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MAY 2023

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Upcoming Events

**All-You-Can-Eat!
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SATURDAY, MAY 13**



8:00 to 10:00am

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GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, May 15, 7:00pm

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Stay for coffee and desserts!

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o protect, preserve and improve our community's character, conditions and quality of life. To bring South Venice together to promote our civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests.

MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, MAY 8 at 7:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, MAY 15 at 1:00pm

SOUTH VENICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, MAY 9 at 3:00pm

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thursday, MAY 25

at Venice Gardens Comm. Center



On April 8, the SVCA Trash Buddies got together to clean up the Waterway at Shamrock Park. Pictured are Gary Bennett, Blaine Tippen, Rick Boyle, Bill Brannan and Laurie Hartman (and photog Marla Wilcox).

Cherry's Corner

Oh dear, I'm as surprised as you to find myself the acting president. But since I am, I'm all in and along with the other Board members, am committed to assuring the SVCA is well run and well organized.



I already know so many of you from your constant participation and volunteer efforts. We always need our volunteers, so you can be sure I'll call on you again!! In that spirit,

we're going to launch a new feature in the WAVE—the Volunteer (or Volunteers) of the Month. So watch for your friends and neighbors photos in every issue. A volunteer organization like ours is always looking for more volunteers. Contact me or any board member if you want to pitch in. And by the way, we have a ton of fun working together.

Please Take Note New Wi-Fi logins at SVCA

We've made some network changes so you'll have to re-connect to access our free Wi-Fi



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Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I was saddened to learn, as many of my neighbors undoubtedly were, of the passing of Nancy Detert, our County Commissioner.

I did not get to thank her for her very needed assistance recently, helping me to resolve an Issue with our local power company. What I couldn't accomplish in five months, she handled and accomplished in two days. While we weren't members of the same political party, she attended to my needs without hesitation. I trust that her replacement will be as willing and able to assist our South Venice residents as needs arise. Thank you, Nancy Detert. You will be missed.

Marion Mendelson



RIP: Commissioner Nancy Detert

Long-time South Venice
champion will be missed

Even as Chair of the Sarasota County Commission, Nancy Detert never neglected South Venice. She spoke at our meetings many times, tried to attend events when she could and was always available to the SVCA.

Above, she presented an award to SVCA's Water Quality Task Force a few years ago. Receiving the award for SVCA were Harrison Fox, Marla Wilcox, and Laraine Jansen.

Echoing the letter above, we—like Marion—say "Thank you, Nancy. You will be missed".

NOTE: You can learn about the work of SVCA's Water Quality Task Force at https://chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu/upload/documents/SVCA-Final-Project-Report_2-27-18.pdf

Or if you'd like to help with projects like this, contact Marla Wilcox (see page 7 for information.)

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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.

Financial Summary: As of 30 March 2023

Current Assets:	\$46,244
Fixed Assets:	\$30,492
Total Assets:	\$76,736
Total Liabilities:	\$ 2,934
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$21,855
Total Expenses:	\$15,898
Net income:	\$ 5,958

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on April 10 for Executive session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Discussed candidates for the Office Manager position
- Reviewed and approved turn over items for President

- Reorganized the committee chairs
- Revised the Board calendar
- Approved Building maintenance items
- Discussed the new website
- Voted to approve the new Articles of Incorporation and By Laws and send them to the membership to vote on
- Discussed Events for April, May and June

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

2023 Election cycle update:

The SVCA is accepting volunteers for seats on the Board of Directors. Please contact the Nominating Chair, Sandy Tulenko, to put your hat in the ring!

MORE . . . FROM SANDY TULENKO



I'd like to extend a special thank you to long time residents Maureen Holland and Rick Curwood for sharing their knowledge of the SVCA and the creation of the Beach Trust at our March general membership meeting. Having served as board members and volunteers for many years, their devotion to our organization is evident.

Maureen and Rick continue to support the SVCA and volunteer their time. Their rich history in this community is invaluable.

Please welcome Jodie Cooper to the SVCA family. She is our new office administrator. The Board hired her following Susan's resignation last month. Be sure to say hi when you're next in the office.



Welcome too to new members Christine and Jeff Dain. (Should they be warned that Cherry will probably be in touch to recruit them for something?)

Next up!

