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Your 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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

SVCA Board and the SVBET Trustees meetings continue online. We've had a few rentals for which we're very grateful as rentals are a critical part of operating revenues for your Civic Association.

So hang in with us—once we get through this trying period, let's commit to coming back stronger!

Meanwhile, let us all:

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



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Maureen Holland

The 2020-2021 Board of Directors of the SVCA took office in June. There are nine directors; they share in common a history of service to South Venice. Eric Barnes has stepped down from the Board and we thank him for his service. New to the Board this year is Sandy Tulenko. Board members are:

Rick Curwood – 1999-2001 SVCA President. 2002-2006 SVCA Board. 2015-2020 SVCA Vice-President and Founding Trustee, Beach Endowment Trust. 2001 Chair, Beach Endowment Trust.

Maureen Holland - 1995-2000 SVCA Vice President, Chair Beach Access Committee. Founding Trustee, Beach Endowment Trust. Trustee 2001-2005 and 2007-20012. 2014-2019 Editor SVCA Newsletter. 2016-2020 SVCA Board.

Walt Ernst - 2013-19 SVCA Board. 2014 and 2018-19 Board Treasurer. 2015-2018 Board President. 2019-2020 Ex-Officio President.

Gail Parker - 2014-2019 SVCA Board. 2016-2020 Board Secretary. 2015-2020 Membership Chair, 2016-2019 Chair, Annual Yard Sale, 2018-3019 Chair, Arts and Crafts Fair. Founder South Venice Book Club.

Joan 'Cherry' Giovinazzo – 2018-2019 SVCA Board. 2012-2017 Founder and



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Chair, Friends of the Beach Committee. 2015-2019 Pancake Breakfasts co-ordination. 2015-2019 Organizes hall decorations and creates table centerpieces for all events.

Bernard Doogue – 2018-2020 SVCA Board President. Chair 2019 SVCA Business EXPO.

Dianna Brannan – 2019-2020 SVCA Board Treasurer. 2014-2019 volunteer with SVCA Water Quality Task Force, Trash Buddies, Alligator Creek and Shamrock Park Waterway clean ups, 2014-2017 Friends of the Beach.

Jerry Bannon – 2019-2020 SVCA Board. 2014-2019 Friends of the Beach

AND JOINING THE BOARD THIS YEAR:

Sandy Tulenko, long time SVCA member and Beach activist

A retired teacher and program administrator from New Jersey, Sandy has lived in South Venice for ten years - with her partner, Tommy Lee. She said they were first introduced to the SVCA through Friends of the Beach and have been members ever since.

In those years, Sandy has worked with many other dedicated members raising funds to purchase the new ferry boat and helping to maintain and protect our resources.

On joining the Board, she said "I believe in this organization and it's importance in protecting the rights of all our residents."



Welcome Sandy!

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***Greetings from
New Mexico
Trash Buddies to
South Venice
Trash Buddies!***

Laraine Jansen sent us this from her new neighborhood—the Sonoma Ranch North Trash Buddies of Las Cruces, NM. She left the SV Trash Buddies in the capable hands of Marla Wilcox who always loves new volunteers. There is more information on this and other neighborhood projects and contact info for Marla on page 4.



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FROM DUKE DOOGUE
***Message from the
President***



My fellow SVCA members, I hope that I find you and your families well and doing well and adapting to life post Covid 19!

We have all been learning to adapt our daily lives, and to forming new patterns of behavior as we limit our exposure to crowds and our movement in the general public as well. I guess the biggest issue for all of us is that feeling of uncertainty about what the next steps might be, and when this whole situation will return to normal.

Personally, I don't think we will ever return to the normal that we took for granted in mid-March of this year. Realistically, until a vaccine is found we will not feel comfortable or confident moving about in public, without our face masks and without practicing our social distancing.

Politics aside, the most practical pattern of behavior for all of us is to wear masks in public and to maintain our six-foot social distancing. That makes complete sense to me, as well as the frequent and

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FROM SANDY McHENRY, Chair

Beach Trust News



The SVBET has continued with projects this summer. The latest happenings include a new chain and post at the boat ramp, a safety fence at the old crab dock and marine bore repairs at both the boat ramp and the beach side ferry dock and boardwalk.

