



*It's still hurricane season - and here comes Halloween!*

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**MONDAY, OCT. 18 at 7:00pm**

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Join us for coffee and desserts as we greet our returning snowbird neighbors.

### Meetings

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monday, **OCTOBER 11** 4:00pm

**SOUTH VENICE  
GARDEN CLUB**

Monday, **OCTOBER 18** 1:00pm

**SOUTH VENICE  
BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday **OCTOBER 12**



Board members John Bowne and Greg Schwartz set up the SVCA table before the doors opened on the August Business EXPO.

### FROM DUKE DOOGUE

## *Message from the President*



I would like to welcome back any returning snowbirds, and want to share with you a little humor, which says, you know it's Fall in Florida when the license plate colors begin to change!

Speaking about roads, the traffic has continued to build and is always busy on our major roads. Thank goodness the widening of the Tamiami Trail, for Route 41 Bypass to three lanes, has finally been completed and is now a joy to drive through.

Reputedly, over 900 people are moving to Florida every day, and that is evidenced by how hard it is to find a piece of vacant ground in South Venice anymore. Those vacant properties have all been snapped up, and houses are being built on those properties. We are definitely experience an influx of new settlers from our northern states.

Although the influx of new residents, certainly bodes well for the economy, and for employment, and for our industries and businesses located on the Suncoast we must however also remember that one of the big attractions of Florida is the weather, vegetation, and the relaxed lifestyle.

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## President's Message *Continued*

I constantly hear people talking about Venice, as Paradise, and that is very true, it is a beautiful natural paradise, however, we need to protect the environment, against excesses of development and expansion. I'm reminded of a quote from chief Seattle, who reputedly said "we are part of the earth, and it is part of us, what befalls the earth befalls all the sons of the earth, we do not inherit the earth from our ancestors we borrow it from our children.

Your SVCA board, is very aware that we need to have representatives, on our environmental committee, and continue to do what we can to help the environment. We have all experienced the impact of red tide, trash, fossil fuels, and the impact of global warming on our cities and on our world, to understand that we need to do whatever we can, to mitigate that impact.

I want to thank a number of members of the South Venice Civic Association, who contributed so much of their time and talent to protecting the environment over the years, Harrison Fox, Lorraine Jensen, Steve Suau, and we thank you all for your hard work and dedication to protecting the environment.

## Welcome to our newest members!

Maria Smith  
Betty A. McCracken  
Louis Jones

We are looking for volunteers, to serve on our environmental committee, to enable us to focus efforts on improving our environment where

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## SVCA's MISSION

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**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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## SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

# Clippings

From DIANE CLARK

The South Venice Garden Club resumed in-person meetings after being apart for 18 **very** long months! And what a wonderful start of our 2021-2022 season it was! We'll be meeting at 1:00pm on the third Monday of every month at the Civic Association.

Our audience of 22 welcomed Wilma J. Holley from the UF/IFAS Extension Office of Sarasota County who informed us through her knowledgeable talk and interesting slides about the importance of attracting butterflies and other pollinators to our outdoor spaces. Were you aware that ONE IN EVERY 3 BITES of food we eat depend on pollinators?! Her presentation is available in PDF form and we hope, in the near future, to post the whole thing on the SVCA website.

This passionate environmentalist also disseminated spiral bound copies of *The Florida Friendly Landscaping Guide to Plant Selection & Landscaping Design*. Additional

copies of those will be at our upcoming meetings (a very good reason to come to a club meeting).

Many attendees went home with plants and garden related items- even a coffee tree from our monthly \$1.00 raffle! Refreshments and connecting with each other was so enjoyable!

We were also delighted to have two SVCA Board members in our company; thanks to Sandy Tulenko and Dianna Brannan for coming out!

Please mark our next meeting on your calendar - October 18 at 1:00pm and plan to join us as we learn and share our experiences of gardening in Paradise! We'll be putting out some of our newly created signs around the neighborhood the day before—look for them!



**Twenty-two were at the September Garden Club meeting. It was great to resume in-person meetings!**

## It's coming January 22, 2022

The SVCA Annual Yard Sale is now scheduled for January 22 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We will take donations after the first of the year, but if you have something you need to get to us before then or need to make special arrangements, leave your name and number at the office.

