



South Venice Beach Wave

SEPTEMBER 2020

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SAVE THE DATE! October 17, 2020 YARD SALE AT SVCA *To be held outdoors*

We're calling this one the **Pre-Sale Sale** in advance of the big Annual sale which will be in February.

Why TWO sales? Because donations for the 2021 event have already been so generous, we've run out of storage space—even after acquiring a large storage trailer earlier this year.

Indoor meetings and events at the Civic Association are on hold for now. We'll keep in touch by email as and if circumstances change.

Meanwhile, let us all:

WEAR OUR MASKS
SOCIAL DISTANCE WHEN WE CAN
STAY SAFE, AND
BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

BOTH THE SVCA AND TRUST OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO WALK IN TRAFFIC AT PRESENT. You can still contact us by phone to **941-493-0006** or by email to **info@southvenicebeach.org**

SVCA's MISSION

To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, conditions and quality of life.

To bring South Venice together to promote the civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests of South Venice

ARE YOU READY?

Peak hurricane season is here

This has been such an active storm season (sparing us so far) that NOAA is about to run out names on the 2020 list—and may already have by the time you read this! The only other time it happened was in 2005.

Let's hope our luck holds out, but the season runs through November 30, so do not let your guard down and stay prepared. Even a strong tropical storm can knock out power. Many of us have been through hurricane season many times and learned to be prepared. Don't wait till the last minute.



Of course, Covid-19 is a new twist this time and adds new challenges for those who evacuate—to friends inland or to evacuation centers.

Find County information at <https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness/homeowners>.

On page 7 inside, you'll find some preparedness checklists, but here are a few other tips we've learned over the years. Fill tub with clean water;

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FROM DUKE DOOGUE

Message from the President



My fellow SVCA members, I hope that you and your families are well and doing well and adapting to life under the Covid-19 challenges.

We are now less than four months away from the beginning of 2021. The Covid-19 pandemic continues to move through the United States and to cause more infections, especially among teenage and college age youth. These infections are directly related to many of the students not heeding the need to use masks, avoid large social gatherings, and to practice safe social distancing. I remember as a college student that the attraction of off-campus parties was so strong and we all thought we were bulletproof in those days.

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President's Message

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There is tremendous pressure on the drug manufacturers to find a vaccine. I believe that one will be found, either before the end of this year or early in 2021 - that alone would be great cause for optimism.

Eventually we probably will all have to be inoculated, to protect ourselves into the future.

November 3 brings the election and either President Trump will be re-elected or former Vice-President Biden will be elected. Either way, the incoming president will have to deal with rapidly finding ways to employ the over 30 million Americans currently unemployed and struggling to survive, as well as a host of pressing social needs.

I anticipate something like the New Deal Economics, which was employed at the end of the Great Depression, to mobilize our unemployed population once again and to attack the serious issues of the crumbling infrastructure in our country.

Our roads, bridges, ports and airport facilities all need to be repaired and updated if we are once again going to compete aggressively on the world trade market. Clearly a lot of money will be pumped into the economy to get America back to work again, which in itself will improve everybody's condition

Currently Interest rates for home purchases are extremely low, I heard of a 30 year conventional mortgage at 2.25% fixed the other day – incredibly low, and this in itself is helping to foster a purchasing boom. Real estate values have started to increase, and there is a tremendous shortage of inventory for sale in Venice. The ideal conditions for a sellers' market, where demand far outstrips the supply of available homes for sale.

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Coming to South Venice!

If you're a Culver's fan, here's something to smile about. You no longer will have to drive up to the store by I-75 on Jacaranda. Sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas, there will be one right here on the corner of Shamrock and US 41 next to Checkers. With all the new stores at the rejuvenated (nearly adjoining and ironically named) Jacaranda Plaza, we're seeing more and more national retailers in our little corner of Paradise! Both Venice locations are owned by Scott and Liz Mersinger, a young local family and we extend a big SVCA welcome to the community!

