

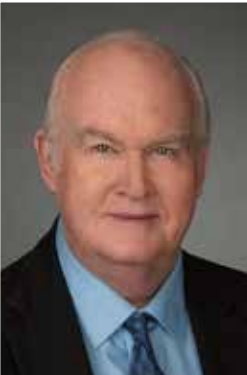


# South Venice Beach Wave



MAY 2020

*The heart of South Venice since 1955*



FROM DUKE DOOGUE

## President's Message

I hope you are well and following the simple coronavirus guidelines published by the CDC. I extend my condolences to any of you who may have lost family members, associates, or friends due to the coronavirus.

Obviously, none of us at this stage know when the economy will be reopened and under what conditions.

Meanwhile, I wanted to share with you an interesting article I read from the BBC. The article was an interview with a British nuclear submarine Captain who was asked how he handled confinement while underwater (for six or

nine months at a time).

He highlighted a number of very simple points, the first one of which was to set up and maintain a routine. He said he would breakfast at a certain time of day and then follow his day with a series of events on his agenda. The second point he made was the importance of disciplining himself to stick to the agenda and completing the different points on his agenda. The third point he made was the importance of focusing on self-improvement; in his case he did a lot of reading and studying which took his mind off

his predicament and resulted in him becoming more knowledgeable and better skilled in the long run. The next point he made was the importance of focusing on the future, in his case once they return to land and he had a

period on the shore. He focused on what he would do, how we would do it, where he would go, and whom he would meet. The following point he made was the importance of keeping fit and healthy by concentrating on a small exercise routine. He felt focusing on fitness was the best way to ward off any infections and have a positive outlook on life. His final point was he tried to continue with his interests and hobbies - obviously adapted to the environment.

I pass those suggestions on to you as we have all had our normal patterns of behavior interrupted and changed significantly.

I would challenge you to do those things that you kept putting off (as we all do). I have often said to myself "well, when I get the time to do it, I will." So, I have



**Rosie Schroeder and her volunteer associate Phil at the South County Food Pantry this month. It's been a busy time for them—see page 4 for more information on and how you can help them and how they help others,**

All upcoming meetings and events at the Civic Association are cancelled through the end of April. We'll keep in touch by email as and if circumstances change. Also, the SVCA Board and the SVBET Trustees meetings will be online.

**BOTH THE SVCA AND TRUST OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO WALK IN TRAFFIC AT PRESENT. You can still contact us by email or phone**

### SVCA's 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 South Venice*

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# South Venice Civic Association

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called myself to account and one thing I did was learn how to use Dragon voice activated software on the computer. I had tried this twice before, but in both cases had not persevered. This time I managed to find myself an online computer coach from northern New York State. Now I have managed, with her help, to become fairly proficient in using Dragon to operate my computer by voice – which gets me out of the constant mistakes I used to make (because of my big fingers hitting the wrong keys). I have enjoyed doing this and found time really flies when I'm focused on learning a new skill. I would encourage everyone to do those things that you kept putting off now that we have more time!

I am sure you all join with me in reaching out to, and thanking all of those support personnel in our lives such as the doctors, nurses, hospital workers, supply chain operatives, store workers, janitors, first responders, as well as farmers, bakers, and transportation workers, who fetch and carry, and ensure that food and supplies are available when we go to the local store.

I would also suggest that we all reach out to friends, loved ones, and those who may be alone, sick, or convalescing. I am sure they will all appreciate a phone call!

I have also followed news stories quite intently and it is quite amazing how, because we're forced to new patterns of behavior, some of the most polluted cities in the world have dramatically improved – even the water in the canals of Venice, Italy are clear!

Going forward, I am sure we will all have elements of our behavior

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modified, I for one will plan my trips and use of my vehicle more efficiently, so that I don't go out and come back and go out again, when I could encompass all of that in a single trip. Significantly the number of auto crashes is down with so few vehicles on the roads.

Moving forward, as and when our lives return to normal, please remember the lessons that we have all learned during this period of enforced house arrest. I know I will be changing a number of my behavior patterns!

**SVCA NEWS**

At the SVCA, to the extent that we can, we have continued improvements at the building. For one thing, the offices have been cleaned and repainted. Soon, I hope, you'll all get to see for yourselves!

Your board has continued our monthly meetings remotely, using the ZOOM platform. A number of other organizations I'm involved with are using it and I'm sure many of you are already using it and similar platforms for visiting family and friends. If you haven't, give it a try. It's a free download and very easy to use.

As you have now heard, our office administrator Linda Fisher left us last month. We're thrilled to have found a wonderful replacement in Carrie Woolpert. Carrie is very experienced and knowledgeable, is a South Venice resident and SVCA member and is looking forward to when she can start meeting everyone in person. For now, as the office is closed, Carrie is working remotely from home. Nancy Doogue and Diana Brannan, as well as our outside bookkeeper, have been working with her so that when the office is open, she'll be ready to go! Welcome Carrie!

