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Environmental Roundtable

MONDAY, MAY 16 at 7:00pm
General Meeting



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Commissioner
NANCY DETERT

*“The State of
the County”*

Q & A Follows

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, **MAY 9** 6:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, **MAY 16** 1:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday **MAY 10** 3:00pm

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**5, 4,
3, 2,
1...Go!**



This year’s Breakfast with the Bunny was another delightful morning. Once the kids were sticky everywhere (!) with pancake syrup, they grabbed their baskets and buckets and lined up for the Egg Hunt! (More pictures page 7)

FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



Recently, Sarasota County has provided a budget of \$5million to begin planning to put public water and public sewer, into the 7500 homes in South Venice.

The \$5million represents money that we, as the citizens, and residents of South Venice have paid in our taxes. The county has not asked, or researched, with any of the residents of South Venice the idea of converting us from well and septic systems to public water and public sewer.

water and public sewer.

We have invited Nancy Detert, the County Commissioner responsible for South Venice, to come to our May General Meeting to discuss this matter further with us, answer our questions and to hear our opinions.

Some years ago, Sarasota County attempted to push the idea on South Venice of converting us to public water and sewer, and at an extremely well attended event, the citizens of South Venice indicated that they did not want the county to proceed with that plan. The county backed off

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We love to hear from you!

SEND TO: maureenholland@comcast.net

Names may be withheld.

All letters are subject to review.

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been a member of South Venice Civic Association for over 20 years. I bought a boat in 2006 and have been using the boat ramp with no problems. Until this year. The new phone key is a big mistake. It worked the first two times I used it. The next time the fence would not open. I had to go to Manasota public ramp. Two times I could not get the boat out of the water. One time I missed a doctors appointment.

We need to go back to a real key. It would work with the rolling gate, a short shank lock would be more secure. I have talked to ten people, and no one likes the new lock. I know at least one person who does not have a smart phone. He has to use public ramp now.

It is not fair that people who live in South Venice can't use the ramp. Also Geetouch sells your information. Let's go back to a real key soon as possible. I got a refund but I will renew my boat ramp as soon as we go back to a real key.

Martin Johnson

TO THE EDITOR

I just learned that that Ferry Captain Jerry Tillotson passed away on April 18. Per Captain Randall Patterson, the memorial was held on April 22 at Farley Funeral Home in Venice.

Jerry had a choking incident in a restaurant that caused oxygen deprivation. He slipped into a coma for two weeks and then his family decided to discontinue life support and took him off the respirator. It is real sad that the Trust, that has a megaphone including all our email addresses doesn't disseminate information like this in real time for people who care.

Martha Neilsen

NOTE: *The SVCA does not manage the beach or boat ramp properties or access, all of which is under the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust. But as these are still community issues, we are glad to publish your letters.*

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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 last month's call for volunteers, the Nominations Committee did not receive any eligible candidates. As the seven currently serving directors have agreed to put themselves forward to continue serving, the tentative slate for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors includes those seven members and two vacancies. The tentative slate is:

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

Additional director candidates can be member-nominated, through petition signed by at least five SVCA members and returned to Duke Doogue at the SVCA office within ten days of the publication of the May 2022 issue of the WAVE.

Financial Summary: As of 31 Mar 2022

Current Assets:	\$46,523
Fixed Assets:	\$22,946
Total Assets:	\$69,469
Total Liabilities:	\$ 2,666
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$21,968
Total Expenses:	\$16,889
Net income:	\$ 5,088

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on April 11 and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Discussed membership types listed in Articles of Incorporation. Revised Article.
- Membership committee discussed new events, like wine and cheese open houses, to increase membership
- Building committee discussed repairs and prioritization. New sign to go up soon.
- New website design is in review stage. It will have e-commerce capability.
- Discussed the Educated Consumer Calendar of events for May, June, July and August.
- Meet the Candidates Night will be in August, date to be announced.

- Breakfast with Easter Bunny was a great success.
- Planning goes forward for the Fourth of July event.

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

MORE . . . FROM SANDY TULENKO

The Environmental Roundtable group learned from Steve Suau about a possible grant opportunity to implement a water treatment test site here in South Venice. The Board has agreed to be part of this study and Board President Duke Doogue has signed the proposal on behalf of the SVCA. Copies will be made available to members. This is a Sarasota County initiative

Our community is always looking for volunteers to help with projects which protect our resources. Contact me if you wish you want to be informed of meeting dates.

In June, Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief, Ed McCrane will speak. With Hurricane Season starting on June 1, storm preparedness is key. Ed comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and years of experience. Whether you are a new resident or a seasoned Floridian, you will want to hear what Ed has to say. Be sure to mark your calendar for the June 20 General Meeting. (NOTE: It will also be the last general membership meeting of this season.)