ANOTHER CORONA CASUALTY

Golf Cart raffle drawing postponed to December 31

As many of you are already aware, the Raffle Drawing scheduled to take place at our 2020 BBQ with Bandana on July 4, has been postponed to December 31, 2020. We had to cancel our July 4 party but have our fingers crossed that- circumstances allowing of course – we can have a New Years Eve party. If there's no party, the drawing will be on that date at the SVCA at 5:00pm and the winner will be notified immediately and the rest of you will be notified in the WAVE January issue.

We changed the drawing date because the pandemic and the resulting cancellations of all events, meetings and social gatherings slowed – nearly stopped - ticket sales and, as our members know, this raffle is a fund-raiser for the SVCA. Ticket sales were going GREAT until Covid hit.

A few purchasers contacted us after July 4 went by without a drawing asking what was going on. Most of the people we spoke with were supportive of our decision.

One person – perhaps because she's not a member – was not at all in agreement. Eventually, we gave her a refund and took her ticket stubs out of the drawing.

So, until December, sincere thanks to all of you who are hanging in there with us. As much as we hope we don't have to, we will issue a re-



fund if you wish. Make your request before December 30 to Julie in the office at info@southvenicebeach.org or 941-493-0006.

2020 FUNDRAISER

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December 31,
2020**



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info@southvenicebeach.org

FROM SANDY McHENRY, Chair

Beach Trust News

Our amazing boat ramp key holders are doing a great job of helping to monitor the boat ramp by locking the chain after launching and removing their boats.



Karan, our Trust Administrator, and I have enjoyed spending time at the boat ramp the last few weekends. It has been good to get to know more of our key holders and to see them heading out for a

fun day fishing or simply relaxing. It is only by their diligence that we are able to hold folks without keys accountable.

Also, kudos to the kayakers that are utilizing the kayak launch and staying away from the boat ramp. More and more kayakers have come to the understanding that there is a difference between motorized and non-motorized boats and the need to use the appropriate launch. We are glad that we have been able to offer a kayak launch --without charge-- for the last several years.

The ferry continues to run daily except Wednesday. There are two sunset runs also. Although the number of passengers remains limited, our beach is open for business! And there have been some great beach days and sunsets!! See you at "our beach".

President's Message

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The stock market is booming, merger and takeover activity is increasing strongly, and all of this will help to get the economy moving again.

Locally we are having wave upon wave of baby boomers coming to retire down in the Venice area and also increasing numbers of non-retirement aged people, leaving the colder, high tax, high crime states for the safety and warmth of Florida.

All of this bodes very well for us in the coming years in South Venice.

As an organization, we have cut our expenses, and have lived within our income, and we give particular thanks for the support of our two great renters, Pas-

tor John Meyer and the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust, who have continued to rent from us.

We have also been looking to strengthen our hall rental business, and we developed a rack card brochure, marketing the hall, and this has been placed at the airport, at the Chamber of Commerce, and also handed out to other potential renters such as Toastmasters Groups, Business Network International, (BNI



groups), funeral homes, larger corporations looking for a venue for a corporate event, Mary Kay distributors, high schools, and florists, trying to increase the hall rental business for the SVCA.

We are also continuing to improve our hall. To that end, we had the large garage sale in February which was very successful and contributed approximately \$3,200 to the price of a new electrical upgrade.

Thank you, as always, for your great support of the SVCA! Be well ! Be safe !

**For updated Information
about Coronavirus:
Here are the State and Federal
official sites**

**floridahealthcovid19.gov
cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV**

A Page from our history

The June 2001 issue of the South Venice News announced the incorporation of the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust by the South Venice Civic Association.

Founding Trustees were Bill Hentschel, Maureen Holland, Don Gecks, Ellen Hillstrom and Rick Curwood. Future appointments to the Trust would be made by the Board of Directors of the SVCA.

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South Venice Beach Endowment Trust accomplished

May 10, 2001 is a huge day in the history of the South Venice subdivision, now known as South Venice Beach subdivision. The South Venice Civic Association Board of Directors, after over four years of discussions and research work, have established by majority vote a tax deductible, 501 (c)(3) Trust.