Meantime, we are still responding to emails and phone messages and if you have an issue or question about anything, you can contact any Board member. (See the contact information on opposite page).

**GOLF CART RAFFLE**

At our April Board meeting (via ZOOM of course) we reviewed how the quarantine will affect the SVCA for the balance of 2020. One thing that's been impacted right now is ticket sales for the Golf Cart raffle. Because there are no events at SVCA and the office is closed, sales have (predictably) slowed. So, we'll keep the raffle open be-

yond the original deadline of July 4 - it will be open until we reach 250 tickets sold. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, you can still email the office or contact any board member.

I look forward to when we can open the doors at SVCA again. Meanwhile, stay well and be careful.

FROM WALT ERNST

***Board Nominations***

The Nominations Committee is now inviting applicants for open positions on the SVCA Board of Directors. Interested parties should be SVCA members and South Venice residents.



They can email me at [walter-ernst4@gmail.com](mailto:walter-ernst4@gmail.com) and describe why they are interested and what they think they could contribute to the SVCA and the Board. Those letters will then be reviewed by the Board.

A full slate of proposed directors up for election will be published in the June issue of the WAVE. If no objections are registered, those named will by default become the 2020-2021 Board and take their seats on July 1, 2020.

We're also looking for people to serve on committees in a few specific areas like membership development and building & grounds. Many of you help with these areas already. A committee is a great way to get involved without the responsibility of being on the Board.

If you want to step up for a committee, contact the office and we'll get back to you. Or speak to any Board member.

**For updated Information about Coronavirus**  
 Here are the State and Federal official sites  
[floridahealthcovid19.gov](http://floridahealthcovid19.gov)  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV)

**2020 UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>THESE EVENTS ARE CANCELLED:</b>		OCTOBER 19	Public Meeting
MAY 18	Public Meeting	NOVEMBER 14	Pancake Breakfast
<b>THESE ARE STILL ON THE CALENDAR—for now:</b>		NOVEMBER 16	Public Meeting
JULY 4	2nd Annual BBQ with Bandana	DECEMBER tba	Annual Arts & Crafts Show
AUGUST tba	MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT	DECEMBER 21	Public Meeting
SEPTEMBER 21	Public Meeting	DECEMBER 12	Breakfast with Santa
OCTOBER 10	Pancake Breakfast/First Responders	DECEMBER 31	New Year's Eve Gala

FROM ROSIE SCHROEDER

# South County Food Pantry is here to help

Besides the SVCA, I also volunteer with the South County Food Pantry. Right now, we have been very busy as many of our neighbors are in need of help.



The pantry is at 121 Warfield Avenue in Venice and is open from 9:00am to noon Monday through Friday.

If you or anyone you know in Venice, Osprey, or Nokomis is in need of food, please visit us. And we will be happy to give you groceries.

Of course, welcome your donations. Do you have ripe fruit on your trees? Please bring it to us so we can share to those in need.

Visit our website for more information  
[southcountyfoodpantry.com](http://southcountyfoodpantry.com)

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- May 2 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
- August 15 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
- November 7 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy

NOTICE: The Keep Sarasota County Beautiful organization has asked us to curtail all clean up efforts until further notice. Our CERT Team is getting daily updates from the county with statistics and remain available to respond if a need should arise (hopefully not!). However, no training is being conducted at this time.



To join one of our teams or just learn more about what we do, contact **Marla Wilcox** at **mswlcx\_50@msn.com** or call her at **303-818-3641**

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FROM SANDY McHENRY, Chair

# Beach Trust News



This has been an interesting time for all of us! The SVBET continues to sell many boat ramp keys as folks are taking to the water during this time of social distancing. There are also many individuals using the **kayak launch near the ferry house**. (A reminder: The Kayak Launch is **NOT** the boat ramp or in the boat ramp area!! Please read the signage and follow the rules for the enjoyment of everyone.) Also, a thank you to everyone

who is using the trash can or taking their trash home.

The optimists in our South Venice Community are continuing to purchase Ferry Passes. We know that restrictions eventually will be lifted and the Ferry will begin to run again. There will be an email blast when we have an open date.

In addition to the boaters and the kayakers, we now have the golf carters!! Yes, there are those of us who simply cannot do without looking at our beautiful intercoastal—perhaps wishing that they were on the beach beyond.....

In late April, there were repairs made to our walkway pilings. Due to additional erosion, pilings have been exposed which in turn impacts the structural integrity of our walkway. We appreciated your cooperation with a short closure of the Boat Ramp for transportation of the pilings. When the beach reopens, check out the new sister pilings!