MAY GENERAL MEETING

True Blue Bloodhounds—This nonprofit organization trains and bloodhounds and demonstrates how they are used to help find missing people, including the elderly who may have dementia or even young people who may be autistic. Police sometimes use these four-legged experts to track down criminals as well.

At the program, K-9 handlers will demonstrate for us how bloodhounds can assist in search and rescue missions. Join us on Monday, May 15 at 7:00pm for this interesting presentation and meet our "guests of honor". And, of course, stay for coffee and dessert!

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Best of Venice Winner for 2022



Rechargeable Hearing Aids

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Rechargeable hearing aids are now available for demo.

During the past few months, we asked our clients to give us honest feedback about these new hearing aids. We have received raves about these new hearing aids.

We heard the hype from the manufacturers but the response from our clients has been better than we hoped for about these rechargeable hearing aids.

Our clients were impressed with the clarity of speech and the lack of distracting background noise. They did like having the convenience of putting the hearing aids in the charger case and not having to fiddle with small batteries. Yet each client was more impressed with the sound quality.

We currently have four models available for demonstration, from different manufacturers. We carry a variety of brands to ensure the sound quality is what you want to hear. We had a few clients who tried two brands before they knew exactly which hearing aid gave them more confidence in conversations.

We always want the hype from manufacturers to be accurate, but we think they are underselling this new technology. Not only is there better speech clarity but the ease of not having to fiddle with tiny batteries is such a bonus.

We are offering you a chance to experience rechargeable hearing aids at no cost to you. If you have been curious about rechargeable hearing aids and want to try them, call us for a free demo 941-244-9300.



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Ouch! We got hacked

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

We hear about it all the time, right? Well, it happened to the SVCA when, a few months ago, our bank contacted us about some suspicious activity. Turned out cyber thieves had gotten into our account and helped themselves to \$9800 of SVCA funds. Don't worry though—we got it back. But it was an unwelcome lesson on the risks out there for all of us.

Cyber criminals have many ways to find out account information and banks are always updating their security to counter the efforts of criminals. Normally the weakest link in the whole chain is you! Weak passwords, clicking on malicious links in emails, answering phone calls and giving out personal information are common mistakes people make every day. These days, even giving someone a paper check gives them enough information to try to target your bank account.

Here are some steps you can take if you think your bank account or credit card might have been hacked:

- Call the bank and freeze your account. You can also use the bank's mobile app to freeze the account 24 hours a day.
- Review the activity on the account and look for unauthorized charges. Keep a record of those charges and inform the bank immediately. Most banks have time limits on reporting suspicious activity so don't wait!
- Contact the bank's fraud department or customer service. Never accept a call from someone claiming to be from a bank. Tell them you are going to call back, hang up and then look for the correct phone number online to ensure that you have a real bank employee.
- Submit a claim for reimbursement. Your bank will tell you the process you need to take.
- Check your credit report. Hacking incidents often go hand in hand with identity theft. Place a fraud alert on your credit files. If you notice any fraudulent activity and open a dispute immediately.
- Report Identity theft. If you have been a victim of identity theft you should file a report with the FTC and notify all your bank and credit card companies.

To protect your accounts from being hacked make sure you regularly update all of your software, especially any software that accesses the internet— they can be a vulnerability so make sure you update everything. Make sure you have installed the latest security and virtual private network (VPN) software. Change your passwords on a regular basis and most importantly use two factor authentication wherever possible.

And we hope it never happens to you!

Volunteers of the Month



This month, our special thanks to Rick Smith, Gary Cole and Mario and Stacy Fiorentino.

Rick and Gary stepped up and replaced the broken door in the hallway. And now they say they'll be doing additional work—replacing some broken glass panes and boxing in the office air-conditioner, which has been an eyesore. Mario and Stacy handled the set up and break down for the April General Meeting.

Thanks guys!

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.

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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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SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings



From DIANE CLARK

At the club's April meeting, the topic was "WICKED WEEDS"!

Our presenter was Wilma Holley, who recently retired from the UF/IFAS Extension program. She described these "Garden thugs" as "spontaneous urban plants" and recommended that they be pulled out and disposed of into the trash bin. Put them in black plastic bags to prevent them from spreading further. Also, two to three inches of mulch can help suppress them and chemicals should be used as a last resort — to protect our drinking water from toxic runoff and to also protect the pollinators that make our fruits and vegetables possible!

