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South Venice Beach Wave

MARCH 2020

The heart of South Venice since 1955

CALENDAR

Saturday, MARCH 14
Pancake Breakfast

8am to 10pm
Adults \$7 Under 12 \$4 Toddlers free

Monday, MARCH 16, 7pm
Monthly Meeting

All about HVAC, security and electric
Stay for the coffee and desserts!

Saturday, MARCH 7

We'll be at the Ferry Field from
10am to 2pm selling
tickets for the Golf
Cart raffle!



If you haven't gotten
yours yet, this will be
your opportunity.

Sat. MARCH 28 8am-1pm

**Garden Club Annual Plant and
Rummage Sale**

Benefits Scholarship Fund

Committees and Clubs

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, MARCH 9 at 4:00pm

BEACH TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, MARCH 18 at 7:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, MARCH 10 4:00pm

SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Monday, MARCH 16 at 1:00pm

*There was a
vigorous Q&A
session with the
speakers at
February's
meeting*



Chad Czerny of Culligan Water and Cory Michinko brought a wealth of experience to our February meeting. Chad spoke about well water in South Venice and Cory addressed questions about septic tanks. They were great speakers and there were, of course, lots of 'product' jokes. Thanks to them both.

New people were asked to introduce themselves and were welcomed. A group from Chestnut Street came hoping to get information about a suspected drug house in their neighborhood. Board member Rick Curwood was able to help them with some County contacts. And, of course, the coffee was appreciated and the desserts were delicious!



FROM DUKE DOOGUE

President's Message

I belong to several groups and organizations in Venice, as well as some which have national and international reach, and the persistent problem we all face is how do we get people to join these organizations today?

The most successful, such as Toastmasters International, with 350,000 members in 126 countries, seem to have the same common denominator - their members feel and see that they are getting something from their membership, and feel an energy and enthusiasm in the group.

When your Board discussed revitalizing SVCA, we explored offering something at our monthly meetings that was different and not available elsewhere. With that in mind, we launched what we're calling "The Educated Homeowner Series" to address home maintenance, an issue common to us all. After all, for most of us, our home is our biggest investment and our nest egg for the future.

OUR MISSION:

To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, conditions and quality of life, to bring South Venice together and to promote the civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests of our community.

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South Venice Civic Association

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

On January 24, at 1:30am, I had to 911 as my husband was in the midst of a major stroke. We live on South Venice Boulevard.

I am fully aware that the street name is "South Venice" but when the 911 dispatcher typed it in he entered S. Venice Blvd and proceeded to say "I don't have that street. I have E. Venice and W. Venice, but no S. Venice." After back and forth a couple of times I had to direct him through his program by saying, "O.K. Find US 41 and Baffin. Go west on Baffin turn south on Shamrock. Follow Shamrock."

All while my husband was potentially dying. The dispatcher finally said, "Oh my. I have to fully spell out **S O U T H** for the street to show in the system. Not his fault. He was prompt and professional.

Clearly the system needs to be fixed. Until it is, all of us on South Venice Boulevard should be aware of that awful, frightening glitch in the 911 mapping system.

Regards, Sheri Russel



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President's Message

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audiences on the wide range of topics presented, from invasive species, well and septic maintenance, preparing for tax season, wills, trusts and estates.

Separate but related, SVCA continues to support environmental efforts and last year reactivated the Government Affairs Committee. We will keep on top of critical issues such as water quality, red tide, and have our voice heard at local, county and even at state level. We will be at the table, and make our voice heard loud and clear, should Sarasota County again try to bring public water and sewers to South Venice.

Because we are a water community with many boaters, it seems logical to schedule something for them, so we've invited Judy Bidwick from the Volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary for a "Boating and Water Safety" presentation at SVCA. That will be on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00pm.

As long as we've been in existence, SVCA has worked to keep the South Venice community together with events designed to allow us to enjoy one another's company and to make new friends. Events like our regular Saturday pancake breakfasts. The February breakfast was attended by 52 adults plus kids. We had 83 people at the New Year's Eve Gala and at the July 4 BBQ with Bandana, the hall was filled, and we even had to turn away 30 people.

To also attract young families, we began both a Breakfast with Santa and a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We've done these for two years now and they are getting more popular each time.

