



South Venice Beach Wave

Don't forget:
Hurricane Season starts June 1

MAY 2021

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Calendar

Monday, MAY 17 at 7:00pm General Meeting

Ready for hurricane season?

Join us in welcoming Ed McCrane, Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief—stay after his presentation for coffee and desserts and a visit with neighbors.

Other Meetings

SVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, **MAY 10** at 4:00pm

Monday, **JUNE 14** at 4:00pm

BEACH TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, **MAY 19** at 7:00pm

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**

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Welcome to our newest members!

Jon D. Hobson

Sara Fiorille

Sarasota County Emergency Chief to speak at May meeting

The start of hurricane season is only weeks away, so we feel very fortunate to have gotten Ed McCrane coming to talk at the SVCA at our May General Meeting. Ed is the County's Emergency Management Chief, a job he was appointed to in 2005 just as Hurricane Wilma was bearing down on us.

Ed has extensive experience in emergency management, including his role as West Florida Area Coordinator for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM).

While with FDEM he served as state liaison for seven area emergency management directors. During this period he responded to Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne, Dennis, Katrina and Rita to provide state assistance to impacted counties.



FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



My fellow South Venice Civic Association members, in my previous article I talked about the fact that we were coming out of the dark and moving into the light.

Well, it seems that that has certainly started to accelerate, with the Governor of the state, indicating today that more and more of Florida would reopen, with less restrictions on our movement and on inter-personal contact.

The authorities talk about herd immunity, which they hope will be achieved relatively soon, at which stage a majority of the residents will have been inoculated with either one or two doses and will therefore enable people to mingle with confidence.

The opening up of Florida, will lead to some very exciting changes and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor,

My wife, Susan, and I are members of the Association and read 'the Wave' every month.

Increasingly there is less of news or interest in the issues. While activities are listed there is no longer a Captain's Report* regarding the ferry operation, there is never any accounting information provided as to how the member's dues and activities fees are being used. There is little

information on cancelled events and issues regarding community property [e.g. why and who authorized putting up the only chain link fence on Lemon Bay Drive?]

Are there any Association Rules? Bylaws? What is the relationship between the Association and the Beach Trust? Who owns the South Venice Beach? How and when are elections held and who is eligible to run? What are the 'incidents' or 'crimes' that are referred to and who are the instigators/perpetrators?

We would appreciate some education and information in the publication. Thanks.

John Hutson, South Venice

* We put it back in for you this issue!

We'd love to hear from you!

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SVCA's MISSION

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

FROM CHERYL COOPER, Chair

Beach Trust News



Slow but steady progress...

Things are continuing to progress at the South Venice Beach Ferry Park area. Comcast installed the cable line ahead of their projected May 11, 2021 date. The cable is the first step to obtaining and installing better security cameras for the entire park area, ferry house and boat ramp area. We will be

seeking some assistance from the community in installing tall poles for the new cameras and antennas to be installed. We are optimistic that we will also be able to install a "beach cam" which will allow all the residents to see the ocean conditions before leaving home. The "beach cam" is a tool that Captain Randall has indicated will assist him in watching the weather and monitoring the beach for passengers as well.

The ramp key holders have been very helpful in locking the fence gate at the end of the day. We appreciate those key holders who are attempting to assist in preventing destruction to the ramp and area. We have now identified and had the police issue more no trespass orders to the vandals who have damaged the area. We are also seeking restitution. We will not sell keys or ferry passes to these individuals going forward.

Thank you to all the neighbors who have been monitoring the ramp and surrounding area. The recent quick action from the close neighbors in contacting law enforcement, videoing, and obtaining boat registration and vehicle registrations helped greatly in enabling the SVBET to exclude people who do not respect each other or the privilege of using the property.

