB**

On hiatus until September!

### **SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB**

Next meeting **JULY 3 3:00pm**



Great turnout at the May General meeting with County Commissioner Nancy Detert. Always glad to see Deputy Cathy Duff who brought along Deputy Paula O'Brien!

**See "MORE" on page 3**



## FROM DUKE DOOGUE

### *Message from the President*



We have been so fortunate recently, with an extended spell of great weather, with the periodic heavy rain-storm, which has helped our gardens rebound after a long period of drought.

We certainly dodged a bullet with the tropical storm, petering out, however, we should never let our guard down as storms, tropical disturbances and hurricanes can spring up, quickly, and a very active hurricane season has been predicted by the national weather forecasters. We always try to keep you informed and prepared, and to that end Ed Mc Crane, The Emergency Management Chief for Sarasota County, will be delivering his outstanding seminar on June 20, on the topic of Disaster Preparedness.

Ed is very knowledgeable and has personally guided Sarasota County, successfully, through a number of large tropical storms and hurricanes. So please plan to attend, as it is a seminar filled with a lot of great infor-

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

I just read the "Message from the President" in the May 2022 issue of our South Venice publication.

I whole heartedly applaud his stance concerning the county pushing sewer and water into South Venice. Being told it's going to happen eventually

whether South Venice likes it or not . . . just unacceptable. Isn't that taxation without representation?

Thank you to those on the board standing against those trying to take away our choices.

*Kathy Metz, Mohawk Road*

## We love to hear from you!

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*Names may be withheld. All letters are subject to review.*

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## SVCA's MISSION

*To protect, preserve and improve our community's  
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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.*

## **Nominations - 2022-2023 Board of Directors**

After the tentative slate was published last month and the President did not receive any other nominations via the member nomination submission process, the following names are the final slate for the membership to vote on during the June general meeting:

- |                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Dianne Brannan  | Bernard "Duke" Doogue |
| Bobbie Drummond | Paul Gilmartin        |
| Joan Giovinazzo | Susan Juranek         |
| Sandy Tulenko   |                       |

## **Financial Summary: as of April 30, 2022**

Current Assets:	\$47,985
Fixed Assets:	\$22,946
Total Assets:	\$70,931
Total Liabilities:	\$ 2,870
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$27,109
Total Expenses:	\$20,772
Net income:	\$ 6,346

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

## **Executive Board Meeting Summary:**

- The SVCA board met on May 9 and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:
- Office Manager appointed as an employee, instead of a contractor
- Discussed General Meeting with Commissioner Detert
- Discussed Article of Incorporation and By-laws
- Voted to Confirm 2016 By-Laws and policy and procedures until new documents approved
- Discussed reforming committees and chairpersons/members
- Discussed adopting a new ethics and conflict of interest statement
- Discussed committee reports and new website design
- Discussed schedule of events and general meetings for June, August and September
- Reviewed federal amendment for the right to clean water
- Cancelled July Fourth event
- Approved tentative board of director 2022-2023 Slate

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

**Renewed your membership yet?**  
**It's still just \$60 yearly**  
**Welcome to our newest members!**

Karen Laura Schroll	Vicky Ferguson
Diane Clark	Glenn Elliott
Mario and Stacy Fiorentio	
Pete Perez	Kelly Mackenzie-Friend
Kevin and Margarita Dalian	

## **MORE . . . FROM SANDY TULENKO**

We were happy to see such a large turnout at the May General Meeting—there were nearly a hundred of you there! County Commissioner Nancy Detert presented a *State of Sarasota* talk about the business of the County and the Commission. A vigorous question and answer period followed, with many important issues being brought up by members in the audience. Among the topics of importance to our residents were the County's plans for future water and sewer treatment, restriction of motor-



ized bikes on the Legacy Trail, building zones and infrastructure, and code enforcement. We came away more informed of how Sarasota County has benefited from tourism and the bed tax and how these additional funds are being spent. At the same time, we hope that Commissioner Detert came away with a better under-



standing of what is important to our residents here in South Venice.

**ABOVE: Commissioner Detert with new area resident Maribeth Holland.**



**LEFT: Two of SVCA's part presidents, - Rick Curwood and Walt Ernst—are glad it's "not their job anymore!."**



**SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB**

*Clippings*



**FROM DIANE CLARK**

Our final meeting for the season was full of enjoyment!

Membership elected new board members for the 2022-2023 season. Susan Jura neck, also an SVCA Board member, will serve as our Vice President and plan activities for the upcoming term. FYI : Sandy Tulenko, also on the SVCA Board is our club photographer. We are grateful for and enjoying our relationship with the SVCA!

