



Don't forget:
General Meeting
MARCH 15 7pm

South Venice Beach Wave

MARCH 2021

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FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



My fellow South Venice residents,
I wanted to start off this month's article by mentioning that we passed a horrible milestone the other day, and that was that we have lost over 500,000 of our fellow American citizens, during the pandemic. That number is quite staggering. We lost people of all ages, ethnicities, occupational and social levels across the whole country! It has impacted all Americans. Please remember those people in your thoughts and prayers!

But, there is light at the end of this very long dark tunnel, and I would encourage you all to start thinking about coming out of the darkness, the darkness of the COVID-19 epidemic, the darkness of isolation, the darkness of substantially reduced incomes, the darkness of a lack of social interaction and the darkness of self-doubt and anxiety.

A big part of what we experienced was the emotion of fear. Fear can be extremely damaging, and paralyzing,

forcing all of us to fear something we may not completely understand, or something we feel that we can't control, something that is beyond us.

Thankfully now, with three different vaccines available, and the large drug companies ramping up production to produce 100s of millions of doses very soon every American will be inoculated against COVID-19.

The Board held a management retreat and brainstorming session on February 27 in which we discussed opening our organization again to the participation and involvement of the residents of South Venice

We have great chemistry, among the members of our board, and they all agreed that it was time to "come out of the dark and move towards the light".

To that end, we reviewed our various events, and decided which we would retain on our calendar for this year, and some which we would have to put off until we have attained the herd immunity stage in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

We clearly understand, that at any events we hold, we will strictly enforce social distancing, and require that anyone

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At left, Sandy Tulenko enjoyed the sunshine and manned the membership table at the February Yard sale. Below, at the cashier table, Betty Ann Rigg's smile is clear even through the mask. MORE PHOTO ON PAGE ETC PAGE 6.



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President's Message Continued

coming into our hall to participate in any event have their mask covering their nose and mouth. We will also ensure that we maintain a good supply of hand sanitizer for all to use!

We intend to once again offer our pancake breakfasts, with a new option – you'll be able to call in an order, and we will fill that order like they do at fast-food restaurants, and place it on a table outside for you to pick up!

We will also offer socially distanced seating inside our hall!

We believe it is very important to once again initiate social contact within the guidelines mentioned above. We want to reach out to the residents of South Venice, and engage them, and to that end we have planned some very interesting speakers for our general meetings. Our general meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, and our next general meeting will be Monday, March 15 at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker will be attorney Bishop Toupe. His presentation is entitled "Wills, Trusts and Estates".

Bishop delivered the same speech last year, and it was very well received, and a number of our SVCA members subsequently used him to set up their wills, trusts or estates.

The speaker at our February general meeting on February 15 was Blair Post, owner of Contemporary Hearing who delivered an outstanding presentation on the importance of communication in our daily lives, and the vitally important part out hearing plays in our communication and in our outreach to the world around us. An excellent presentation thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

At the April 19 meeting, Our speaker will be retired Sheriff Tom

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We'd love to hear from you!

SEND LETTERS TO: maureenholland@comcast.net

Names may be withheld upon request but all letters are subject to review.

2021-22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations Committee report

The Nominations Committee has received letters from three SVCA members expressing interest in serving on the Board of Directors for 2021-22. After review by the Nominating Committee, those members are nominated. Four currently serving directors have agreed to put themselves forward to continue serving. As Board terms are for one year only, those current board members are listed here as up for re-election.

Leaving the Board this year are Rick Curwood, Maureen Holland, Gail Parker and Walt Ernst, who are all term limited after five years. Also stepping down is Jerry Bannon. We thank them all for their service.

John Bowne
Bernard "Duke" Doogue
Joan Giovinazzo
Sandy Tulenko

Dianne Brannan
Paul Gilmartin
Donna Glomb

Additional director candidates can be member-nominated, through petition signed by at least five SVCA members and returned to the chair of the nominating committee at walterernst4@gmail.com within ten days of the March 2021 Wave publication.