Coming up at SVCA

Last year we began the Educated Consumer presentations at our general meetings. These were received very well by our members and community residents. We will be continuing our series this year with the following speakers and topics scheduled so far:

May 17

Ed McCrane on Disaster Preparedness

June 21

Bill Sklodowski—Master your smartphone

As is normal, we won't hold general meetings in July or August, but will resume in September. The follow-

ing topics will be covered through the fall and winter:

- Charles Rowley of Care Patrol—Planning Today for Your Care Tomorrow
- Marla Wilcox of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) - presentation and defibrillator demonstration
- Jean Trippany, Coast Guard Safe Boating presentation
- Well and Septic
- Bishop Toups—Year End Tax Tips

ALSO COMING:

- July 3—Bandana at SVCA!
- August 21—Vendors' EXPO

All COVID safety precautions will be followed and masks must be worn. Presentations are free to SVCA members. Non-members are asked to make a small donation.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park

Rolling into summer at Shamrock: As most of you know, the Park asphalt trail has been completely re-paved. Thank you for being patient as the project took just a little longer than expected. I think you'll find your bike rides and walks a little smoother now! Some additional projects you can expect to see happening this summer include replacing the wooden deck of the building, reinforcing and re-fencing our water treatment area and the never-ending push to reduce the amount of non-native exotic plants in the park in order to preserve the native habitat. Sarasota County strives to make parks safe and enjoyable for all who visit.



Seasons and Serendipity Nature Walk: If you'd like to learn more about the native habitat and wildlife at Shamrock Park, join Master Naturalist and Storyteller, Kate Borduas for this season's final Seasons and Serendipity walk on May 14. She will take you for a leisurely stroll through the scrub habitat, while looking for the endangered Florida Scrub Jays, Florida native plants and wildlife. You are sure to leave with a whole new perspective on Florida's ecology, the past and the changing times.

The walk begins at 8 o'clock am and we meet at the nature center. No reservations are necessary and there is no cost. Make sure you wear comfortably walking shoes and bring your binoculars!

Lots of Gopher Tortoises! We are in the midst of

breeding season, which lasts from March through October. During this time, gopher tortoises tend to move about more, looking for mates and suitable nesting sites. Sometimes they end up in the parking lot or walkways which can be dangerous for them. If you are driving through the park be on the lookout for these little guys out on the road or in the parking spaces. It is important to look under the car before backing out to ensure no tortoises are resting there. An interesting fact about gopher tortoises is that they can live up to 60 years in the wild! Males reach adulthood at 9 – 12 years of age and females may take 10 – 21 years to reach maturity. Most of their lives revolve around their burrows, and they usually spend

80% of their time in or around their burrow. They will often use multiple burrows throughout their lives and the burrows are usually an average of fifteen feet long and seven feet deep. Their burrows offer shelter from predators and a refuge for more than 350 species of animals including mice, snakes, rabbits, frogs and many invertebrates. Since they are such an important part of our ecosystem, they are called a “keystone species”. Gopher tortoises are considered a threatened species and protected in the state of Florida.

Learn more at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s website (myfwc.com). If you come across an injured gopher tortoise, please call the Wildlife Center of Venice at 941-484-9657.



UPCOMING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

To join one of our teams or just learn more about what we do

contact: **Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641**
or **mowlcx_50@msn.com**

Grove Workday at Siesta Creek

Saturday, May 15 - 8:00am

Saturday, October 9 - 9:00am

Saturday, December 11 - 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.

Seminole Drive Clean-Up

Saturday, May 17 - 8:00am

Saturday, August 21 - 8:00am

Saturday, November 13 - 9:00am

Meet at Quincy and Burke

Alligator Drive Clean-Up

Saturday, May 29 - 8:00am

Saturday, September 18 - 8:00am

Saturday, December 18 - 9:00am

Meet in SVCA parking lot

Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

Saturday, July 17 - 8:00am

Saturday, October 16 - 9:00am

Meet by Shamrock Park tennis courts)

Captain's Corner:

By CAPTAIN RANDALL PATTERSON



It’s been awhile since I’ve submitted a column to The Wave. Sorry about that. It seems there hasn’t been much to say for the past year. Pretty much all our thoughts have been on the pandemic and it’s impact on our lives, and the same is true of the ferry operations.

This season was busier than I expected, but not as busy as recent years. I think a lot of part time residents delayed coming down, and Spring Break was a little quieter. Still, we had some busy days as the weather was generally nice.

Many people are wondering when we might lift our mask requirements now that CDC guidelines have been eased for outdoor activities and more people are fully vaccinated (myself included). First, our current mask requirement is based on both CDC and US Coast Guard, orders, both of which apply to commercial vessels, including ferries. Second, the CDC guidelines for outdoor activities still recommend masks on public transportation. It’s hard to say how much longer these federal rules will be in place, but failure to follow them could result in the Coast Guard ordering us to shut down and perhaps even fines. We can’t afford to take the risk.