**Scholarships**

Bruce Paulsen, Treasurer, presented a scholarship to Zac Hudson, a Venice High School Senior, who will be attending Florida Gulf Coast College, pursuing a degree in Biology. This award was in honor of Bruce’s recently deceased parents; his Mom was a Master Gardner in Charlotte County for more than 30 years with his Dad as her assistant!

Our other scholarship recipient was Sophia Pearce, a former VHS graduate who was doing her internship at the Jacksonville Zoo and unable to join us.

Students interested in advanced studies of environmental related topics are eligible to apply by submitting an essay to their guidance counselor; our Scholarship Committee

reviews applicants and make suggestions to our Board. These scholarships are made possible by your support of our annual plant sale so thank you!

The final award presented at the meeting was the “Golden Trowel”, an honor bestowed on a member “who goes above and beyond for the club “. To my surprise, I was its recipient! How wonderful to have my contributions acknowledged by my peers!

We ended with a bountiful “pot luck” and an impromptu version of *See You in September*.

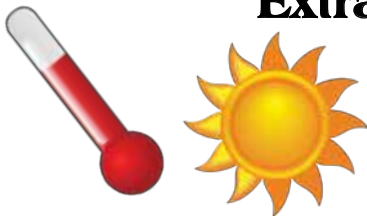
PS : If July finds you “pinning “ for something to do, you might consider these festivals: **Pine Island Tropical Fruit Fair** on July 16 and **The Caladium Festival** in Lake Placid on July 29 and 31

**Club treasurer, Bruce Paulson with scholarship recipient Zac Hudson. Also awarded a scholarship was Sophia Pearce.**



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## *President's Message* Continued

mation to protect you, your families, and your property. The meeting on the 20th will also be our annual general meeting, at which we will deliver the financial summary for the year, as well as confirming the Board of Directors for the SVCA, for the 2022 – 2023 term.

We will also be undertaking a number of projects, to maintain and improve our hall, such as rebuffering and polishing the floors, cleaning the rugs on the stage, and in the management office, and also repainting and touching up a number of areas in the hall. We will also be cleaning and maintaining the large storage area holding all the tables, chairs, and the many signs you see out in the public.

We aim to keep the hall, in great condition. Renters always say how clean and well kept it is. Rentals are the lifeblood for the SVCA, and Susan Harris, our new office manager, has done a great job, ensuring that the hall has been rented regularly, for a series of events, such as graduation parties, baby showers, celebrations of life, quinceaneras, engagement parties, wedding receptions, retirement parties, and great social gatherings, to mark the milestone events in our members lives. Recently, one of the well-known business owners, along the Tamiami Trail, and a South Venice resident and SVCA member, celebrated his son's graduation and enlistment in the Marines

Sandy Tulenko, who heads up our Educated Consumer Series, is busy planning further interesting and productive seminars, for us through the balance of 2022 and into 2023. Please contact Sandy if you have any ideas for a seminar, or a presentation, murmurs and that you feel would be of interest to you and also to our members.

We also have a new program, Jazzercise that runs daily from 9:00 – 11:00 am, contact Susan at the SVCA office 941-493-0006 to get more information.

We recently experienced some vandalism, and had to call the police. As a result of this, we will be now locking the access gates, to our basketball court, to prevent unauthorized access and damage to our property. We have also placed conspicuous signs indicating that the South Venice Civic Association property is private property and trespassers will be prosecuted.

Our board members and our great volunteers, work very hard to keep our property in great condition, and we want to continue to improve the property, and not have trespassers willfully damaging our property.

*The Board and I would like to wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer, and if travel is part of your plans, whether domestic or international, we wish you safe travels and great memories, and look forward to seeing you back at the SVCA in the Fall!*

## **The Heart of South Venice since 1955**

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

With your support, we are a strong voice in Sarasota County



### **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

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## Trash Buddies growing . . .

On Saturday May 14, our trash buddies met at the Grove to clean up Seminole and Quincy Roads. We had a great turnout and cleaner roads than usual— it was great!

We also welcomed three new people to our trash buddy group. Pictured here from May 14 are Blaine Tippett, Marla Wilcox, Bill Brennen, Winni and Rick Boyle. Not pictured was Ray Broas who also joined us for the first time.

While picking up trash on Quincy, we were delighted to see an Egret and a Rosiet Spoonbill in the Siesta Waterway.

Anyone wishing to join our regular clean-ups are always welcome. Just show up at one of the events listed at right!



## 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, June 11 - 8:00am**

**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, 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, October 15—8:00am**

**Saturday, November 19—9:00am**

**Saturday, December 17—9:00am**

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# *It was a fond farewell and a warm welcome . . .*

For 20 years, Fellowship Bible Church has made their home in the SVCA building. And for those years, John Meyers and his wife Sue have led the congregation. While the Church started here as a renter, over the years John and Sue and many of their congregation have become a part of our SVCA community..