Richard Curwood, President of the South Venice Civic Association stated: "The Endowment Trust has been established to hold, manage, and maintain in perpetuity all Trust Holdings and to provide them for public benefit and the enjoyment of Community residents and property owners. The Trust is to be managed in accordance with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501 (c)(3), which will allow for donations made to The Trust, and be tax deductible. This will be a very real asset to maintaining our community and its future for the benefit of its residents and property owners."

At the first meeting of the Trustees on Saturday, May 12, 2001, Ellen Hillstrom was elected Chairperson and a few bookkeeping details were established.

Questions on how to donate to the Trust may be answered by stopping by the Civic Association office at the Community Center during regular office hours.



Trustees hold newly signed Trust Agreement. Pictured from left are: Bill Hentschel, Maureen Holland, Don Gecks, Ellen Hillstrom, Chairperson, and Rick Curwood, SVCA President.

NOTICE NEW BYLAW AMENDMENT

At its May 1, 2001 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the following bylaw amendment:

"In all sections of the current bylaws where the name of the official newsletter is written as the South Venice News, the name be changed to read South Venice Beach News."

This bylaw amendment will be voted upon at the next general membership meeting at which a quorum of 25 is present. (June 18)

You are invited!

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Just a Moderate Loss

A new client came in and was very skeptical that hearing aids would benefit his life. He and his wife, come down from up north for the social season in our Venice area. Part of their social life includes restaurants, group events at their community clubhouse, and visits with friends. His wife enjoys going to family owned restaurants.

He was confident that his loss was not affecting him. He wasn't missing much in conversations, and he could ask those around him to repeat themselves. He was certain that it wasn't such a dramatic loss as to need hearing aids.

He wasn't aware that his loss was affecting those around him, especially his wife. It is always, those who want to talk with you that are affected by your hearing loss.

I don't know how long his wife had encouraged him to come in to have a hearing test, but he finally came in. His test showed that he has a moderate loss.

He agreed to take advantage of my offer to demonstrate hearing aids from different manufacturers and compare the sound clarity.

While wearing demo hearing aids, they went out to restaurants and visited with friends. He mentioned the devices were working well. He was able to understand in restaurants without having to change programs too often.

He also said the sounds were tinny, not his preferred sound quality, but he did hear better. This is exactly why we offer a demo comparison. His brain was looking for a different sound quality, based on his feedback. I invited him to try another manufacturer that has a mellower sound.

He came back after his second week with just one question, "why doesn't everyone help like this?"

He said I really listened to him and wasn't just telling him how wonderful hearing aids are. He said having the option to try the different sounds from each manufacturer really helped him understand that his moderate loss was affecting his friends and, more importantly, his wife.

If you are asking friends and family to repeat themselves during conversations and are wondering if you have a loss, call for a free evaluation, 941-244-9300.

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FROM SANDY TULENKO

Protect our wildlife



I recently found our resident gopher tortoise on the street behind our house. She had been hit by a car and was badly injured. I rushed her over to the Wildlife Center of Venice but it doesn't look good and she may not survive.

Gopher tortoises are a protected species. I was told that the females are more vulnerable now because it's nesting season. There are also baby hatchlings to look out for. Our tortoises are every bit as important as our sea turtles and we should strive to protect them.

So PLEASE BE CAREFUL when you're driving in our neighborhoods and keep your eyes open for these unique creatures.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

November 7 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy

The virus has made scheduling projects difficult. Please hang in with us and we look forward to when we can all work together again keeping South Venice beautiful!



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**

Hurricane preparedness

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take detailed photos of valuables in the house; even if you're planning to shelter in place, it's a good idea to have a back up plan in case you need to evacuate. And my favorite tip—If power goes out, the contents of your freezer are at risk. You can cook the meat before the storm and then keep it cold in a cooler. Better than tossing out meat that's gone bad!

