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South Venice Beach Wave

NOVEMBER 2022

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Upcoming Events

Veterans Day BBQ Lunch



FRIDAY, November 11
at 12:30pm

Come to SVCA for a BBQ lunch. FREE to our South Venice veterans . (\$10 for others)

Pancake Breakfast!

SATURDAY, Nov 12,
8-10:00am

\$8 Members \$10 non-Members



GENERAL MEETING

Monday, NOVEMBER 21 at 7:00pm

Panel discussion featuring three speakers—a roofer, a residential insurance agent and a representative from a 'third nail' service. Stay and visit over coffee and cookies.

Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 19, 9am-2pm

Ready for some Christmas shopping? There will be beautiful and unique handmade gifts by local artisans! (See page 5)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, NOVEMBER 14 at 7:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, NOVEMBER 21 at 1:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 15 at 3:00pm

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

DATE TBA due to Thanksgiving

Debbie Curwood brought the grandkids to our Pumpkin Painting Party in October! Looks like they're ready to turn those pumpkins into something s-c-a-r-y!



FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



I believe we will always remember September 28, 2022 as the day Hurricane Ian barged and battered his way into all our lives. Hurricane Ian devastated Southwest Florida, causing death and extreme destruction of the homes and businesses of so many Floridians.

Please remember those who have lost their lives, and those who lost everything else, during this hurricane.

We are so fortunate, that we have *survived*, and I have been amazed at how we all come together and reached out to help those less fortunate all around us. During our October meeting,

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It's almost done! The FEMA and county crews have been all over South Venice with "The Big Claw". Familiar piles like this one - spotted by Marla Wilcox - are disappearing bit by bit.



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President's Message *Continued*

many of the audience members recounted how they got through the hurricane, and the extent of all their losses. The meeting took on a very positive tone, as people expressed appreciation, and swapped ideas on how to best survive a future hurricane.

Many of you expressed gratitude for coming through it all, and felt Ian had brought out the best in all of us. There was considerable appreciation expressed for the utility and tree companies, who came from all over the United States, to help us recover. My own electricity was restored by O'Connell Electric, from Buffalo, New York—after 8 days without power. In appreciation, I called their corporate head office and thanked them. I was amazed how you would see convoys of 10 to 12 of these electrical bucket trucks heading South on US41, followed by logging company trucks to help them with their task. I was amazed how the National Guard jumped in and provided water, ice, tarps, and meals ready to eat to anyone, who lined up for their services. That was so well organized! We also need to thank the management of the Venice airport who provided an amazing tent city for the utility crews, with all the conveniences of home, almost, such as hot showers, decent bedding and accommodation, hot meals, and even laundry facilities on site.

We also owe a very big debt of thanks to those in Sarasota County, who were part of this disaster recovery planning effort and who did an outstanding job in ensuring that once the power was back up, we would be able to pick ourselves up and start all over again. I want to also thank the folks from Sunderland company of North Carolina, who worked tirelessly in my neighborhood clearing downed trees and brush.

My fellow South Venice residents, we have a lot to be thankful for, but please continue to reach out to those whose lives have been and will continue to be impacted by Hurricane Ian for a long, long, time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We love to hear from you!

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Names may be withheld. All letters are subject to review.

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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.

SVCA always welcomes anyone who'd like to help on our various committees. In most cases the time commitment is only two to three hours per month. Interested in flexing your handyman muscles? we always have projects that need support.

Financial Summary: As of 31 September 2022

No financial report this month due to Hurricane Ian.

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on October 10 for an Executive session and discussed the financials. Other items included:

- Discussed November membership post card distribution
- Approved the purchase of Wi-Fi thermostats and Wi-Fi door lock
- Set goal of minimum four rentals per month (not including long term rentals)
- Discussed the Pumpkin Painting Party, Veterans Day Event, Art Show/Craft Fair, Breakfast with Santa and 2023 Business EXPO.
- Approved the Website theme and design. Pages will be reviewed by the Board on a rolling basis.
- Discussed the Educated Consumer seminars for October, November, December and January
- Discussed a question on Insurance for events



Just another image from our neighborhood. Familiar?

- Approved the reimbursement of a vendor for items stolen during a break in at the Hall
- Approved roof repairs due to Hurricane IAN.