Renewed your membership yet?

It's still just \$60 yearly (Veterans \$50)

Welcome to our newest members!

Vaughn Carney Rebekah Mosby
Bob Tuttle Rick & Wini Boyle
Gordon & Joy Whitten
Dennis & Mariom Gerwer

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SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings



FROM DIANE CLARK

The speaker at our April meeting was Randy Penn from the Sarasota IFAS Extension office. The catchy title of his presentation was "Let's make black gold"! Translation: "Let's compost"!

We learned this sad statistic - 40% of food produced in the U.S. is thrown away! That amounts to \$1,500/per family annually of wasted food! And it gets worse - as this discarded food decomposes, it produces carbon dioxide and methane gases.

To reduce this waste, we can compost it into black gold! You only need four things to get the process started:

1. "BROWNS" - small pieces of woody material
2. "GREENS" - such as grass, vegetables, bread and coffee grinds. When deciding what to put in, it helps to remember:
 - Food from plants- OK
 - Food from animals - STAY AWAY!
3. WATER - your pile should feel like a damp sponge

4. AIR - turn the pile to mix oxygen in.

Put all of this in an area 3' long x 3' high x 3' deep. To learn more, you can view Randy's presentation at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7TpmUXRG88.

He also does classes in person and online; check them out at IFAS / Florida friendly Landscaping.

Consider joining us. We meet every third Monday at 1:00pm at the Civic Association building. You'll be most welcome.

President's Message *Continued*

that plan some years ago, once they saw that the citizens of South Venice, were not interested in having their homes converted to public water and public sewer.

I, as a resident, and very concerned, when I hear of "spills", from the three water treatment facilities run by Sarasota County, which run into the Gulf and cause the algae problems to explode, killing the fish life in our waters, impacting tourism directly, as the red tide issues in Sarasota County were featured on the National News, some months ago.

The drop in tourism impacts the livelihoods of residents of Sarasota County and South Venice directly.

These" spills "as they are called, are due to the fact that these treatment plants cannot handle the volume currently, and thus the untreated water, containing high lev-

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els of nitrates, which foster the growth of these algae blooms, are more like planned releases, and end up in the water ways causing vast algae blooms

When we consider that a thousand people a day move to Florida, I only see this problem getting worse, when, even now they don't have sufficient capacity, before the arrival of all the newcomers, and then they also want to consider adding the 7,500 homes from South Venice, as well!

Now let's look at what the average homeowner would be asked to pay, should Sarasota County decide, and try to force us to hook up to public water and public sewer. The Gulf Coast Community Foundation, in a great initiative entitled Community Playbook for Healthy Waterways, projected in current dollars, it would cost \$18,633 per house to hook up to public water public and sewer, currently. That number will obviously explode, given the difficulty today in finding materials, finding sufficient labor, and the increase in cost of those materials, let alone the delays that occur with any construction projects, especially with the size of these projects. That cost could well balloon to over \$20,000.

Plus, it does not include the monthly water and sewer bill, that we would be forced to pay for that service monthly.

Most importantly, it is our tax dollars, that would be used for this project, and at present it is being planned without our approval. I think it's time we told Sarasota County, to get their hand out of our pockets, especially when they have not consulted us, nor taken into account our feelings, nor our personal financial positions in the planning to put public water and public sewer here. Many of our residents are on fixed incomes, and given the current inflation rate eroding their incomes, converting to water/sewer would place a considerable extra burden on them!

The rationale behind this rush to put public water and sewer into South Venice, is a complete red herring, forgive the fish pun, as the county claims that the septic systems, are causing the runoff into our waterways, that cause the bloom of the algae

Steve Suau, a previous Board member of both the South Venice Civic Association and the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust has co – authored a document with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, entitled: "Community Playbook for Healthy Waterways "which details that septic systems are not the culprit, and are being used, incorrectly, as the rationale to force South Venice to convert septic systems to public water and sewer. Visit the Gulf Coast Community Foundation website for further information on this very important topic!

Please come to our meeting on Monday, May 16 at 7:00pm to hear from Commissioner Detert on this subject, have her answer your questions and to express your opposition!

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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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, May 14 - 8:00am

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

And the work goes on . . .

FROM MARLA WILCOX

Five of our crew showed up for the Venetian Waterway Clean-up on Saturday, April 9. As always, they did a stalwart job. Thank you Blaine Tippett, Stephen Brown, Laurie Hartman (in the top picture). With them, but not pictured there, were Randall Green and Marla Wilcox.