Most people have been understanding. I can count on one hand any serious problems with noncompliance. The other captains and I appreciate your cooperation.

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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.

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**.

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Suggest businesses to support your newsletter with advertising.

- Who does work in/on your home? Home services trades like roofers, plumbers, A/C, etc.
- Who provides other services for your? insurance, doctors, travel, etc.
- Any other businesses your patronize?

Let us know and we’d love to reach out to them.

Be patient and kind with each other, especially now. Reach out to friends and neighbors who may need help.



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President's Message *Continued*

will bring considerable energy and momentum to Florida. However, friends of mine in business, are telling me, how hard it is to hire staff, and how hamstrung they feel, because they are unable to get the needed staff to be able to ramp up their business operations. And fortunately, it seems, that people are earning more on unemployment, and thus don't want to return to their previous positions.

The other issue I keep hearing, from friends in real estate, is how the prices of properties has risen extremely steeply, based on very little supply of homes for sale. This issue, when coupled with the low interest rates has caused prices to escalate, and even if you are looking as a friend of mine said, to the safety valve, provided by new construction, even though these builders are only projecting delivery of new homes at least a year into the future, and even then it is not a large number of homes, because they have been affected by scarcity of materials, shortage of skilled workers, and cost of their raw materials increasing dramatically.

I have heard of new home purchasers, who have deposits on lots and new homes, being contacted by their builder, and told that the house that they had purchased at a certain price has now increased by \$20-\$30,000, because the escalating prices of raw materials has forced that increase to the purchase price of the new home.

A number of investors, who owned residential rental real estate, have decided to sell their properties, because of the rapid appreciation in value, and this has resulted in renters having to find new accommodation and because of the shortage of rental properties, forced rental rates up as well.

The big danger, will be the possibility of inflation, based on the increasing prices, which might result in the increase in interest rates and other operations by the Federal Reserve to slow down the economy. In South Venice, I have noticed that every buildable lot, has been purchased, the ground cleared and investors/builders starting to construct a new property.

Properties in South Venice have been turning over rapidly resulting in new owners coming into the area, and then renovating and updating their houses, all of which will pump more money into the Venice economy, resulting in increased prosperity.

We at the South Venice Civic Association, welcome the influx of new owners and residents, and stand ready to provide them with hospitality, as well as necessary information, education, and entertainment.

Board member Rick Curwood, responsible for the maintenance of our building is continuing, to complete items on the project list, and his latest task is the floors.

Rick is once again, improving our hall, and by the end of this month, he will have the floor in our hall stripped, re-waxed, and buffed, to offer our renters and users a very

clean and attractive venue.

We are also in the process of upgrading and reordering our signs, to ensure that we have sufficient, to post in key locations around South Venice, to inform our South Venice residents about our events at our hall.

We will also be purchasing 8 more round tables for our hall.

Our next project on the list, thereafter, will be to purchase a new computer, for our office, which will give us more processing speed, and memory. We are currently doing the necessary due diligence to ensure that we get the best bang for our buck, when purchasing our new computer.

We have also placed our "rent our hall" signs prominently around South Venice, to start to build the summer and fall rental business, which is our major revenue source

I am pleased to say, that our South Venice Civic Association membership continues to grow, spurred on by new arrivals joining the SVCA, as well as existing members renewing their memberships.

Our "Educated Consumer" series also continues to grow with many interesting and beneficial topics and speakers being added to our program. Thank you very much for your input on topics you would like to have covered by our speakers.

I know that a number of our snowbirds have returned northwards, and we wish them safe travels and an enjoyable spring and summer up north and look forward to having them back with us in the Fall or the Winter.

As Summer approaches, I know many of our members are also planning summer vacations, and we wish you very enjoyable vacations, wherever you plan to go. Be Safe! Be Well! Happy Travels!

For 66 years, the SVCA has been here for South Venice, for YOU!

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MEMBERSHIP MAKES US
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Reach out to your neighbors— invite them to join
When we're strong, we are heard at the County on civic and service issues that affect South Venice— from tree trimming, ditch mowing, and code enforcement to code enforcement and water & sewer.

Together, we work to keep South Venice Beach a community to be proud of!