Checklist:

- Drinking water, one gallon per person, per day, for at least three days
- Non perishable foods
- Medications, prescriptions and a first aid kit (Refill RXs before storm if you can)
- Battery-operated radio, Flashlight and extra batteries
- Cash (ATMs may be out-of-service)
- Auxiliary charger for your phone
- Prepare a folder with your insurance papers, deed or lease, medical information, family contact information. Take it with you if you have to leave the house!
- Have a full tank of gasoline in your car.

Information about evacuation centers as well as transportation resources for special needs can be found at the County website at <https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness/homeowners>

September Funny



For 65 years, the SVCA has been here for South Venice, for YOU!

**MEMBERSHIP MAKES US STRONG
MEMBERSHIP MAKES US
A COMMUNITY**

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— like tree trimming, ditch mowing, code enforcement, mosquito spraying, drain maintenance, zoning, permitting, water and sewer.

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

Beautiful Neighborhoods Initiative • Water Quality Task Force • Siesta Waterway Clean-up • Shamrock Park Clean-up • Community Emergency Response Team • International Coastal Cleanup • Government Affairs Committee to track issues and liaise with Sarasota County

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.

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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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Home Sales: JULY 6 to AUGUST 15, 2020

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close
55 ABALONE RD	1,360	2	2	1979	None	2	22	\$227,777	\$230,000
4330 ALLIGATOR DR	1,551	3	2	1968	None	1	4	\$259,500	\$259,500
188 E BAFFIN DR	1,690	3	2	2004	Private	2	18	\$339,000	\$329,000
630 W BAFFIN DR	1,900	3	2	1974	None	2	12	\$268,000	\$265,000
724 W BAFFIN DR	1,523	2	2	1988	Private	2	4	\$284,900	\$300,000
300 BAHAMA RD	1,242	3	2	1993	None	2	82	\$244,900	\$238,000
5672 BAYLOR RD	2,000	3	2	1993	Private	2	12	\$349,900	\$349,900
788 BEVERLY RD	1,782	3	2	1980	None	2	1	\$245,000	\$245,000
621 CABANA RD	1,708	3	2	2020	None	2	9	\$325,000	\$320,000
550 CARMEL RD	1,388	3	2	1991	None	2	5	\$195,000	\$194,500
675 CLEMATIS	1,033	2	1	1966	None		3	\$165,000	\$162,400
587 COLGATE RD	1,550	3	2	1979	None	1	6	\$235,000	\$217,000
979 CUMBERLAND RD	1,720	2	2	1978	Private	1	2	\$309,900	\$310,000
1044 DEVON RD	1,841	3	2	1976	None	2	26	\$340,000	\$340,000
5971 DIANA RD	778	2	2	1978	None	1	0	\$136,000	\$140,000
1016 DUQUESNE RD	1,014	2	2	1999	Private	2	113	\$239,900	\$239,900
5868 ELTON RD	1,172	3	2	1973	None		1	\$189,500	\$189,500
1172 EUCLID RD	1,222	2	2	1992	None	2	53	\$195,000	\$192,000
1356 EVEREST RD	1,288	3	2	2000	None	2	8	\$258,000	\$250,000
1015 FLAMINGO RD	1,647	2	2	1988	Private	2	86	\$284,500	\$277,000
1220 FLAMINGO RD	809	2	1	1973	None	1	85	\$150,000	\$142,500
3131 HERCULES RD	1,822	3	2	2006	None	2	75	\$269,427	\$263,500
1351 INDUS RD	1,512	2	2	1976	None	1	4	\$244,800	\$244,800
1340 JAMAICA RD	1,155	2	2	1968	None		35	\$209,900	\$200,000
1380 JAMAICA RD	815	2	1	1962	None		57	\$169,900	\$162,000
1616 JUPITER RD	1,288	2	2	1982	None	1	86	\$221,000	\$221,000
5231 KENT RD	1,883	3	2	1999	Private	2	70	\$309,900	\$289,000
747 LEEWARD RD	1,313	2	2	1987	None	1	5	\$189,900	\$184,500
586 LEHIGH RD	1,093	2	2	1991	Private	2	2	\$250,000	\$250,000
615 LEHIGH RD	1,718	3	2	1978	Private	2	170	\$260,000	\$253,500
80 LOYOLA RD	1,000	2	1	1980	None	1	60	\$207,900	\$210,000
1132 MANGROVE RD	1,667	3	2	1979	Private	2	3	\$309,000	\$307,000
4244 MERCURY RD	1,074	2	2	1990	None	2	55	\$217,000	\$215,000
4457 S MERIDIAN RD	1,800	3	2	2019	None	2	176	\$345,000	\$338,000
1004 NECTAR RD	1,472	3	2	1978	Private	1	0	\$175,000	\$165,000
616 NIGHTINGALE RD	1,380	3	2	1998	Private	2	94	\$299,000	\$293,000
2922 NOCTURNE RD	1,078	2	2	1991	None	2	19	\$223,000	\$225,000
3135 NOCTURNE RD	1,416	2	2	1976	Private	2	76	\$269,000	\$277,000
5780 OXALIS RD	1,551	2	2	1981	None	2	30	\$250,000	\$232,000
191 PERIWINKLE RD	1,490	2	2	2012	None	2	109	\$299,999	\$295,000
1451 PIEDMONT RD	2,197	3	2	2018	None	2	825	\$225,000	\$190,000
4192 POMPANO RD	972	2	2	1986	None	1	7	\$205,000	\$207,000
526 N QUINCY RD	1,102	2	2	1974	None	1	70	\$190,000	\$198,000
647 ROANOKE RD	1,310	2	2	1976	None	1	20	\$189,600	\$172,000
3335 ROSLYN RD	1,245	2	2	1979	Private	1	32	\$229,000	\$215,000
3375 ROSLYN RD	1,500	2	2	1973	None		12	\$249,200	\$235,000
915 SEA FOX RD	1,456	3	3	1983	None	2	68	\$274,000	\$275,000
316 W SEMINOLE DR	1,353	2	2	1960	None		295	\$178,500	\$175,000
344 SHELL RD	1,344	2	1	1960	Private		5	\$223,900	\$224,000