If you are like me, you may never heard of marine bores so check out this link: <http://www.pile.repair/> At this site, you can see before and after pictures as

well as descriptions of several types of borers. The images below demonstrate our problem and its resolution.

BEFORE



AFTER



If you would like to see a more extensive leaflet on marine borers, you may enjoy this 1961 publication. I found the picture of the swimmers delightfully dated!! <https://spo.nmfs.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy-pdfs/leaflet505.pdf>

July 21, the ferry was taken south to a marina for a Coast Guard inspection of the hull. It passed without any issues. However, the boat was ready for new bottom paint. Our daily rain storms made this a bit of a challenge as the paint had to be totally dry before it could be put back in the water and returned to South Venice. Fortunately, Captain Randall and crew made the process appear seamless.

The boat ramp key holders are doing a great job of keeping the chain locked which has decreased issues at the ramp. Kudos to all! The Captains are managing to take more than five passengers if there are family groups that

can be seated together for the ride. Only a couple of ferry passengers have ignored the need for a time limited stay (and the need to request to stay longer which is based on return ride availability).

Thanks to the vast majority for your cooperation during these challenging times. We want the beach to be enjoyed by as many as possible while maintaining as safe an environment as possible.

The SVBET continues to monitor the need for restrictions and will change things as soon as it is safe to do so. We appreciate the sense of community that has been evident during these challenging months.

May the rest of your summer bring you warm memories and green grass!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

August 15 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
November 7 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy

NOTICE: The Keep Sarasota County Beautiful organization has asked us to curtail all clean up efforts until further notice. Our CERT Team is getting daily updates from the county with statistics and remain available to respond if a need should arise (hopefully not!). However, no training is being conducted at this time.



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

Marla Wilcox at
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REMEMBERING LINDA

Last month, the SVCA made a \$100 donation to E.A.R.S., a pet adoption center in Englewood in the names of Linda Fisher, SVCA's late administrator, and her beloved dog Mojo.

Linda was a fierce animal lover and we think this would have pleased her.

Vandals hit ferry property

There has been another issue of vandalism and burglary at the beach property. As many of you know, the Ferry was taken to a marina in the fourth week of July for a Coast Guard Hull Inspection as well as to have the bottom scraped and painted. Unfortunately, the daily rain delayed the painting and the drying and the ferry was not back and in service until Tuesday, July 28.

During that period, on Wednesday July 22 around 10:00am, trespassers entered our property and destroyed/removed all the surveillance cameras surrounding the ferry house. Fortunately, one camera fell into the ferry house and remained on our property. The Sherriff's Office was able to obtain fingerprints.

If anyone has any information regarding this open case with the Sarasota County Sherriff Office please call them at 941-316-1201 or the SVCA/SVBET office at 941-493-0006.

very popular 'Meet the Candidates' event. We've done this a number of times over the years, with great success. As it's held before August primaries, we get lots of candidates anxious to meet you all. And lots of good South Venice citizens who appreciated the face to face opportunity.

But alas, it's not to be. The first calls made by Chair Maureen Holland was to the Democratic and Republican party offices for Sarasota County and with one call back from Dem chair Joanne DeVries, it was over. DeVries said they'd just made the very difficult decision to limit in-person candidate events to very small gatherings and digital town halls. Since then, we've all seen that local candidates of both parties are conducting online debates and town halls. Our new reality.

Here's hoping we can have a Candidates night in 2022 that will also be a celebration of our return to normal.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park



As you may know, the basketball courts, tennis courts and playground are all open again at Shamrock Park. Although the weather has been hot and humid, there have been a few brave souls out using the park.

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A baby tortoise makes its way through the grass

these guidelines while visiting the park. This time of year, it is also important to be aware of the dangers of overheating!

Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe while enjoying the park during the hot, Florida summer: Stay hydrated with water, electrolyte drinks and smoothies, and avoid drinks like alcohol and caffeine. Since there is not a lot of shade at Shamrock Park, plan your outside time either early in the day or in the evening. Wear proper attire that will keep you cool. Wear a hat and sunscreen to prevent skin damage while in the sun. If you are exercising, pace yourself and seek a shady spot if you start to feel overheated. Bring your cell phone with you in case of an emergency. Walk dogs early in the morning or later in the evening when the sun is low in the sky and provide water for them- they can overheat easily too!

As you walk through the park, keep your eye out for baby gopher tortoise sightings! Juvenile gopher tortoises blend in well with ground cover, so can be hard to spot. Sometimes they can be seen grazing on low growing plants and grasses. You may see one trying to cross the road or on one of the paths in the park. If you are lucky enough to

witness one of these wonderful creatures, give it plenty of space to continue its course and natural behavior. If you see one trying to cross the road, FWC grants permission to move the gopher tortoise across in the same direction it was headed, if it is safe to do so. Do not move the tortoise to another location or put the tortoise in a car as this is considered illegal possession.

Gopher tortoise hatchlings are only 1.5 – 2 inches long and have a soft Yellow/orange shell. Since juveniles are not looked after by their mother, and their shells are soft, they can be easy prey for snakes, raccoons, coyotes, and other predators. If a gopher tortoise is lucky enough to survive these vulnerable years, they have the potential to live 40 to 60 years in the wild. At Shamrock, there are gopher tortoises of all sizes. Some of the big ones observed could very well be at least 40 years old.

So, as you stroll through the park, remember to give the tortoises plenty of space to feel comfortable, keep dogs on leashes at all times, and take a couple of photographs to remember your wonderful encounter! Oh, yes, and take plenty of water with you...it's hot out there!

Quarantine Humor



Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA



OUR CLASSES HAVE RESUMED!

Monthly sessions. Course starts the first Wednesday of every month 1:00 to 4:00pm

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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](https://www.coronavirus.gov).

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President's Message

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thorough washing of our hands. Gone are the days of handshakes and bear hugs. Now we must adapt to greeting friends with an elbow bump or a wave!

However, we should also appreciate how fortunate we are to live where we do. We truly live in paradise! The social isolation is so much more bearable when the weather outside is beautifully warm and sunny, and we can always take a walk to commune with nature. Enjoy this beautiful area that we live in because it has not gone away!

We have all adapted to ordering takeout from our favorite restaurants and to eat at home. I really feel for people who own retail businesses and restaurants, as their livelihoods have been dramatically impacted, as have those of their staff. Whenever we can, we should support these people as I'm sure they're finding it very difficult to stay in business.

As the world has locked down because of the virus, social media and Internet platforms have exploded, with the variety of education and entertainment they offer. You are now able to take virtual tours of many of the world's most beautiful museums, such as the British Museum and the Vatican Museum. You can explore these beautiful institutions without the normal hustle and bustle of the crowds, and you can do it at your leisure, and anytime you want to.

We have all learned to use contact platforms such as Zoom and have become quite proficient at using them. The advantage of a platform like Zoom is that it is free and enables us to stay in contact with friends, family and business associates both in the USA and internationally. So consider reaching out to those family members in far-flung places that you haven't perhaps spoken to in a while. That is a great way to end that feeling of being socially isolated, and of lifting everybody's spirits at the same time

At 6:00am last Saturday, I managed to connect with the remaining seven members of my graduating class who are spread throughout the world - in Northern Ireland, England, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. This was our second Zoom meeting, and we have planned another two for the balance of the year as it is a great way to catch up and understand what they are doing and how they are dealing with the challenges of the post-covid world in their countries. We also swapped a lot of great stories and had a great laugh at the same time! it was exhilarating and the years just rolled away!

I have found the time very beneficial, to be able to sort out all the boxes from our various moves that we had never unpacked and were sitting in the garage. I have used the time to go through those boxes and to sort out

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2017 Small Business of the Year



Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA
Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences
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Booming TV and Bad Advice

A woman, Frances, came in the other day for her first visit with us. She has been wearing hearing aids for quite a while and she shared how she came to wear hearing aids.