Although the SVCA/SVBET office is closed to the public, Karen, our Trust Administrator, continues to work and fulfills requests for Ferry Passes and Boat Ramp Keys. Simply pick up a form at the Office (or print one from our website <http://southvenicebeach.org/>). Mail in the form and you will receive your pass/key in a timely fashion.

I hope that life has resumed at the “new normal” by the time you read this. Until then, stay safe!



## 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!)**



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**civic1955**

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

## *What's up at the Park*



While our services and classes have been suspended at the Park at present, the good news is that we are open! We're open for visitors to get outside and enjoy activities such as running, walking, bicycling, birding, fishing and dog-walking. So come on out and enjoy the park!

The restrooms are also still open every day until 7:00pm. But the courts and playgrounds are closed.

Not surprisingly, our Nature Center and Classroom are closed until further notice. Regular reductional programs with our Master Gardeners are suspended right now.

Sarasota County continues to closely monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources (PRNR) is in regular communication with the Sarasota County Health Department and we continue to receive updates related to our operations.

### CENSUS NOTICE

## *Field operations delayed*

We recently heard from the US Census office that field operations – most importantly the decennial door-knocking campaign we've all come to love (or hate?) – which had been scheduled to begin this month have now been suspended until the end of May. That of course could

be delayed further, so it's very important that you get your form in by mail or online.

We know that some South Venice residents have already signed up for a Census job. If you have questions you can contact our local recruiter Stan Adelman.

[Stanley.adelman@2020census.gov](mailto:Stanley.adelman@2020census.gov) or 941-276-5071

### NOT GOTTEN YOUR CHECK YET?

## *New IRS tool to help you receive stimulus checks*

This is from an email which most of us received from our US Representative Greg Steube. In case you missed it:

If you did not provide your direct deposit information when you filed your 2018 or 2019 taxes, the IRS has launched a new "Get My Payment" tool on their website where you can enter your direct deposit information and get your check.

If you didn't file 2018 or 2019 taxes, you may still be eligible to receive your payment. The Get My Payment tool has instructions for you as well

**IRS Economic Impact Payment Information Center**

[irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center](https://irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center)

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***Renewed yet for 2020?***

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### **INTERESTED IN A CENSUS JOB?**

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or **941.276.5071**

You can also contact **855-JOB-2020**

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



### **CLASSES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

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

**The full course is \$90 (plus supplies)**

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

# Attention Community Residents

## A Note From Your Newsletter Publisher:

We are **Community Media** – the publisher of your community newsletter.

We hope that you all are staying safe during the coronavirus pandemic. This is affecting many aspects of daily life for almost every American. Our office staff is following the CDC guidelines of staying home when not feeling well, seeking medical help when necessary, and washing hands constantly.

We encourage you to follow the same guidelines located at [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov).

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

### What are we doing?

We are still providing a **FREE newsletter to your community**.

This newsletter is FREE to your community because we partner with local and regional businesses to advertise their products and services in this newsletter.

We are temporarily reducing publishing expenses so we can continue to publish your newsletter long term. For your community newsletter this may include:

- Limiting color printing and switching to black and white when able
- Making sure the page count of each newsletter is in line with current advertiser support
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Be patient and kind with each other, especially now. Reach out to friends and neighbors who may need help.



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# Quarantine Humor

Week One update from my daughter on home-schooling her two children:

***“Two students suspended.  
One teacher fired for  
drinking on the job.”***



**We are about three weeks from knowing everyone's true hair color**

**Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.**

## 2017 Small Business of the Year



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### Lazy Brain

A client came in the other day and mentioned how she struggles to hear her girlfriend when they go out together with their husbands.

I checked her program and even called in Karen to talk with our client to ensure the program enhanced women's voices.

Then I heard the actual problem when our client mentioned sitting across from her at the table.

Imagine two couples sitting across from each other in a booth at a restaurant. Now you have the image.

The person sitting next to you is within a foot of your ear and the person across the table is about two feet from your ears.

Unfortunately, your brain is lazy. Well, not just you, everyone's brain is lazy. Our brain is going to do the least work possible.

The sound that is easier to hear and closest to her, in this case a man's voice sitting less than a foot away, is the voice she can hear clearly. Her girlfriend is two-feet away, which our brain thinks is "farther away," so it gets less attention.

In this situation, they simply need to swap seats. A simple, no technology needed solution. Now that her lazy brain isn't prioritizing her husband, she can easily hear her girlfriend sitting right next to her.

If you struggle to hear comfortable in certain situations, call me 941-244-9300, it might just be a simple solution.