Beautiful Neighborhoods Initiative • Water Quality Task Force • Trash Buddies • Community Emergency Response Team • Government Affairs Committee to track issues and liaise with the County



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Captain's Corner

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I can't think this will last too much longer, especially if those who are hesitant to get vaccinated come around and do their part. The sooner that happens, the sooner the mandates can be lifted and we can get back to breathing freely our beautiful salt air.

Just in time for Red Tide. (Sorry. I'm kidding. I hope!)

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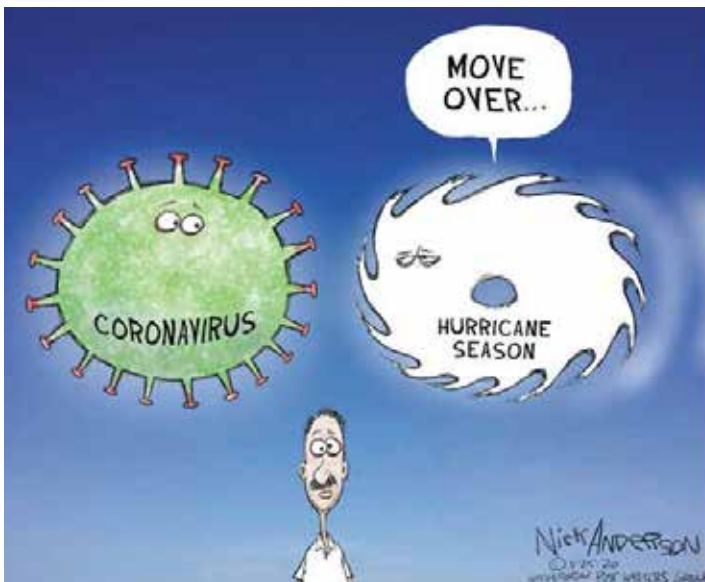


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Hearty Referral

As a small business owner, the best compliment I can receive is a referral. 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.

Some people take a long time to admit that they have hearing loss and are not eager to have their hearing tested. You might not be the first to ask them and if enough people ask, they might get the help they need.