Now, like so many, they're moving to be closer to the grandkids— in Atlanta. They will be greatly missed.

Stepping in will be Donald and Amira Roach who will now be Pastor and Pastor-wife. The Roaches are originally from Massachusetts but have lived in Florida for four years. They are the proud parents of four children—Chrystal, Caleb, Jacob and Hanna.

We wish a fond farewell to the Meyers and a warm welcome to the Roaches.



**Have you renewed your membership? No? Better do it now—online, by phone or at the office.**

## ART CLASS

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



Monthly sessions. Course starts first Wednesday every month 1:00 to 4:00pm • 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.

## NEW CLASS!

***Join Jazzercise at the SVCA***

Starting June 1, Jazzercise classes will be offered at the SVCA. There will be group classes that incorporate HIT Cardio dance moves with strength training for the ultimate full-body workout.



Instructing is SVCA member Karen Schroll. She tells us there is a 'summer sale' of up to 20% off going on for anyone signed up before June 5.

**For more information, contact Karen directly at 847-361-5810 or just go to [Jazzercise.com](http://Jazzercise.com).**

# Got an event? Rent our hall!

We're open for rentals during the Coronavirus pandemic. We're following the guidelines set by the CDC—and the hall can still accommodate up to 100 people.



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HALF DAY: full hall \$220 or half hall \$120

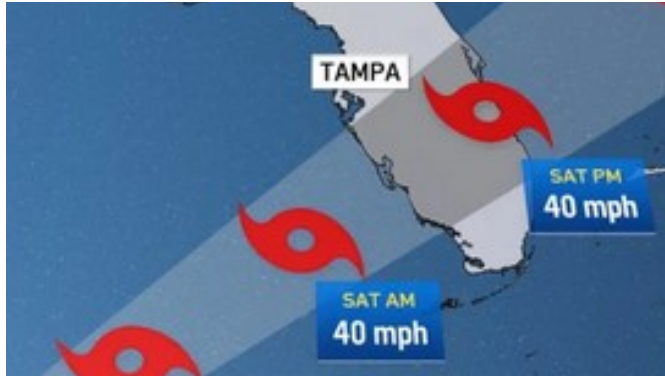
## **NON-MEMBER RATES**

FULL DAY: full hall \$450 or half hall \$300  
HALF DAY: full hall \$260 or half hall \$150

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# Emergency Management Chief Ed McCrane to speak at our June 20 meeting



We're pleased to host Ed McCrane again this year. Hurricanes and tropical events affect us directly—every year—so we look forward to hearing from Ed on what to expect from the County and State and what we each need to know and to take responsibility for.

McCrane has been a certified Florida Professional Emergency Manager (FPEM) since 2007 and has had extensive experience in emergency management, including as West Florida Region 4 Coordinator for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) from 2003 to 2005. While with FDEM I served as state liaison for seven county emergency management directors.

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Google Review:  J. Kostbar 1/8/2021

★★★★★ I have now gotten my 3rd pair of hearing aids from Blair Post. I wanted to share a story with you about how well thought of Blair is, literally nationally.

As part of the process of setting up my new hearing aids, Blair had asked me to bring in my Resound streamer boxes and he would link them up. Upon getting home, I was plugging them in and broke a little door piece on the back of one and thus the cord would not stay in the box.

I phoned Resound Customer Service and spoke with an Agent based out of Minnesota. He asked me who sold me my hearing aids.

When I told him Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing he knew right away who Blair was. I asked him how in the heck he could know Blair in our little town of Venice.

He told me that he deals with 3000 plus hearing aid providers on behalf of Resound and that he has had so many calls through the years from patients of Blair who just rave about him.

He told me that he fields so many calls every day, from people that are dissatisfied from their providers. Quite an amazing story, almost unique....so I just wanted to share it.

And PS, I would certainly recommend Blair and Contemporary Hearing to anyone.