At the January 18 monthly breakfast – as a community involvement effort - we invited "One Blood, The Big Red Bus" to SVCA. Nine of our community were donors and enjoyed a complimentary breakfast. Thank you to them!

Entirely new this season, we have begun a Preferred Vendor Program to reach out and gain the support of the local business community through their involvement with SVCA and sponsorships For businesses to become one of our

So far, this series has gone well. We've had great feedback from our

Preferred Vendors, they must be thoroughly vetted and have proven reputation for honesty and good work. We make sure they are all licensed, insured and trusted. PLUS, they offer SVCA members a 10% discount on all their services! We will be listing them in the WAVE, so you know who they are.

And I urge you to invite your neighbors, friends and family to come to our many events and hopefully become SVCA members. Remember, every dollar we make at events go right into improving our hall and improving services to the community.

As always, you're welcome to contact me. Thank you for all your support of the SVCA.

COMING MARCH 12

FEMA to hold information sessions at SVCA

Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be exhibiting and explaining its new Preliminary FEMA Insurance Rate Maps. They will be at SVCA on March 12 from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

The maps focus on insurance ratings. Everyone—residents and businesses are welcome to attend and learn about their own flood risk and see the new rates and maps. Find out how your property might be affected by the changes. If you have an 'elevation certificate' bring it, as it will help.

Welcome to our newest members!

- Paul Kramer & Faye Sutton
- Norman & Cynthia Kraft
- Kevin Landry
- Melody Culp
- Nellie Amerie
- Trey & Renata Greeley
- JJ Yanuklis
- Joseph Wood
- John Zech

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 7	SVCA Day at the Ferry Field	SEPTEMBER 21	Public Meeting
MARCH 14	Pancake Breakfast	OCTOBER 10	Pancake Breakfast/First Responders
MARCH 16	Public Meeting	OCTOBER 19	Public Meeting
MARCH 28	Plant/Rummage/Bake Sale	NOVEMBER 14	Pancake Breakfast
APRIL 11	Pancake Breakfast with the Bunny	NOVEMBER 16	Public Meeting
APRIL 15	Coast Guard Safety presentation	DECEMBER tba	Annual Arts & Crafts Show
APRIL 20	Volunteer Recognition event	DECEMBER 21	Public Meeting
MAY 18	Public Meeting	DECEMBER 12	Breakfast with Santa
JULY 4	2nd Annual BBQ with Bandana	DECEMBER 31	New Year's Eve Gala
AUGUST tba	MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT		

MAKING US PROUD

SVCA's Steve Suau's biochar program gets pilot project at Lakewood Ranch

Many of you know Steve Suau, currently a Beach Trustee and a former President of the SVCA. He has addressed us a number of times over the years on water quality issues—some of our best attended programs! This is an issue South Venice cares about.



A civil engineer, Steve's professional specialty has been watershed management planning, and he has been advocating for the use of biochar for filtration. Now, in partnership with Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, the University of Florida and SWFTMD, Steve is about to embark on a pilot program at Lakewood Ranch that could have worldwide implications when it comes to cleaner waterways. Our congratulations to Steve.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

March 21	Alligator Drive Clean-up
April 18	Venetian Waterway Clean-up
May 2	The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
June 6	Alligator Drive Clean-up
July 18	Venetian Waterway Clean-up
August 15	The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
Sept 19	Alligator Drive Clean-up
October 17	Venetian Waterway Clean-up
November 7	The Grove at Seminole & Quincy



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What's up at the Park



Wild Sarasota: *Alien Invaders Near You!*

Thursday, March 19, 2:00 to 4:00pm,
Classroom followed by short walk, Ages
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Non-native invasive plants and animals are among the leading threats to native biodiversity around the world. They can also negatively affect property values, agricultural productivity, public utilities, fisheries, tourism, outdoor recreation, and ecosystem function, and are estimated to cost the U.S. \$120 billion in economic damages and control each year. Join a UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension educator and learn how to identify many of these plants and animals, hear about how and when they were introduced to our region, and find out what you can do to be a responsible property owner. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, visit scgov.net/parks or call 941-861-5000.