We take most household items but not mattresses, hide-a-beds, or old tube televisions. If you would be interested in helping with the sale, please leave your name and number with the office and Cherry or Gail will call you.

**THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR SO PLEASE BE GENEROUS!!**



## We're hiring!

### Part Time Office Help



We're looking for someone to work Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The job will entail basic office work as well as answering phones, greeting visitors, showing the hall to potential renters and other tasks as required.

**Contact SVCA President, Duke Doogue, through the SVCA office and he'll get back to you. Email him at [info@southvenicebeach.org](mailto:info@southvenicebeach.org) or call 941-493-0006.**

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# President's Message *Continued*

ever possible. Should you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact the office and we will follow-up and get you involved.

Talking about involvement, I would like to compliment the members of the board, who have worked very diligently, in a number of areas to help us improve the South Venice Civic Association, for the benefit of our members.

We have been working to improve the exterior appearance of our building, and pretty soon you will see the impact of weeding and also repainting the exterior to give it a fresh look.

We will also be replacing the gutters, on the front of the building, to direct the water away from our building, following very heavy rains.

Other board members, of working to improve our website, making it more user-friendly and communicating the many offerings we have for our members to enjoy. We have so much to offer and to share and an improved website will allow us to do more efficiently.

Yet another committee is working hard on updating all our operating documents, to ensure that they are current and relevant.

Our yard sale committee, has been working hard, as well, picking up and storing donations for our giant yard sale in January 2022

Our Educated Consumer Program has been very well received, and our recent presentation on "Wells and Septic Systems ", was very well attended and the audience, asked a lot of interesting questions, and gained new information on the topics.

Stay tuned for even more interesting and useful topics, in the future.

We also held an EXPO on Saturday 29th August, which was well attended, and over 70% of the vendors present, signed up for our next Expo, which will be on Saturday 29th January 2022.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me and any members of the Board, with any suggestions or comments you have, for improving our offerings at the South Venice Civic Association.

**Welcome back and enjoy Paradise!!**

## FREE WI-FI AT SVCA



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**Marla Wilcox, Bill Brannan, Randall Green, Blaine Tippet and Laurie Hartman cleaned up Alligator Drive Sept. 18.**

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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

**Marla Wilcox at**  
**303-818-3641 or**  
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### Alligator Drive Clean-Up

**Saturday, November 13 - 9:00am**  
**Saturday, December 18 - 9:00am**  
Meet at SVCA building

### Venetian Waterway Clean-Up

**Saturday, October 16 - 8:00am**  
Meet by Shamrock Park tennis courts)

### CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

**Thursday, October 28 - 6:00pm**  
Joint meeting at Venice Gardens Community Center on Shamrock Blvd. Volunteers welcome!

### Grove Workday at Siesta Creek

**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.

## FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

### *What's up at the Park*



The renovation of the building deck continues. While visiting, please bring your own water to the park. There is a water bubbler located at the tennis courts if you run low on water. (Port-a-lets are available in the parking lot.) The project is expected to last through mid-November.

Also under repair—and closed temporarily—is a portion of the Venetian Waterway Trail. The Trail is still easily accessible from the Park—just use the Shamrock Park trail behind the Nature Center building. Once you hit the VWP, the trail is opened going north.

**Seasons and Serendipity Stroll** is back on the second Friday of every month from October to May—it's from 9:00am to 11:00am, is free and open to ages 12 and up. Meet at the Nature Center and join master naturalists and Shamrock Park staff as they stroll trails that rely on changing seasons to bring us new flowers, birds' nests, insects and animal activity. For more information and to register, visit [scgov.net/parks](http://scgov.net/parks) or call 941-861-5000.

**What's Blooming Now!**  
Dotted Horsemint – also called Bee Balm – This perennial

plant's beautiful, pinkish flowers are in full bloom along the Shamrock Park trail. The fragrant flowers can often be smelled just by walking along the path. The flowers attract multiple species of pollinators.



**Look for Spanish Daisy at the Park**

Spanish Daisy – sometimes called Yellow Sneezeweed or Bitterweed. They are the yellow flowers you'll see as you walk through the park and resemble big, yellow bouquets.