She was asked about the use of moth balls in the yard to keep animals at bay. That's a no-no. It is in fact illegal!

Want to nibble from your garden? She pointed out two local weeds that are edible—dollar weed and purslane. The loosely forming, low growing weed that is sporting a small white daisy-like flower now goes by the name "Beggar tick".

That program was the final installment of our educational component for the 2022- 2023 season .

Thanks go to our two VPs, Susan Juranek and Diane Vanderborre for arranging such informative and enjoyable programs.

Think about joining us! We'll resume our monthly meeting on September 18, our usual third Monday, at 1:00pm here at the SVCA— when we return for a new season!



Who wants to meet this guy?

We're planning some very special guests at the May 15 General Meeting!





Breakfast with the Bunny

We had a gorgeous day for the always-popular Breakfast with The Bunny on April 8. Thanks to all the volunteers who did the shopping, the set up, whipped up breakfast and then cleaned it all up.



As soon as the little ones finished up with pancakes and pictures with the Bunny inside, they headed outside and lined up for the start of the egg hunt.

The young lady at left was at the ready!

... and they're off!



That's Teresa Dotson, one of the many volunteers who worked the event—she took a brief break from the kitchen (still got her rubber gloves on!) to sit with the guest of honor at *Breakfast with the Bunny*. And that's Dianna Brannan in the bunny suit—she was a real hero, spending hours in that getup on a hot day!

Community Improvement

We're a group of SVCA volunteers who, for over a decade, have gathered regularly for workdays in multiple locations — we are dedicated to removing trash from our waterways (like Siesta Creek)



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

Marla Wilcox at 303-818-3641
or Marlawilcox63@gmail.com

Trash Buddies Clean-ups

SEMINOLE DRIVE CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 13 - 8:00am

(meet at Quincy and Burke)

ALLIGTOR DRIVE CLEAN UP

Saturday, June 10 - 8:00am

(meet in the SVCA parking lot)

CERT: Community Emergency Response

Usually the fourth Thursday at 6:00pm

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

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MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	2 Jazzercise 9-10am	3 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 Bible Study 7:00pm	4 Jazzercise 9-10am	5 Jazzercise 9-10am	6
7 RENTAL: Church 10am	8 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 BOARD MEETING 7pm	9 Jazzercise 9-10am Book Club 3pm	10 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 Bible Study 7:00pm	11 Jazzercise 9-10am	12 Jazzercise 9-10am	13 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:00 to 10:00am
14 RENTAL: Church 10am	15 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Garden Club 1pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 GENERAL MTG 7pm	16 Jazzercise 9-10am	17 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 Bible Study 7:00pm	18 Jazzercise 9-10am	19 Jazzercise 9-10am	20
21 RENTAL: Church 10am	22 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am Jazz PM 4:30-5:30	23 Jazzercise 9-10am	24 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Jazz PM 4:30-5:30 Bible Study 7:00pm	25 Jazzercise 9-10am	26 Jazzercise 9-10am	27
28 RENTAL: Church 10am	29	30	31			

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South Venice Shorts

COMING UP: Friday, May 12 from 9:00 to 11:00am

Join Mary Davis from the Mangrove Chapter of the FL Native Plant Society for a nature walk in Shamrock Park. You'll explore the scrub habitat of the Florida Scrub Jay and Gopher Tortoise and learn how the ecology of the area has changed with development and the Intracoastal Waterway. If you wish, bring your phone with the "Seek" app loaded as a tool to help identify the plants and animals we see. Meet in front of the Nature Center. For information email mangrovechapter@fnps.org

Want to learn more?

The annual meeting of the Mangrove Chapter is this month, on May 9 at 1:00pm at Lemon Bay Park & Environmental Center, 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood. Pack yourself a picnic lunch and we will have a social meeting so you can catch up with friends old friends or meet new ones while you pick up gardening tips and tricks. There will be an informal Q&A with our experts on hand to answer questions. Bring your favorite gardening hints to share! A few leftover plants from the Plant Native Day in March will be available. These orphans need a lot of TLC and will be available for modest donations, or maybe even free. For more information about the Society or this events, email mangrovechapter@fnps.org.