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# SOUTH VENICE HOME SALES

## April 16 to May 15, 2022

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
3674 ROSLYN RD	4,512	4	4	2015	Private	8	126	\$1,550,000	\$1,649,000
2975 ARGYLE RD	3,207	3	3	1996	Private	3	4	\$825,000	\$825,000
4124 POMPANO RD	2,071	3	2	1991	Private	2	4	\$665,780	\$600,000
3816 SHAMROCK DR	1,789	3	2	2006	Private	2	2	\$637,500	\$600,000
531 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,790	3	2	1974	Private	2	4	\$590,000	\$577,000
1203 EVEREST RD	1,804	3	2	1981	Private	2	3	\$525,000	\$495,000
1261 ACADIA RD	1,726	3	2	2006	None	2	3	\$520,000	\$489,000
2584 ONEIDA RD	1,942	3	2	1972	Private	2	2	\$506,000	\$450,000
55 RUTGERS RD	1,572	3	2	2022	None	2	5	\$495,000	\$495,000
868 CITRUS RD	1,755	3	2	2021	None	2	29	\$488,800	\$452,342
232 FLAMINGO RD	1,424	3	2	1994	Private	2	3	\$475,000	\$419,900
4471 POMPANO RD	1,650	3	2	1972	Private	1	1	\$469,000	\$459,000
3323 ROSLYN RD	1,584	3	2	1976	None	2	1	\$455,000	\$419,900
821 AZURE RD	2,029	3	2	1972	None		5	\$454,900	\$459,900
555 TANAGER RD	1,992	3	2	1978	None	2	2	\$450,000	\$420,000
740 PONDEROSA RD	1,494	3	2	2000	None	2	13	\$445,000	\$450,000
495 BEVERLY RD	1,760	2	2	1977	Private	2	8	\$440,000	\$435,000
860 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,904	2	2	1989	None	2	2	\$430,000	\$395,000
140 COLUMBIA RD	1,387	3	2	1974	Private	1	9	\$420,000	\$397,582
3228 HERCULES RD	1,570	3	2	1977	None		5	\$415,000	\$399,900
364 E SEMINOLE DR	1,696	3	2	1959	None	2	15	\$410,000	\$420,000
3441 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,426	2	2	1982	None	1	4	\$408,000	\$352,500
407 BURKE RD	1,339	2	1	1972	Private		2	\$407,760	\$350,000
311 CORONADO RD	1,676	2	3	1977	None		34	\$392,000	\$390,000
4232 PANDORA RD	1,784	3	2	1973	None	1	2	\$391,000	\$349,999
456 BEVERLY RD	1,272	3	2	2004	None	2	3	\$370,000	\$379,000
190 COWRY RD	1,301	3	2	1983	None	2	7	\$370,000	\$379,900
290 VICTORIA RD	1,645	2	2	1987	None	2	3	\$368,000	\$374,900
740 MISSOURI RD	1,425	3	2	1976	None	2	0	\$365,000	\$365,000
510 BLUEBELL RD	1,152	2	2	1976	None	2	22	\$345,000	\$359,900
908 JAMAICA RD	1,435	3	1	1973	None		3	\$330,000	\$325,000
4850 NEPTUNE RD	929	2	2	1977	None	1	16	\$329,900	\$329,900
1264 PORPOISE RD	792	2	1	1958	None		3	\$325,000	\$289,900
560 BRADENTON RD	1,038	2	1	1970	None		1	\$320,000	\$349,900
5419 KENT RD	855	2	2	1977	None	1	11	\$310,000	\$299,900
250 SOUTHLAND RD	1,080	2	2	1990	None		2	\$301,000	\$284,500
324 HARVARD RD	883	2	2	1967	None	1	9	\$295,000	\$295,000
42 CLEMSON RD	900	2	2	1986	None	1	36	\$280,000	\$279,000
945 PIEDMONT RD	1,108	2	2	1974	None		0	\$275,000	\$275,000
1327 PIEDMONT RD	1,148	2	2	1971	None	1	3	\$263,000	\$225,000
3223 VALENCIA RD	1,458	2	2	1982	None	1	6	\$252,000	\$295,000
1283 PIEDMONT RD	858	2	1	1976	None	1	7	\$250,000	\$274,000
440 FALKLAND RD	1,093	2	2	1988	None	1	9	\$219,900	\$230,900

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# State of the Market

**KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty**

**\$1,550,000!!!** Congratulations to South Venice Beach on a record high sale for the neighborhood!

3674 Roslyn closed for \$1,550,000! A beautiful 4500 square foot custom pool home built in 2015 and located on a 33K square foot lot on Alligator Creek! The asking price was \$1,649,000 and it was on the market 126 days.

A total of forty-three homes have sold in the last thirty-day period. The lowest sale was a two-bedroom two-bath on Falkland for \$230,900. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$282.17. The average sale price this period was \$438,268 and the Average Days On Market was only 10 days! (I thought it was interesting that when I excluded the big sale on Roslyn, the statistics barely changed with the average sale being \$411,799.)

Currently there are 59 HOMES PENDING waiting to close, which has become a normal number for the neighborhood. The inventory remains low! At the time of this report (4/24/22 ) there were 24 Active Listings with prices ranging from 1.1 million to 290K. The number of Active listings may be stabilizing ant about 25 homes. My sister Kathy and I just listed a home on Zenith and received a cash offer 10K of asking price within hours! Seller's are still able to price their homes aggressively, especially if the house is neat, clean and in good condition. We continue to see multiple offers for a Seller to choose from and above the asking price!

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 have more people that want to move here than we have houses! We are not slowing down here!

*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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