Also Keep an eye out for Muhly Grass, also known as *Muhlenbergia capillaris*. Muhly grass produces fluffy pink to purple flower stalks that can reach up to 5 feet tall and give the plant a distinctive and attractive appearance. It isn't blooming quite yet, but each fall it grows abundantly at Shamrock Park. You don't want to miss it!



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# Captain's Corner

By CAPTAIN RANDALL PATTERSON

As most of you are aware, the Intracoastal Waterway in front of the ferry house is a "No Wake" zone. But you may not be aware that it is also an "Idle Speed" zone, which is somewhat less common. I'll explain what that means in moment, but first I need to get a little pedantic. Bear with me.



First, the waterway is called the INTRA-coastal, not the INTER-coastal. Intra is the correct term because the waterway is inside the coast, that is, between the mainland and the barrier islands. There is such a thing as an intercoastal route, but that would be between two separate coasts. People often use the two terms interchangeably, and English is a fluid language, so I'm being a bit nit picky here. Oh, well. As Popeye would say, "I yam what I yam."

On to the speed zones. In most of the intracoastal the speed limit is 25mph. There are a few areas where the signs simply say "Resume Safe Speed" with a higher speed limit listed, but 25mph is the default, similar to 35mph on city streets. There are also some "Slow Speed - Minimum Wake" zones where you should be doing less than 25 and producing a small wake. Typically, if your boat is on plane, you are not going slow speed. In fact, if your bow is even slightly elevated, you are exceeding slow speed. The boat must be settled fully in the water and sitting level. Some captains think that if they aren't on-plane they are in compliance. This could not be further from the truth. In fact, a boat going 15mph with its bow elevated is plowing, and may actually produce more wake than a boat on full plane.

No wake zones come in two varieties, "Slow Speed" and "Idle Speed."



**Damian Rodriguez and David Krank, Evolve Insurance, at August EXPO.**

Slow Speed is as slow as you need to go to produce no wake, and is designed to protect wildlife and shorelines. Idle Speed is as slow as you can go and still maintain steerage (control) and are only used in areas to protect human life. That's why we're in an Idle Speed zone. The ferry and the boat ramp, with a blind entrance to the waterway, necessitate Idle Speed.

When I first started at the ferry I used to yell at



**Friends Betty McCracken, Katherine Hamilton and Larry Phillips enjoyed the September Pancake Breakfast.**

violators to no effect, so I've long since given up. Occasionally law enforcement will set up in the area, but not frequently enough. Having almost resigned myself to being constantly frustrated, along came Captain David recently with an idea. His suggestion was to put strobe lights on the signs both north and south of the ferry house/ramp entrance. The signs are like all waterway speed signs, white, with an orange border and orange circle in the middle. Very visible, but often ignored. We are now looking into the strobe idea. We have located a manufacturer of solar powered strobes. Speed signs are installed and maintained by the county, so assuming we can get their permission we may soon be able to draw attention to the signs which will hopefully increase compliance.

Now we just have to rely on the boaters to be able to read and to know what the rules mean. A tall order in Florida where there are no boating license requirements.

## FROM GAIL PARKER

### **BOOK CLUB:**

### *What we're reading*



The next meeting of the Book Club is on Tuesday, October 12 at 3:00pm at the community center. We are currently reading "The Evening and the Morning" by Ken Follett and will be discussing it at the October meeting. This is historical fiction and is a long book, so if you want to come to our meeting and join the discussion, you'd better get started now! We will be deciding our

next two titles for discussion at the November and December meetings, so bring any suggestions you may have. New members are always welcome. Look forward to seeing everyone!

And don't forget our new lending library, the Book Nook, if you're cleaning out any book shelves at home!

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When we asked her about her hesitation, she explained that she wasn't sure she would be able to hear his cries.

Looking back, it was probably this heightened anxiousness that prompted her to get a better-quality hearing aid that enabled her to hear with ease in these situations.