She and her husband had been empty nesters for quite a few years and were getting along just fine. Then, her youngest son moved back home after college. He was so stunned by the volume of the TV that he insisted that Mom go to her doctor the next day and get something done about her hearing. Based on her description of the situation, the doctor didn't think it was bad enough to seek out hearing aids at this time.

I groaned. Being in this industry for over 17 years, I've seen enough to know who got their hearing loss addressed immediately and who waited way too long.

Booming TVs, asking family and friends to repeat everything, avoiding social situations, are all indicators that people should have their hearing tested. People who get hearing aids at the first sign of loss tend to transition smoothly into hearing aids and wear them constantly.

People who wait, who put it off, who aren't ready just yet. These people tend to wear their hearing aids sporadically. They prefer living in the quiet word of their deafness and don't follow conversations as well. This is due to the part of the brain that processes conversations slowing down since it wasn't getting enough information. The person with the loss doesn't realize what it really costs to wait to have hearing loss treated.

Unfortunately, Frances' delay in deciding to get hearing aids strained the relationship with her family since she wasn't as engaged in the conversation. Had Frances gotten her hearing aids at the first sign she would have avoided additional strain in her household.

If you wonder if you are starting to show signs of hearing loss, call for your free hearing test. There is no obligation, and I will review where your hearing is now and where it should be.

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what to keep and what to donate or throw out. I have also used the time to sort out my filing cabinets. I have 2 x 3 drawer lateral cabinets and three small under the desk filing cabinets and I finally started to go through all those files, purging most of them, and then reorganizing the filing system, and actually find something that I am looking for and now I don't have to go through numerous piles on my desk. I would never have been able to do that but for the time afforded by the Covid situation. We always say we'll do it when we get the time, or when we get around to it - well we now have the time!

Another opportunity this time affords is to take advantage of the number of online courses that are being offered by various organizations, institutions and colleges, to explore numerous subjects. I renewed both my condo association manager license and my real estate brokers license online, saving a lot of effort and time, that I would have normally expended driving to and from classes. There are also numerous webinars and YouTube offerings available, to fur-

ther expand your knowledge and your interests!

I hope that you all stay well and enjoy and make the most of this time. We all look forward to being able to get together, once again, in person, once it is safe to do so! Be well! Be safe!!

BE PREPARED!

Hurricane season is here

The season began June 1 and runs through November 30—so far Florida hasn't been in the path of any of the eight named storms, but it's September and October when the season is at its peak.

So now is the time to review your hurricane plans, know what you're going to do to secure things in the yard and lanai, have cash on hand, keep the gas tank full and keep all your devices fully charged if you can. Put in a supply of water and perishable foods in case the power goes out.