We have been disappointed to see so much more trash just thrown into the bushes— which makes it even harder to retrieve. It's mostly beer cans. There was also a log of dog feces— pretty much everywhere. Very disappointed in the current users behaviors. We probably had four full bags of trash this time, as opposed to years past when we'd end up with just a handful.

On April 22, Ray Broas and Marla Wilcox (inset) planted the ten Plumeria plants donated by a South Venice resident, who gave us specifically to be planted at the Grove. We are really looking forward to seeing them grow and bloom, especially as there are a variety of colors.



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.



It was a delight to see all the happy young faces at our April 9 Breakfast with the Bunny. Special thanks to Sandy Tulenko for stalwartly carrying on inside that hot heavy bunny suit!



NEW CLASS! Jazzercise is coming to 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.

The instructor is SVCA member Karen Schroll.

She tells us there is a 'summer sale' of up to 20% off going on if you sign up before June 5.

For more information, contact Karen directly at 847-361-5810 or just go to Jazzercise.com.



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FROM GAIL PARKER



BOOK CLUB:

The Book Club next meets on Tuesday, May 10, at 3:00pm at the Community Center, when we'll be discussing our current read, *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliviera.

This may be our last meeting until the Fall. That will be one topic for discussion at our May meeting. We welcome anyone interested in joining us for good discussions about the books we read and various other topics that may come up!

BOOK NOOK:

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Call Your Husband



Karen has created her own favorite joke and it goes like this. A woman says, "I can't get my husband to come in and get hearing aids."

Karen says, "No problem. I'll call and yell at him. I would talk to him but he isn't wearing hearing aids."

Everytime she gets to say this she cracks up. I am more amused by her laughing at her own joke.

Getting husbands to come in for hearing aids is the one talent I haven't mastered.

Recently a couple came in. As they were completing the new paperwork the husband said to his wife, "why aren't you filling out forms? You need a hearing test as well."

She looked at Karen, who was at the front desk, then said softly, "I have very sensitive hearing. I said that to trick him into coming in. He needs help but won't get it."

He didn't hear a word.

Karen walked them into my office and said under her breath, "He thinks they are both getting tested. I told them we might only have time for one. He has a big loss, he didn't understand me twice. She has sensitive hearing."

After the test it was obvious he could be helped with hearing aids. I had even said, "You may not realize how hard it is for you to hear your wife's voice. Your loss shows me that you will struggle to hear her without hearing aids. You married her and listening to her should be your priority and hearing aids will help with this."

As he was leaving he turned to Karen and asked, "How do I return demos?"

Karen mentioned to me later, he'll drop them off, he won't wear them. His wife tricked him to come in. He isn't ready to receive help.

I wasn't surprised when he walked in a couple of days later to return the demos and mentioned he didn't wear them much. I assured him, when he is ready we will be here to help. When you decide you want help, we are here for you.

I don't want your wife to trick you to come in. If you have noticed strain in talking to one another due to not hearing words clearly and want to know if hearing aids could ease tensions and eliminate miscommunications, call our office for a free demo. There is no obligation, no contract, just our commitment to help you hear with ease. Call, 941-244-9300, for an appointment.