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

SOMETHING NEW!

We're honoring South Venice veterans with a BBQ picnic

Here at the SVCA, we will be honoring our SVCA members who are veterans with a FREE BBQ Picnic. It'll be at the SVCA on November 11 at 12:30pm. Veterans, please join us for a free meal and an opportunity to share your story with fellow veterans! Non-Veteran guests can also join us for the BBQ for \$10.00. It would be great if you could wear your favorite veteran hat or shirt. We ask that you please RSVP to Paul at 619-368-6749 by November 5, or as soon as you can, so we can plan how much to prepare!

If you plan your Veterans Day correctly, you can eat for free all day. Start at a local Denny's for a free breakfast or Dunkin Donuts for free doughnut. Then stop by 7-11 for a free coffee. Head over the SVCA for the free Brisket BBQ for lunch. For dinner head to Chili's, Applebee's or Bob Evans for a free meal.

So, for your gastronomical pleasure, these fine establishments will be offering free meals on Veterans Day:

- 7-Eleven – Get a free coffee or Big Gulp. Download the 7-Eleven app and sign in or register.
- Applebee's – Veterans and active-duty military can select a free meal from a limited menu on Veterans Day. Proof of service required.
- Buffalo Wild Wings- All day on Veterans Day, veterans and active-duty military who dine in or call for takeout at their local B-Dubs can receive a free order of boneless wings and a side of fries.
- Chili's Grill & Bar – All veterans and active-duty military personnel can choose a complimentary meal from a select menu on Veterans Day
 - Denny's – Veterans or active-duty military with a valid ID a free Build Your Own Grand Slam breakfast from 5:00am until noon.
 - Dunkin' Donuts – On Veterans Day, veterans and active-duty military can enjoy a free donut at Dunkin' Donuts restaurants nationwide, no purchase necessary.
 - Hooters – Veterans who present a military ID or proof of service and purchase a beverage at any participating Hooters location nationwide, will receive a free entrée from a special Hooters Veterans Day Menu (available for dine-in only).
 - Bob Evans- Veterans who present a military ID or proof of service offering a special menu of seven homestyle favorites.

FROM GAIL PARKER

What we're reading



Our South Venice Book Club met in October. We were pleased to welcome several of our snowbird members back. Everyone had a good time catching up and sharing IAN stories – AND, we even found time to discuss books!

After a discussion on our October reading of *Night Road*, we chose books titles for November and December. November's selection is *Woman on Fire* by Lisa Barr and for December we'll be reading *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. Both books are out in paperback and *Woman on Fire* is available at the library on the island. You would likely be on a waiting list for it there, but worth a try!



The club next meets on Tuesday, November 15 at 3:00pm here at the community center. The December meeting is set for Tuesday, December 13 at 3:00pm here.

As always, we welcome anyone interested in joining in a good book discussion -and various other topics that may come up!

Don't forget! Our 'leave a book/take a book' library keeps growing. Be a part of it - if you don't have a book to leave, hardcovers are \$1.00 and paperbacks are only 50 cents! You can access the library any time the building is open.



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FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park

Introduction to Birds of Florida – November 5th – Saturday at 9:00am – Shamrock Park Classroom – Are you eager to become a better birder? Come join master naturalist, Kate Borduas, to learn all about the common and not-so-common birds you might encounter in the Sarasota area. Tools to make identification more accurate can be very helpful when encountering the vast majority of birds Florida has to offer. For more information, call 941-861-5000.

Demonstration Garden Tour First Thursday of each month/9-11am/Ages 18 and up/Free/Meet in the Demonstration Garden. Master Gardener volunteers will be in the Demonstration Garden at Shamrock Park to answer questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-Friendly landscaping. No registration necessary. For information, call 941-861-5000.

Seasons and Serendipity Stroll Second Friday of each month, November through March – 9am to 10:30am - ages 12 and up – Meet at Nature Center – Join park naturalists and staff for a leisurely, guided walk in the park. You'll learn about Florida Scrub Jays, Gopher tortoises and the important role prescribed fire plays in restoring and maintaining Florida's fire dependent ecosystems.

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From MARLA WILCOX

Clean ups and Community Response – all in a day's work!