Florida Scrub-Jay in Peril

Saturday, March 28, 9:00 TO 10:00am,
Classroom, All ages FREE

The state and federally threatened Florida scrub-jay is the only species of bird unique to Florida. Why have the numbers been on the decline and is there anything we can do to help? Join master naturalist, Kate Borduas as she teaches us about Florida

scrub-jays and their disappearing habitat. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, visit scgov.net/parks or call 941-861-5000.

Demonstration Gardener Tour

The first Thursday of every month at 9:00am, Demonstration Garden, 18 years old and up FREE

The Demonstration Garden offers a nice, shady place to gather and learn about Florida-friendly plants. Come on out and meet our Master Gardeners – and get answers to your landscape and gardening questions!

Seasons and Serendipity Stroll

The second Friday of every month (October through May) 8:00 to 10:00am, Meet at Nature Center, 12 years old and up, No registration necessary FREE

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, visit scgov.net/parks or call 941-861-5000.

2020 FUNDRAISER

You can win a new 4-seater Golf Cart!

Raffle tickets are \$50

Only 250 will
be sold!

Drawing will be when all tickets are sold (hurry up!) or at our July 4 BBQ Bash with Bandana, whichever comes first.



Purchase tickets at all SVCA vents, at the SVCA office or 941-493-0006 or info@southvenicebeach.org

RENEWED YET?

If not, this could be your last issue of The WAVE. Check that your membership is up to date so you don't miss anything this year! You can renew now at southvenicebeach.org.

FREE WI-FI AT SVCA



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SOMETHING NEW

Board approves discounted membership for veterans

At the February Board meeting, it was agreed to offer a special rate for new members who are veterans. So keep this in mind when you renew.—you will, of course, be asked to present some proof of service. We wish we'd thought of this earlier! It's a small thing but one way to say "thank you for your service."

FROM GAIL PARKER

BOOK CLUB: *What we're reading*



The club will next meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 4:00pm at the Civic Association. The club's

selection for this month is *Mercies* by Kieren Hargrave, which we'll be discussing. Note that it's a new book so probably only available in hardback.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting! Time is flying by with only a

few more meetings before summer break, so come join us before our reading group is over until next season. Anyone is welcome to join us for discussion and input on choices for the rest of the winter months. So, if you have thought about joining us, please do. New faces and new voices are always welcome!

Hi! - from Chuck Bauman

Chuck set up in front of the SVCA at the big Yard Sale, and he wants to know if you have your tickets yet for the 2020 Golf Cart Raffle. Remember, only 250 will be sold—and then we cut it off! All the details are on page 3. So get your ticket now! (Drawing is when all tickets are sold or on July 4, whichever comes first.)



We're hiring !

Part Time Office
Administrator

Linda has left us, so we're seeking someone to run our front office. Job involves coordinating all building activities including rentals and events, doing accounts payable and receivables, day to day banking, and data entry for bookkeeping program and for membership database. Quick Books and MS Office skills desirable. Strong social media skills also desirable. This person will often be the face of SVCA and will report to the Board of Directors.

Send all inquiries, letters and resumes to:
maureenholland@comcast.net



ANOTHER CHANGE COMING

Old Albertsons sold for re-development

Now that Benderson has almost finished upgrading the retail property at US41 and Shamrock, they've turned their attention across the street and bought the old Albertsons for \$4.5million. That store has been vacant for a number of years, although the attached stores—Steinmart and Office Depot—seem to be flourishing.

Predictably, local social media is buzzing once again with pleas for a Trader Joe's or Sprouts at the location, but no word yet on what will be happening.

We just hope they find a way to retain all those wonderful mature oak trees in the parking lot!



Just in time for Spring Planting!

MARCH 28

8:00am to 1:00pm


The South Venice Garden Club is holding their Annual Plant & Rummage Sale this month at the Civic Association.



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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP just \$60 (Veterans \$50)

You should know that: membership fees are the engine that keeps the SVCA going. Supplemental revenue from rentals, donations and fund raisers is very important, but it's your membership that keeps the lights on. And just as importantly, your membership is your commitment to community.



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Resident Rate \$145
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Because you don't know what would work well for you, I can't ask you to commit your money.

Selecting a hearing aid is a lot like the wedding dress show that my wife watches. They have a consultant who asks questions about venue, theme, and style preferences. The consultant takes this information along with the size of the person and brings in a few dresses the bride might like. The bride tries on dresses and gives feedback about what she likes so the consultant can narrow down options. Sometimes it is the first dress the bride tries, she and the consultant both know it.