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Calendar

Saturday, MARCH 20

Pancake Breakfast

8am to 10pm
Adults \$7 Under 12 \$4
Toddlers free
DINE IN OR CALL FOR TAKE OUT



Monday, MARCH 15, 7pm

Monthly Meeting

Masks required
Program on Wills, Trusts and Estates

Other Meetings

SVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, **MARCH 8** at 4:00pm

BEACH TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, **MARCH 17** at 7:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, **MARCH 9** 4:00pm

The Civic Association Hall is now open for indoor meetings, rentals and other events. Social distancing and mask wearing are to be observed.

SVCA AND TRUST OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED TO WALK-IN TRAFFIC. You can still contact us by phone to **941-493-0006** or email to **info@southvenicebeach.org**

SVCA's MISSION

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

↪ Thanks neighbor!

New SVCA member, Mark Gunn, recently stopped by the SVCA and pressure cleaned the entire building and driveway—for free! Mark has just moved here from Alaska (!) and is launching his business here in South Venice. Thanks Mark and welcome to Paradise!

FROM CHERYL COOPER, Chair

Beach Trust News



The Trustees for 2021 are Sandra McHenry, John Bridinger, Chuck Bauman and Cheryl Cooper. One Trustee seat remains vacant. We are in the process of reviewing the letters of interest, and scheduling interviews.

Unfortunately, 2021 has brought negative events to the property at 4800 Lemon Bay Drive (Ferry House Property). Sadly, these negative incidents were committed by members of our own community. WE WILL PROSECUTE any/all individuals who are identified in the destruction of SVBET property. We were forced to install a fence that will have a locked gate. We were forced to incur the cost of welding services and new chains and locks for the boat ramp. Now we are paying for the repair of the large steel hook. We recently upgraded the security cameras at the Lemon Bay property at the boat ramp and the Ferry House. We also voted to have internet installed at the property so that the activities on that property will be automatically downloaded to the cloud.

In the coming months, we are going to be focusing on the aesthetics of the Lemon Bay property with plantings outside the fence, improve the lighting, and designating hours of use.

It's unfortunate that the destructive actions of our own neighbors may affect the use and availability of the Lemon Bay Property. Those individuals who were identified will be excluded from using any of the facilities at the Lemon Bay property. The SVBET will not tolerate destruction of the assets in our care. The SVBET urges all residents to be part of the solution in protecting and preserving the assets under our care.

IN MEMORIAM

SVCA makes Hospice donation

Following the death of Board member Eric Barnes, the Board voted to make a \$100 donation to the Venice Hospice in his memory. He and his wife Judi Light were active members and volunteers and he will be missed.

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FROM MARLA WILCOX

Neighborhood Improvement Projects ongoing

Covid notwithstanding, our crews (masked) showed up to keep the neighborhood improvement projects going. Most of them have been stepping up for years now—that's community spirit!

TRASH BUDDIES: On a beautiful Saturday morning in February, the Trash Buddies did a clean up on Seminole Drive. The crew included Blaine Tipton, Bill Brennan, Laurie Hartman and myself. It was a productive morning yield eight full yard bags of trash!



SOMETHING NEW!

Book Nook now at SVCA

We've decided it would be fun to establish a Book Nook in the Community Center. It will be located in the back room where the drinking fountain stands. There will be hard-back and paperback books on book shelves. They can be borrowed—or purchased (hardbacks \$1.00 and paperbacks .50 cents).

Most people are familiar with how trading works—you bring in a paperback to add to the shelf and trade it for one on the shelf; bring in a hardback and trade for a hardback.

The books will be available during events or office hours—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The office staff will let you in and out.

SIESTA GROVE WORKDAY: We had a Grove Workday on February 27—and as you can see, we sometime have to take time out for a little horsing around. Thanks to Richard Zinn (he's really okay—we were just practicing CPR), Stephen Brown, Ray Broas and myself. Thanks to Richard for the use of his pickup—we needed it to haul three large loads to the County pick up site.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



To join one of our teams or just learn more about what we do contact: **Marla Wilcox at mswlcx_50@msn.com 303-818-3641**

Grove Workday at Siesta Creek

Saturday, March 13 - 9:00am

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

Trash Buddies!