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Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
987 AUBURN RD	1,606	3	2	1975	None		0	\$172,500	\$172,500
181 DARTMOUTH RD	768	2	1	1984	None		1	\$220,000	\$225,000
1116 ROYAL RD	935	2	1	1983	None		5	\$229,900	\$229,900
170 JASMINE RD	1,272	2	2	1987	None	2	0	\$269,900	\$237,000
156 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,037	2	2	1959	None		0	\$245,000	\$245,000
1075 FUNDY RD	1,328	2	2	1980	None	2	14	\$250,000	\$250,000
521 CORONADO RD	1,290	2	2	1978	None	2	19	\$265,000	\$255,000
570 BEVERLY RD	1,100	2	1	1966	None		4	\$237,000	\$261,000
1341 LEMON BAY DR	1,052	2	2	1956	None		2	\$269,000	\$270,000
2931 MYAKKA RD	1,351	2	2	1979	None	1	2	\$269,900	\$275,000
569 CROCUS RD	1,477	2	2	1979	None	1	22	\$289,000	\$280,000
630 DEVON RD	1,060	2	2	1978	None	1	2	\$279,900	\$282,000
415 PALMETTO DR	1,323	3	2	2004	None	2	12	\$300,000	\$285,000
1460 EVEREST RD	1,200	2	1	1968	Private	1	0	\$289,000	\$285,000
632 COLGATE RD	1,196	3	2	1987	None	1	9	\$285,900	\$285,900
1444 PORPOISE RD	1,245	2	2	1970	None	1	3	\$269,900	\$290,500
551 GARDEN RD	928	2	2	1988	None	1	23	\$303,000	\$300,000
270 DRAGON RD	1,716	3	2	1981	None	2	3	\$299,900	\$300,000
428 TREASURE RD	1,303	2	2	1975	Private	1	24	\$298,000	\$300,000
705 DARWIN RD	1,416	2	2	1970	Private	2	1	\$299,000	\$305,000
5947 ORCHIS RD	1,170	2	2	1989	Private	2	2	\$269,000	\$310,000
5041 MIMOSA RD	1,270	3	2	1986	None	1	1	\$299,000	\$317,500
664 NECTAR RD	1,152	3	2	2001	None	2	6	\$309,000	\$319,000
155 SEMINOLE DR	1,755	3	2	2020	None	2	310	\$345,637	\$345,637
199 CORAL RD	1,351	3	2	2018	None	2	2	\$340,000	\$355,000
2940 SIESTA DR	1,752	3	2	1990	None	2	5	\$339,900	\$355,000
604 PALMETTO DR	1,400	3	2	1981	Private	2	7	\$375,000	\$374,000
1289 HUDSON RD	1,477	3	2	1979	Private	2	3	\$359,900	\$380,000
580 PONDEROSA RD	1,195	2	2	1979	Private	2	2	\$375,000	\$380,000
5265 CITADEL RD	2,220	4	3	1980	None	2	36	\$389,000	\$385,000
3048 NOCTURNE RD	1,670	3	2	1977	Private	2	17	\$420,000	\$410,000
1207 LEMON BAY DR	1,725	3	2	2006	Private	2	27	\$439,999	\$429,000
1120 HUDSON RD	1,788	4	2	1981	Private	2	1	\$399,000	\$438,500
1219 YACHT CLUB DR	2,088	3	2	2004	Private	3	1	\$479,000	\$525,000
1400 LEMON BAY DR	1,689	3	2	1976	Private	1	39	\$699,000	\$680,000

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# State of the Market

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

Welcome Back to our seasonal residents! There were 35 sales during the last 30 day period! The highest sale was for \$680,000 on Lemon Bay Drive. The next highest sale was on Yacht Club Drive for \$525,000. The one on Yacht Club was priced at \$479,000 and went for \$46,000 over the asking price! The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$238.30 which is again way up and the average sale price was \$323,927, also up from the last period. The Average Days On Market was remarkably just 17 days! Currently there are **FIFTY NINE HOMES PENDING**, ranging in asking prices from \$700,000 to \$200,000! The inventory remains very low! At the time of this report (Sept 26) there were **only 18 Active Listings** with prices also ranging from \$200K to \$700K. It's still a Strong Seller's Market, therefore Seller's can pretty much write their own rules.

You may remember that last month we had a listing that **sold within a few hours for \$46,000 ABOVE THE ASKING PRICE!** There are typically multiple offers for a Seller to choose from and often we are seeing them go for full price or above the asking price! My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold seventeen 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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