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641 SOUTHLAND RD	908	2	2	1987	None	1	1	\$189,900	\$231,500
350 SHELL RD	900	2	2	1987	None	1	6	\$269,000	\$249,000
645 CROCUS RD	912	2	1	1970	None	1	15	\$279,000	\$260,000
3131 GALIOT RD	858	2	1	1978	None	1	5	\$265,000	\$270,000
2964 ODESSA RD	1,685	2	2	1963	None	2	6	\$249,000	\$272,000
348 OLIVIA RD	988	2	1	1974	None	1	4	\$269,900	\$272,500
5291 ROLLA RD	976	2	2	1979	Private	1	1	\$279,000	\$279,000
1035 GRAHAM RD	1,083	2	1	1965	None	1	2	\$290,000	\$280,000
884 TANAGER RD	1,145	2	2	1974	None	1	3	\$279,000	\$291,000
1545 LEMON BAY DR	987	2	1	1989	None		3	\$269,900	\$291,000
1025 FALCON RD	1,735	3	2	1966	None		21	\$359,900	\$295,000
847 LEEWARD RD	1,148	2	2	2002	None	1	4	\$290,000	\$299,900
3285 DATURA RD	1,254	2	2	1978	None	1	5	\$309,900	\$314,900
1112 LEEWARD RD	1,198	2	2	1965	None	1	2	\$324,900	\$319,500
868 NANTUCKET RD	1,228	2	2	1978	None	2	4	\$300,000	\$320,000
2690 SHAMROCK DR	1,004	2	2	1988	Private	1	7	\$299,900	\$320,000
140 BOWDOIN RD	1,324	2	2	1987	None	1	54	\$320,000	\$320,000
1175 JAMAICA RD	1,250	2	2	1976	None	1	5	\$299,900	\$325,000
160 AUSTER RD	948	2	2	1974	None	1	0	\$329,000	\$329,000
631 ARGUS RD	1,480	3	2	1980	Private		4	\$369,900	\$330,000
240 PERIWINKLE RD	1,275	2	2	1980	None	1	4	\$335,000	\$335,000
455 PORPOISE RD	1,969	3	2	1959	Private		54	\$337,950	\$337,950
1421 REDSTART RD	912	2	1	1973	None		3	\$315,000	\$347,276
324 DURIAN RD	1,445	3	2	1989	None	2	2	\$317,000	\$352,000
291 CYPRESS RD	1,413	3	2	1978	None	1	4	\$349,900	\$359,000
411 FOXGLOVE RD	1,044	2	2	1996	None	1	3	\$359,900	\$362,900
3247 VIRGINIA RD	1,665	3	2	2004	None	2	5	\$349,995	\$365,000
3247 GALIOT RD	1,534	3	2	1989	None	2	4	\$369,900	\$375,000
351 CARMEL RD	1,560	2	2	1973	Private	2	114	\$398,000	\$389,000
950 DUQUESNE RD	1,366	3	2	1995	None	2	2	\$409,900	\$392,000
1024 HORIZON RD	1,584	3	2	1978	None	2	2	\$399,900	\$394,000
15 CLEMSON RD	1,532	3	2	1988	None	2	29	\$399,900	\$400,000
5972 PLOVER RD	1,330	2	2	1997	None	2	2	\$389,900	\$400,000
550 GARDEN RD	2,759	2	3	2008	None	5	50	\$459,900	\$400,000
415 MARQUETTE RD	1,392	2	2	1975	None	2	3	\$385,000	\$401,000
841 ROYAL RD	1,313	3	2	1980	None	1	8	\$414,900	\$415,000
4400 ZENITH RD Unit#4400	1,560	3	2	1975	None	1	9	\$424,900	\$425,000
756 COLGATE RD	1,713	4	2	1980	Private	1	4	\$425,000	\$465,000
72 CORNELL RD	1,469	3	2	1980	Private		26	\$482,500	\$482,500
612 CONRAD RD	1,777	3	2	2022	None	2	3	\$489,000	\$495,000



State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty

Happy Spring Everyone!

Forty four homes have sold in the last thirty-day period. The highest sale was for \$541,350 on Jupiter Road with a pool and on a 12,000 square foot lot. The lowest sale was a two bedroom one bath on Temple for \$190,000. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$266.66, up a little from last period and the average sale price was \$353,643— Average Days On Market was just 11 days!

Currently there are 63 HOMES PENDING and waiting to close, which has become a normal number for the neighborhood, even as the inventory still remains low! At the time of this report (4/24/22) there were 25 Active Listings with prices ranging from \$275,000 to 1.2 million. The number of Active listings has increased, but there is still no question this remains a very strong Seller's market.

The Venice area remains a highly desired area for second homes and relocations. Seller's can still price their homes aggressively, especially if the house is neat, clean and in good condition. We are still seeing multiple offers for a

Seller to choose from and often above the asking price!

My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold eighteen homes in South Venice in the recent months. 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 (MLS). The sales were by various participants of MLS. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.



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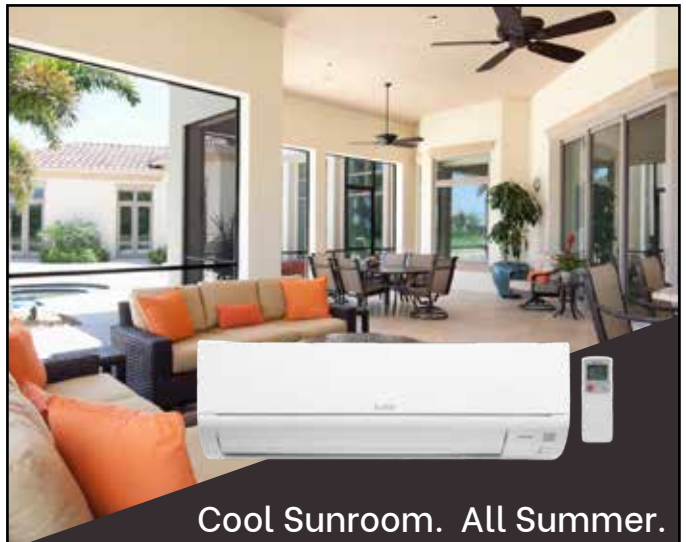
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