Trash Buddies: Two very dedicated people took on the entire Clean-up at the Venetian Waterway on October 8 – thank you Winnie and Rick Boyle! While there wasn't a tremendous amount of trash, there was a large cooler Rick had to lug back to the Park for disposal. Next up for the Trash Buddies is November 12 to clean up at Seminole and Quincy. We meet in the area of Quincy and Burke.

The Grove: We split forces on October 8 and workers could be found at the Grove starting to address the destruction done there by Ian. Ray and Debbie Broas and



Ray and Debbie Broas standing amidst the Ian debris at The Grove before the clean-up on October 8. Working with them were Marla Wilcox and Melissa Buehne. Not pictured from that day's crew were Winnie and Rick Boyle, who headed over to do the Venetian Waterway Clean-up. Thanks all!

Marla Wilcox worked adding to the pile of debris the debris trucks put there. Melissa Buehne has also been working tirelessly pulling debris from the area near Grant Rd. Together we may get the area cleaned up. The next work-day at the Grove will be on November 19 at 9:00am. Remember, to anyone who'd like to lend a hand – you'd be more than welcome.

The Grove was under water after the hurricane but looks like it will survive. At some point, we will need county help to remove large debris from the Waterway. There is an actual shed in there now that we can see and who knows what else.

Community Emergency Response Team : CERT met on September 22 at Venice Gardens Clubhouse - *and it could not have been a more timely meeting!* We discussed our roles as CERT Members (at which I decided I am a failure!) and hurricane preparedness (in which I excelled). We got two new members which brings our volunteer CERT team to five people. We had mentioned there were sure a lot of tarps in the storage for CERT and wondered why past members had gotten so many. W-E-L-L, we sure found out! Rick Boyle is a true CERT volunteer – he was out there helping people put those tarps on roofs, and jumping in wherever needed. Our newest member, Todd, had agreed to help put shutters up. I haven't talked with him to see how his "new business" performed. We met again on October 27 (report next month). Meeting times for November and December have not been established as yet, due to the Holidays. You can check in with me.



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, December 10 - 9:00am

Seminole Drive Clean-Up
(meet at Quincy and Burke)

Saturday, November 12 - 9:00am

?Venetian Waterway Clean-Up?

(meet by tennis courts at Shamrock Park)

Saturday, October 8 - 9:00am

CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

Usually the fourth Thursday at 6:00pm

BUT CALL MARLA TO CONFIRM NOVEMBER DATE

Joint meeting at Venice Gardens Community Center on Shamrock Blvd. New volunteers welcome!

Grove/Seminole Cleanup

(Meet at Quincy near Burke Road)

Bring yard tools and gloves. Trash bags provided.

Saturday, November 19—9:00am

Saturday, December 17—9:00am

SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings



FROM DIANE CLARK

The Garden Club met on October 17 for a presentation by Forest Becker from Sarasota County UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability. His topic was 'Florida Friendly Landscaping'.

Sarasota County and the University of Florida have come together to offer practical education for gardeners, landscapers, developers and communities. Florida Friendly Landscaping is designed to conserve and protect water sources, provide natural habitats for wildlife and create a unique local flora. Master gardeners are available at certain venues for plant and disease identification, soil testing, and for guidance on the right plant in the right place. Florida has many micro climates and different zones so it is important to take those into consideration when selecting plants.

With the huge population growth in Florida, the preservation of natural resources like water is important. Florida friendly plantings are going to be less thirsty and they are going to need less fertilizing, which can leech into the water table, streams and ponds. All those chemicals eventually end up in the Gulf where they feed bacteria and algae blooms (like Red Tide). Slow-release fertilizers are healthier for the environment but should not be spread before heavy rains are forecast or they will get washed into the aquifer. He also cautioned no fertilizers within ten feet of any open body of water so as to avoid contamination. Water conservation and purity is so important to our environment. Even the water tables are at risk: if they get depleted there is a risk of salt water intrusion which ruins wells. And salt water kills off vegetation in most cases, except for

those very specific salt tolerant plants.

Over watering is a frequent problem. Not only does it lead to threatening our water supply but it also creates shallow roots which, as we have seen in some cases, does not anchor a bush or plant well in the ground in high winds. Sprinkler systems should have rain detectors so that they are only functioning in dry weather. They should also be designed to only water the vegetation and not roads or structures.