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381 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,160	3	2	2006	None	2	15	\$239,900	\$230,000
120 TANAGER RD	2,400	3	2	1972	None	2	3	\$199,000	\$180,000
55 TULANE RD	1,353	3	2	1996	None	2	28	\$202,900	\$199,500
87 TULANE RD	1,711	2	2	1980	None	2	58	\$250,000	\$243,000
2698 VALENCIA RD	1,349	2	2	1973	None	1	23	\$189,900	\$185,000
370 S VENICE BLVD	1,540	2	2	2020	None	2	61	\$279,900	\$275,000
5832 VIOLA RD	1,235	2	2	1979	None	1	103	\$179,000	\$160,000
321 WISTERIA RD	1,152	2	2	1975	None	1	429	\$182,000	\$175,000
470 WISTERIA RD	1,515	3	2	1971	None	2	2	\$330,000	\$350,000

State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty



The Gulf is not the only thing that has heated up this summer! The South Venice Beach real estate market is HOT and it is still a Seller's Market! Inventory is shockingly low, we have been in multiple offer situations and one house went for \$15,000 over asking price because of all the offers.

There were 59 SALES IN LAST 40 DAY PERIOD. . . the highest sale in the last period was for \$350,000 and was a very nicely updated home built in 1971 on Wisteria Road. NINE homes sold for over \$300,000 this period while thirty-one homes sold in the 200's and nineteen homes closed between \$100,000 and \$200,000. The average "sold price per square foot" was \$168.72, again very consistent and the average sale price this period was \$235,254. Also, the Average Days On Market was 98, all great news for homeowners of South Venice Beach! I mentioned the inventory is really low, especially compared to the report in May – there were 94 Active listings then and there are only 44 now!

There are 76 homes Under Contract at the time of this article (August 15) . . . that's a big number! We thought it would be a strong third and fourth quarter and it seems to be on track so far!

My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice having sold fifteen homes in South Venice since beginning of the year. People from the northeast are here now looking for homes to buy! It is clearly a Seller's Market right now. If you are thinking of selling or buying Please call for a confidential free market analysis!

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