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856 HORIZON RD	1,124	2	2	1974	None	1	24	\$149,900	\$145,000
5847 REGENT RD	1,200	2	2	1978	None	2	55	\$159,900	\$145,000
173 E SEMINOLE DR	976	2	1	1971	None		2	\$149,900	\$150,000
394 RALLUS RD	976	2	2	1980	None	1	31	\$170,000	\$160,000
295 ALTAIR RD	1,140	2	2	1963	None		16	\$164,900	\$164,900
4521 RAINBOW RD	1,261	3	2	1971	None	1	2	\$179,900	\$169,000
175 AVALON RD	1,274	3	2	1973	None	1	587	\$187,000	\$175,000
1119 INDUS RD	1,143	2	2	1984	None	1	80	\$179,000	\$177,000
3381 DATURA RD	1,255	3	2	2004	None		6	\$179,900	\$180,000
255 CABANA RD	1,189	2	2	1973	None	1	34	\$184,500	\$180,000
656 SOUTHLAND RD	1,050	2	2	1974	None	1	90	\$186,000	\$180,000
2608 ONEIDA RD	1,643	3	2	1968	None	1	14	\$209,900	\$185,000
4166 POMPANO RD	847	2	2	1977	None	1	128	\$189,000	\$185,200
370 FLAMINGO RD	1,252	2	2	1974	None	1	10	\$199,900	\$195,000
2580 CARMINE RD	1,196	2	2	1986	None	1	3	\$199,000	\$195,000
220 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,088	2	2	1970	None	1	5	\$199,900	\$199,900
3207 FALLOW RD	1,253	2	2	1979	None	2	12	\$199,000	\$200,700
4561 ALLIGATOR DR	1,122	3	2	1979	None	1	19	\$207,902	\$204,000
344 CARMEL RD	1,064	2	2	1995	None	2	69	\$199,900	\$205,000
344 E SEMINOLE DR	1,755	3	2	1959	None		203	\$209,900	\$205,000
1515 PORPOISE RD	768	2	1	1966	None		62	\$222,900	\$208,000
5251 POMPANO RD	1,252	3	1	1973	None		17	\$225,000	\$210,000
995 DEVON RD	1,451	3	2	1978	None	1	64	\$219,900	\$210,000
5964 OXALIS RD	1,244	2	2	1979	Private	2	3	\$235,000	\$211,000
360 FOXGLOVE RD	1,147	2	2	1972	Private	1	2	\$210,000	\$215,000
1195 S VENICE BLVD	1,392	3	2	1975	None	1	14	\$225,000	\$220,000
1259 GRAHAM RD	1,160	2	2	1992	None	2	50	\$227,000	\$220,000
96 OBERLIN RD	1,220	3	2	2005	None	1	70	\$220,000	\$220,000
3440 SHAMROCK DR	1,241	2	2	1978	None	1	85	\$218,000	\$220,000
3079 ARROWHEAD RD	1,191	2	2	2003	None	2	83	\$224,900	\$220,000
1255 PIEDMONT RD	1,384	3	2	2000	None	2	18	\$215,000	\$220,500
1188 PANDA RD	1,770	3	2	1990	None	2	10	\$240,000	\$229,400
524 CONSTANCE RD	1,277	3	2	2006	None	2	94	\$236,000	\$230,000
590 DEVON RD	1,516	2	2	1976	None	1	64	\$234,900	\$234,900
4481 TORTOISE RD	1,220	2	2	1975	Private	1	79	\$234,900	\$235,000
1171 PALMETTO DR	1,185	3	2	1991	Private		105	\$239,000	\$237,000
1145 GRAHAM RD	1,850	3	2	1980	None	2	81	\$247,500	\$240,000
540 FLAMINGO RD	1,696	3	2	1994	Private	2	323	\$269,500	\$249,000
230 SHAMROCK DR	1,367	3	2	2020	None	2	198	\$259,900	\$253,250
3180 INDRA RD	1,712	3	2	1979	Private	2	48	\$267,000	\$257,000
2641 DAWN RD	1,514	3	2	1977	Private	1	1	\$274,900	\$264,900
3111 ARGYLE RD	1,771	3	2	1976	Private	2	137	\$299,900	\$270,000

State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty



Happy Summer! The South Venice Beach market is HOT HOT HOT and it is a Seller's Market! There were 49 SALES IN LAST 50 DAY PERIOD. We listed one on Elton Road, higher than what the Seller anticipated and we had multiple offers within six hours of listing!

The Shutdown appears to be in the rear view mirror, for now, and it seems people are moving here if they are able to! The highest sale in the last period was for \$335,000 and was a very nicely updated 20 year old home on Colonial Road. Altogether there were three homes that sold for over 300K and none of them were new construction. While twenty-nine homes sold in the 200's and seventeen homes closed between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in this period. The average "sold price per square foot" was \$165.11, which has been very consistent and the average sale price this period was \$216,544. Also the Average Days On Market was 66. Inventory is extremely low as of July 6 with only 55 Active listings compared to the last report with 94 Active listings! Lastly, eighty homes are currently Under Contract—that's a huge number! We were expecting 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 thirteen homes right here this year to date. People from the northeast are here again looking for homes to buy, so if you are thinking of selling or buying call for a confidential free market analysis!

Disclaimer: *The sales information was gathered from the Multiple Listing Service and sales were by various participants of MLS. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.*



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