He reminded us that not all insects are pests! It is important to be specific with pesticides to make sure that only that pest is targeted. The pollinators are important in our gardens and we need to ensure that they survive as "gardeners' little helpers". Master gardeners are available at different venues to identify the pests that are damaging plants so that only that pest is eradicated. Many of the native plants are hosts to certain desirable pollinators such as butterflies and we do not want to threaten them with scattershot use of pesticides.

He then shared some before and after photos, where "hardscaping" rather than lawns were used in the design. Certainly some very creative and appealing yards can be achieved using stones and in some cases natural ground-covers. Peanut plants are one possibility but as several people attested, those are very attractive bunny rabbit food. Native Mimosa makes for a good ground cover and alternative to lawns in sunny spots and are fast spreader.

The theme of this presentation was the right plant in the right place. There are places where lawns are useful – like a ground cover for areas that have heavy traffic. Concrete is not a friendly material in the landscape: it is not porous and does not allow for drainage. Natural materials such as stones or shells are more appropriate, and attractive.

There are many booklets available from the USF extension Program on Florida native landscaping and one on all Florida native and friendly plants. His talk was very well received and inspired many to consider some redesigns to their yards.

ART CLASS

Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA



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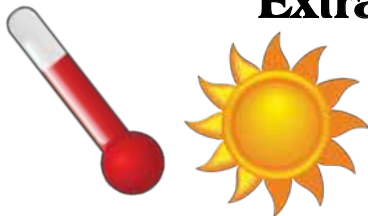
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263 CLEMSON RD	1,071	2	1	1973	None	1	6	\$325,000	\$325,000
724 COLONIAL RD	976	2	1	1981	None	1	39	\$330,000	\$330,000
934 FUNDY RD	912	2	1	1976	None	1	22	\$339,000	\$335,000
272 LOYOLA RD	1,151	3	2	1984	None		4	\$359,500	\$359,500
1039 KIMBALL RD	1,432	2	2	1979	None	2	13	\$379,000	\$367,000
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285 MARQUETTE RD	1,555	3	2	1996	None	2	6	\$429,000	\$416,000
632 DUKE RD	1,544	3	2	1977	Private	2	10	\$450,000	\$425,000
684 MOBILE RD	1,617	3	2	2018	None	2	18	\$485,000	\$480,000
5256 DREW RD	1,681	3	2	2004	Private	2	44	\$530,000	\$505,000
824 ACADIA RD	1,883	3	2	2006	None	2	8	\$549,900	\$537,000
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State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers and Associates Real Estate

Hello South Venice Beach! I hope you all are recovering from the storm and did not incur too much damage. I know that some of my friends in South Venice did have severe roof damage as well as interior water damage. Also, a warm Welcome Back to those part time residents that are starting to head for warmer weather!

At first, I was a little surprised when I looked up the sales for this issue of The Wave. Only 14 sales occurred in the last 30 day period - and I triple checked it to be sure. Then I realized that this is definitely a reflection of the impact of Hurricane Ian and of businesses being closed for about ten days. I am also certain that sales were scheduled to close in that ten days were postponed due to the storm.

The highest sale was \$580,787 on Missouri Road, and the lowest sale was \$319,000. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$291.02. The average sale price this period was \$403,735 and the Average Days On Market was just 13 days.

Currently, there are 26 HOMES PENDING and waiting to close— again a low number compared to earlier this year and reflective of the storm. South Venice currently has 50 homes Active on the market, with asking prices ranging from \$1.2 million to \$220,000. There is still more inventory than we are recently used to seeing and things are taking a longer to sell.

BUT, this is Florida! My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold twenty-one homes in South Venice in the recent months. If you are thinking of selling or buying, we are happy to assist you. Please call for a confidential free market analysis! This is Venice Florida, we still have more people that want to move here than we have houses! I also wanted to mention that Kathy and I opened our own brokerage! Ayers & Associates Real Estate located at 718 Albee Rd W, Nokomis 34275. We are right next to Sweet Melissa's Ice Cream shop just before you go over Albee Bridge to Nokomis Beach! Stop by and we will treat you to an ice cream!

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