Saturday, March 20 - 9:00am

Alligator Drive Clean-Up

We meet in the SVCA parking lot.

Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

Saturday, April 17 - 8:00am

Meet by tennis courts at Shamrock Park

We did it again!

Another year—and another great and hugely successful fundraiser.

Even given the current Covid limitations, people from all over still lined up early for our February Yard Sale.



On the Friday before the sale, many volunteers worked a very long day to set up and price all the merchandise for the sale.



Gail walked the floor for a final check on everything before the doors were opened.

FROM GAIL PARKER

Thank you, thank you, thank you

The annual SVCA yard sale was held on Saturday, February 20. Once again, it was a big success and that's thanks to a large number of volunteers.

I would like to thank especially all who helped set up, price, and clean up afterward. The list is long: Duke and Nancy Doogue, Donna and Chuck Glomb, Sandy Tulenko and Tommy Lee, Kay and Tom Stanek, Matt and Becky Parker, Casey Parker, Gary Cumberworth, Jim Fitzmorris, Mark Gunn, Diane and Dave Malesky, Ginny and Mike Kozemcak, Bruce and Kathleen Martin, Miranda Rumsey, Sandy Jones, Darlene Newton, Linda Bolden, Dianna Brannan, Gary Parker, Cherry Giovinazzo, Rick Curwood, Maggie Sharkey, Buena and Jim Firestone.

Four days and lots of hard work later, the SVCA netted \$2,224.75 which will go to the SVCA's projects account, earmarked to meet the needs of the hall and future improvements.

Our gratitude, as well, to all who donated so generously to our sale. It definitely takes all of us working together to make this such a successful community event.

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Really Cool Gadget

By Karen Post

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

This is the coolest gadget you can wear. It not only helps you listen to the people in your life, it also listens for you. It hears the hum of the AC in your car and softens this noise. It listens for the wind and takes that noise away. It listens for voices and amplifies them, so you hear the people around you.

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 tousled your shirt, your hearing switched to a program that softened the noise from the wind. Then when you entered our office and the doorbell dinged, your hearing aids changed into 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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Gary & Jane Garver

Marvin Zimmerman & Donna Bothum

Mark Gunn & Amy Zautke

Jason & Amelia Lombardi

FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President

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Knight, who will update us on what he is now doing after retirement and which has to do with reducing recidivism in society. Tom Knight is a South Venice native and excellent speaker, who's always been very well received here and has always delivered great presentations to our members. Please mark your calendar, and do not miss his presentation.

During our four-hour board retreat and brainstorming session, our great board members came up with some excellent ideas, which will be implemented, and which will focus on reaching out and engaging you, our great members and residents of South Venice. I am very fortunate to have a Board of such dedicated, enthusiastic, and hard-working people, who give of their time and talents and who are very focused on South Venice.

I also want to thank the community, Joan Giovinazzo, Gail Parker and the other members of the board, and a number of the SVCA members who volunteered and helped us to make our latest yard sale a continuing success. Thank you for your hard work and dedication and for all you do for the SVCA and for the great South Venice community.

I particularly want to thank those who donated extremely generously to this event, and then in many cases came back and actually bought items at our yard sale. I presume they didn't buy the item they had donated!

Rick Curwood, our board member responsible for the building and grounds upkeep, has begun to develop a project list, which will list the number of improvement topics at the SVCA. Any funds donated, or profits from our events, are put into the project fund, from which we draw money to complete these projects sequentially.

We are awaiting a second quotation on upgrading of our electrical system. We'll pay for that out of our project fund and the balance that is left will go to our next pro-

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We encourage you to follow the same guidelines located at coronavirus.gov.

The phrase “We’re all in this together” is more meaningful now more than ever.