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Home Sales: JANUARY 16 to FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close
923 ACADIA RD	1,542	2	2	1964	Private	1	7	\$225,000	\$224,000
1001 W BAFFIN	1,557	3	2	1989	None	2	135	\$247,500	\$240,000
824 W BAFFIN DR	1,380	3	2	1979	None	1	128	\$223,750	\$220,000
4171 BLOSSOM RD	1,080	2	2	1977	None	1	13	\$185,000	\$185,000
415 BLUEBELL RD	2,443	3	3	1988	Private	2	47	\$365,000	\$355,000
165 BOWDOIN RD	900	1	1	2005	None	3	26	\$165,000	\$167,000
181 BOWDOIN RD	996	2	2	1986	None	1	9	\$169,900	\$170,000
410 BURKE RD	1,412	3	2	1965	None		3	\$179,000	\$179,000
96 COLUMBIA RD	1,269	3	2	1980	Private	1	95	\$184,900	\$135,000
291 CONRAD RD	872	2	2	1977	None	1	14	\$175,000	\$165,000
241 CRANE RD	1,263	3	2	2002	None	2	18	\$239,900	\$225,000
4751 EGRET RD	1,803	3	2	2002	None	2	248	\$259,000	\$254,500
431 FOXGLOVE RD	1,462	2	2	1972	None	2	18	\$174,900	\$175,000
3207 GALIOT RD	1,349	3	2	1980	None		57	\$184,900	\$181,400
5681 HALE RD	1,496	3	2	1987	None	1	68	\$189,000	\$177,000
945 INDUS RD	1,499	2	2	1986	Private	2	4	\$262,000	\$263,000
1130 JAMAICA RD	1,592	3	2	1976	Private		2	\$269,900	\$280,000
1142 KENISCO RD	1,196	3	2	1980	None	1	7	\$179,900	\$170,000
991 KIMBALL RD	1,179	2	2	1972	Private	1	81	\$229,000	\$237,500
1191 LEEWARD RD	1,252	3	2	1979	None		31	\$199,900	\$197,000
1239 LEEWARD RD	1,348	3	2	1979	None	2	13	\$189,900	\$184,000
264 MAGNOLIA RD	1,292	3	2	1971	None		78	\$209,000	\$204,000
6080 MARIGOLD RD	1,305	3	2	1996	None	2	6	\$249,000	\$249,000
3345 PAPAYA RD	910	2	2	1975	None	1	2	\$204,900	\$204,900
234 PELICAN RD	1,309	2	2	1977	None	1	261	\$218,900	\$199,000
516 PORPOISE RD	1,175	3	2	1960	None	1	7	\$199,993	\$197,500
111 PRINCETON RD	1,093	2	2	1991	None	2	49	\$174,900	\$163,900
3611 ROSLYN RD	1,963	3	2	1986	Private	2	4	\$334,900	\$330,000
621 TERRAPIN RD	1,511	3	2	1997	None	2	45	\$259,000	\$254,000
495 TREASURE RD	1,539	3	2	1968	None		23	\$245,000	\$200,000
1231 YACHT CLUB DR	1,896	3	2	2004	None	2	18	\$300,000	\$292,500

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Jacaranda Library

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State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

We have seen 31 sales this month, a nice high number to begin a new year! The highest sale was for \$355,000 on Tern Road and it was an older home with lots of updates, plus a pool and a large lot. One other home sold for over 300K. Fourteen homes sold in the 200's and fifteen homes closed between \$100,000 and \$200,000. The average "sold price per square

foot" was \$158.03 and the average sale price this period was \$215,458 down just a smidge but still very good. Also, the Average Days On Market was 49...that number is consistent ... and again very good news for homeowners of South Venice Beach!

Inventory is still low with only 68 Active listings at the time of this article! Sixty-one homes are currently Under Contract which is a high number of Pending Sales for the neighborhood. Inventory is down and homes are selling fast!

My sister and I have sold ten homes in South Venice since the beginning of 2020 - we know the South Venice market very well. It's still a great time to put your home on the market! If you are thinking of selling or buying, call for a confidential free market analysis!

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