Over the years, I have had new clients tell me they were out to dinner with friends who recommended they come see me. And now, I have the experience of having my referral suggestion taken to a whole new level. A lovely woman, with a great heart, was out to dinner with friends. When she heard the gentleman sitting behind her saying "huh" and "what" quite a lot. 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 a long time. Since a stranger said, "you are showing signs that you need to go see Blair". Since he admitted 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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107 STANFORD RD	1,416	2	1	1978	None		3	\$179,900	\$183,400
679 ALLIGATOR DR	912	2	1	1974	None		18	\$189,900	\$195,000
341 VICTORIA RD	1,164	2	2	1981	None	1	19	\$199,900	\$199,900
2861 ARROWHEAD RD	2,180	4	2	1982	None		9	\$209,900	\$205,000
354 AZALEA RD	1,014	3	2	1974	None	1	5	\$209,900	\$210,000
586 CORONADO RD	992	2	2	1973	None	1	6	\$210,000	\$210,000
1151 MANGROVE RD	936	2	2	1979	None	1	18	\$222,980	\$210,000
168 E BAFFIN DR	1,158	3	2	1974	None	1	1	\$219,000	\$215,000
3240 GALIOT RD	959	2	2	1984	None	1	18	\$219,900	\$216,000
1065 NANTUCKET RD	1,460	3	2	1986	None		18	\$230,000	\$225,000
64 CLEMSON RD	1,196	2	2	1979	None	1	106	\$224,900	\$225,000
2995 NOCTURNE RD	1,248	2	2	1975	None	1	15	\$229,900	\$230,000
396 S QUINCY RD	1,429	2	2	1992	None	2	7	\$245,000	\$230,000
5070 MIMOSA RD	1,451	2	2	1979	None	2	1	\$242,500	\$237,345
2990 ARGYLE RD	1,241	2	2	1973	None	1	5	\$255,000	\$240,000
471 MISSOURI RD	1,542	2	2	1978	None	2	3	\$265,000	\$240,000
255 TANAGER RD	1,000	2	2	2013	None	4	1	\$245,000	\$245,000
1175 LEeward RD	1,560	3	2	1974	None	1	0	\$249,900	\$245,000
1041 CITRUS RD	1,191	2	2	1986	None	2	4	\$245,000	\$246,000
4521 CRYSTAL RD	1,326	2	2	1975	None	2	18	\$249,900	\$249,900
467 BEVERLY RD	1,345	2	2	1972	None	1	3	\$249,900	\$252,000
503 GRANT RD	1,387	3	2	1991	None	2	1	\$249,900	\$255,000
32 CYPRESS RD	1,392	3	2	1980	None	0	66	\$245,000	\$255,000
808 E BAFFIN DR	1,238	2	2	1981	Private	1	47	\$265,000	\$260,000
4441 TORTOISE RD	1,793	3	2	1977	None	2	22	\$266,000	\$265,000
3460 PAPAYA RD	1,795	3	2	1976	None	1	154	\$279,900	\$274,500
1481 PIEDMONT RD	1,667	4	2	1971	None	2	25	\$285,900	\$277,700
705 DARWIN RD	1,736	2	2	1970	Private	2	36	\$289,999	\$279,500
87 TULANE RD	1,711	2	2	1980	None	2	20	\$279,900	\$279,900
1071 TAMPA RD	1,398	3	2	1987	Private	1	1	\$279,900	\$280,000
1223 GRAHAM RD	1,308	2	2	1963	None	1	2	\$263,000	\$284,000
991 KIMBALL RD	1,179	2	2	1972	Private	1	7	\$279,900	\$288,000
385 OLIVIA RD	1,690	3	2	1999	None	2	27	\$305,000	\$293,000
841 E SEMINOLE DR	1,741	3	2	1986	None	2	48	\$295,000	\$294,000
1511 HUDSON RD	1,556	3	2	1984	Private	2	4	\$295,000	\$295,000
250 UNICORN RD	1,558	2	2	2004	None	2	1	\$290,000	\$295,000
896 EUCLID RD	1,636	3	2	2005	None	2	1	\$289,900	\$295,000
308 COWRY RD	1,423	3	2	1978	Private		53	\$310,000	\$298,000
531 BEVERLY RD	1,303	2	2	1980	Private	2	2	\$289,900	\$300,000
695 W BAFFIN DR	1,356	3	2	1999	None	4	3	\$319,900	\$301,000
200 FLAMINGO RD	1,679	3	2	1990	None	2	19	\$309,900	\$315,000
6215 RAVEN RD	1,800	3	2	1999	None	2	120	\$324,999	\$315,000
988 SENECA RD	2,300	3	3	1979	None	3	232	\$329,900	\$322,000
3171 VALENCIA RD	2,144	4	2	1955	None	2	44	\$349,000	\$349,000
296 ARGUS RD	1,900	3	2	2021	None	2	55	\$359,900	\$350,000
3991 SECOR RD	1,985	3	2	1978	Private	2	1	\$339,000	\$351,000
660 ALLIGATOR DR	1,710	3	2	1979	None	2	117	\$377,500	\$375,000
1396 PORPOISE RD	2,315	3	3	1984	Private	2	18	\$449,500	\$435,000
5755 ELTON RD	2,167	3	2	1998	Private	3	2	\$449,000	\$455,000



State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

In all my years of tracking sales and real estate in South Venice Beach I have never prepared a report like this! I had to call Maureen and ask her for more space! There were FIFTY SALES in the last thirty day period! The highest sale was for \$455,000 on Elton Road, a nicely updated home built in 1998 with a pool and a 12K square foot lot. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$183.89 which is up! The average sale price this period was \$270,365, also up from last period. The Average Days On Market was remarkably just 12 days! Another number that is stunning is that there are SIXTY SIX HOMES PENDING, ranging in asking prices from \$539,000 to \$130,000! The inventory remains drastically low! Last report there were 12 Active Listings, which was shockingly low, and today (April 18th) there are ONLY TEN HOMES

FOR SALE in South Venice Beach, again a historic low. Seller's can pretty much write their own rules! For instance, when we list a home for sale these days...we have it open for a few hours for people to view it...and then collect offers up until 5PM the next day! There are typically multiple offers for a Seller to choose from and often we are seeing them go for full price or over the asking price! My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold fifteen homes in South Venice in the recent months. If you are thinking of selling or buying please call for a confidential free market analysis!

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