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35 CYPRESS RD	944	2	2	1978	None		2	\$169,900	\$140,000
755 COLGATE RD	1,800	3	2	2008	None		38	\$194,950	\$194,950
252 DURIAN RD	1,087	2	1	1972	None	1	234	\$209,900	\$198,000
1180 EUCLID RD	1,118	2	2	1979	None	1	34	\$210,000	\$205,000
445 W BAFFIN DR	1,417	2	1	1961	None		72	\$219,000	\$210,000
340 ZEPHYR RD	960	2	2	1999	None	2	17	\$214,900	\$214,000
1031 PORPOISE RD	1,252	3	2	1969	None		5	\$229,000	\$215,000
1555 QUEEN RD	2,688	4	2	1977	None	1	23	\$214,777	\$218,777
385 CABANA RD	1,271	2	2	1980	None	1	44	\$219,900	\$219,900
875 QUEEN RD	1,134	4	2	1999	None		2	\$223,000	\$220,000
1304 INDUS RD	959	2	2	2003	None	2	2	\$215,000	\$220,000
116 COLUMBIA RD	1,426	3	2	1978	None	1	3	\$214,500	\$220,500
1278 OLYMPIA RD	1,243	2	2	1983	None	1	53	\$236,500	\$234,000
1261 PALMETTO DR	1,148	3	2	2002	None	2	22	\$239,900	\$239,900
1415 HUDSON RD	1,601	2	2	1985	None	2	55	\$239,900	\$240,000
501 PALMETTO DR	1,368	2	2	1974	Private	1	23	\$279,500	\$262,500
5314 DREW RD	1,896	3	3	1983	Private		83	\$274,000	\$264,000
950 KIMBALL RD	1,406	3	2	1975	None	1	3	\$264,900	\$270,000
551 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,590	2	2	1973	Private	2	17	\$298,890	\$275,000
5375 CITADEL RD	1,353	3	2	2006	None	2	1	\$279,900	\$279,000
755 KENT RD	1,816	3	2	1976	None	2	70	\$287,500	\$280,000
828 MOHAWK RD	1,506	3	2	1977	None	2	40	\$309,900	\$292,000
1240 NANTUCKET RD	1,312	2	2	1990	Private	2	79	\$310,000	\$295,000
262 PELICAN RD	1,540	3	2	2019	None	2	377	\$303,538	\$300,538
335 W BAFFIN DR	1,768	3	2	1957	None		3	\$290,000	\$310,000
3265 VALENCIA RD	1,746	3	2	1973	Private	2	8	\$320,000	\$310,000
3031 ODESSA RD	1,912	3	2	2006	Private	2	9	\$399,000	\$385,000



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Message from the President

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ject, to buff and seal the floor in the SVCA Hall, and to order more round plastic tables so that we can hold more events.

We are doing it very methodically, and thanks to your great support as the members of the SVCA and South Venice residents we are improving our facility so that we can host more rentals, and thus strengthen our organization, and also bring you many fun events, in our well maintained hall!

In closing, I would like to leave you with a great quote from the Bible, which says "this too will pass", and within a period of time, the COVID-19 pandemic and its terrible impact on our society will pass!

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of time, the COVID-19 pandemic and its terrible impact on our society will pass!

Be safe!

Be well!



YOGA Classes back at SVCA!

Starting this month, there will again be YOGA classes at the SVCA. These classes

were very popular in past years and we're really happy to announce the arrival of "Yoga with Amelia". Watch for an eblast with full details and how to register.

The classes will be lead by Amelia Lombardi who is a trained instructor and has been teaching for 18 years. She and her family came to South Venice four years ago from Massachusetts.



State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

South Venice remains a Seller's Market! Twenty-eight sales in the last 30 day period! A bit lower than last period but still very strong! The highest sale was for \$385,000 and it was an attractive home with 2000 sq feet living space, on a 12K sq. ft. lot with a pool and built in 2006. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$174.54 which is consistent with recent times. The average sale price this period was \$243,770. Also, the Average Days On Market was just 48 days! Great news for homeowners of South Venice Beach! Inventory Continues to be shockingly low with even fewer homes on the market AGAIN—there are only 23 Active listings at the time of this article (February 23) - that's even lower than last month! Lastly, a whopping 76 homes are currently Under Contract right now and that's a very large number of homes waiting to close! My sister Katheren and I are experts in South

Venice having sold fifteen homes in South Venice last year. It is a hot market and if you are thinking of selling or buying, 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.*

Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA



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