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## Home Sales: MARCH 16 to APRIL 15, 2020

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close
756 HOBART RD	1,318	3	2	1979	None	1	1	\$150,000	\$152,000
475 ZEPHYR RD	736	2	1	1955	None		2	\$159,900	\$161,000
2565 GENTIAN RD	1,212	2	2	1977	None		78	\$165,000	\$165,000
930 QUEEN RD	1,002	2	1	1965	None		6	\$169,000	\$169,000
230 CORNELL RD	1,211	3	2	1976	None		0	\$179,900	\$179,900
441 CORONADO RD	938	2	2	1979	None		8	\$201,000	\$189,900
2411 GENTIAN RD	1,313	2	2	1973	None	1	3	\$190,000	\$191,000
764 BRADENTON RD	1,176	2	2	1980	None	1	276	\$189,900	\$194,000
875 QUEEN RD	1,134	3	2	1999	None		3	\$189,000	\$195,000
831 MOHAWK RD	1,132	2	2	1978	None	1	24	\$219,900	\$195,000
325 TERRAPIN RD	1,548	3	2	1961	None		102	\$207,900	\$197,000
1398 KIMBALL RD	984	2	2	1986	None	1	25	\$200,000	\$198,000
15 CORNELL RD	1,510	3	2	1980	None	2	1	\$199,900	\$199,900
988 KIMBALL RD	1,254	2	2	1979	None	1	58	\$210,000	\$199,900
994 MOHAWK RD	1,446	2	2	1977	None	1	58	\$209,900	\$200,000
1116 PORPOISE RD	1,785	3	2	1988	None		59	\$214,000	\$200,000
511 ALTAIR RD	1,157	2	2	1972	None		12	\$209,900	\$209,000
2664 CARMINE RD	1,246	3	2	1980	None	1	2	\$229,000	\$218,000
385 BRADENTON RD	1,512	2	2	1977	None	1	8	\$228,000	\$220,000
311 CORONADO RD	1,676	2	3	1977	None		114	\$232,500	\$224,000
1075 OLYMPIA RD	1,221	2	2	1976	None	1	33	\$229,000	\$227,000
1116 DUQUESNE RD	1,388	3	2	2002	None	2	154	\$239,500	\$227,500
6195 PECAN RD	1,343	2	2	1982	Private	2	4	\$250,000	\$247,000
131 SOUTHLAND RD	1,230	3	2	1974	None		141	\$194,500	\$249,900
2870 GENTIAN RD	1,550	3	2	1979	None	1	85	\$259,000	\$257,000
1368 HUDSON RD	1,524	3	2	1989	Private	1	70	\$265,000	\$261,000
970 PIEDMONT RD	1,658	3	2	1971	None	1	2	\$275,000	\$265,000
430 PALMETTO DR	1,748	3	2	1978	Private	2	0	\$269,000	\$269,000
4621 POMPARO RD	1,550	3	2	1984	Private	2	3	\$269,900	\$269,900
656 BRADENTON RD	1,651	3	2	1979	None	2	22	\$279,900	\$273,000
605 PALMETTO DR	1,741	2	2	1979	Private	1	89	\$294,900	\$285,000
850 TREASURE RD	1,680	3	2	1990	Private	2	0	\$299,999	\$290,000
65 PRINCETON RD	1,690	3	2	1999	Private	2	2	\$310,000	\$300,000
1355 EVEREST RD	1,683	2	2	1998	Private	5	21	\$349,999	\$322,000
815 DEVON RD	1,406	3	2	2004	Private	2	0	\$339,000	\$325,000
3248 GENEVA RD	1,747	3	2	2019	None	2	63	\$345,000	\$330,000



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# State of the Market

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



We are all going through this together and we sincerely hope you are all doing well and getting everything you need. If anyone reading this needs any kind of help...please feel free to reach out to me or my sister Katheren (that's us, the South Venice specialists) in the photo!)

So, to business: there were 36 SALES IN LAST 30 DAY PERIOD. That is normal and strong for us this time of year. We expect that next month's report—in the June WAVE- likely will show a decline in the number of sales because of the global shut-down.

The highest sale in the last period was for \$330,000 and was a new 3/2.5/2 home on Geneva. Three other older homes with pools sold for over 300K., while eighteen homes sold in the 200's and fourteen homes closed between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in this period. The average "sold price per square foot" was \$166.73 and the average sale price this period was \$229,331, both up from last period and very strong, while Average Days On Market was 42, again very good news for homeowners of South Venice Beach!

Inventory remains low with 102 Active listings at the time of this article! Lastly thirty-two homes are currently Under Contract as of April 25. Pending sales did drop but we are expecting and preparing for a strong third and fourth quarter!

My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold eleven homes in South Venice since beginning of the year. This is a very desirable area and we think when things open back up retirees are going to be looking for better places to live! We know the South Venice market very good and it is a great time to put your home on the market! If you are thinking of selling or buying Please call for a confidential free market analysis!

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