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1198 Leeward Rd	1,130	2	2	1981	None	1	3	\$244,900	\$255,200
656 Southland Rd	1,050	2	2	1974	None	1	28	\$299,000	\$260,000
715 Bradenton Rd	1,555	3	2	1974	None	2	39	\$295,000	\$267,500
416 Randolph Rd	1,264	2	1	1974	None		99	\$299,900	\$290,000
1088 Panda Rd	1,565	3	2	2000	None	2	114	\$300,000	\$290,000
1316 Olympia Rd	1,010	2	1	1960	None		166	\$325,000	\$294,000
1092 Piedmont Rd	1,145	2	2	1972	None	1	2	\$279,900	\$296,000
4716 Pompano Rd	1,303	2	2	1981	None	2	3	\$315,000	\$311,000
575 Bluebell Rd	1,271	3	2	1974	None	1	0	\$316,000	\$316,000
232 Oberlin Rd	1,094	2	2	1980	None	1	6	\$338,000	\$325,000
1325 Kimball Rd	1,459	2	2	1976	None	2	7	\$335,000	\$330,000
1365 Sussex Rd	1,280	2	2	1982	None	1	11	\$329,000	\$330,000
1011 Lemon Bay Dr	1,245	2	2	1963	None		2	\$335,000	\$335,000
3185 Hercules Rd	1,740	3	2	1978	None	1	71	\$359,000	\$338,500
830 Leeward Rd	1,170	2	2	1978	None	1	3	\$339,900	\$352,500
5332 Drew Rd	991	2	2	1980	Private	1	10	\$359,000	\$364,000
299 Avalon Rd	1,448	2	2	1980	None	1	15	\$383,000	\$380,000
350 Porpoise Rd	1,640	3	2	1977	None	1	5	\$395,000	\$395,000
476 W Seminole Dr	1,420	2	2	1977	None	2	9	\$399,000	\$399,000
1477 Nantucket Rd	1,512	3	2	1974	Private		3	\$375,000	\$400,000
1250 Royal Rd	1,279	3	2	1998	Private	2	4	\$400,000	\$406,000
4751 Pompano Rd	1,580	2	2	1970	None	1	14	\$397,000	\$410,000
272 E Baffin Dr	1,822	3	2	2003	None	2	3	\$420,000	\$410,000
1245 Yacht Club Dr	2,046	3	2	2000	Private	2	50	\$450,000	\$417,500
2830 Valencia Rd	1,640	3	2	2019	None	2	42	\$449,900	\$420,000
3581 Shamrock Dr	1,558	3	2	1981	Private	1	37	\$429,900	\$420,000
2649 Mohegan Rd	1,709	3	2	1974	Private	2	8	\$439,900	\$425,000
1490 Horizon Rd	1,882	3	2	1995	None	2	49	\$445,000	\$425,000
392 Bucknell Rd	1,708	3	2	2002	Private	2	3	\$462,500	\$452,250
266 Bard Rd	1,676	3	2	1990	Private	2	4	\$445,000	\$453,000
1041 Nectar Rd	1,701	2	2	1982	Private	2	12	\$489,900	\$469,900
979 Cumberland Rd	1,528	2	2	1978	Private	1	3	\$475,000	\$470,000
540 Southland Rd	1,803	3	2	2019	None	2	21	\$535,000	\$510,000
912 Panda Rd	2,265	4	3	2022	None	3	10	\$543,520	\$543,520
726 Clematis Rd	1,530	3	2	2023	None	2	0	\$549,000	\$549,000
1320 Nantucket Rd	1,607	3	2	1978	Private	1	147	\$579,000	\$550,000
550 Foxglove Rd	1,592	3	2	2014	Private	2	3	\$575,000	\$570,000
4864 Kent Rd	1,794	3	2	2004	Private	2	12	\$589,000	\$580,000
5780 Osprey Rd	2,095	3	2	1999	Private	3	8	\$700,000	\$700,000

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For information or to sign up, contact Karen directly at 847-361-5810 or just come in and enjoy the fun.!

State of the Market



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We made it through another Season! This period sales increased dramatically with 40 Closings, up from 27 last period! The highest sale was a beautifully updated home on Osprey with a 20K square foot lot, pool and a 3-car garage. The lowest sale was a 2-bedroom 2-bathroom fixer upper on Tanager Rd for \$205,000. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$264.36, about the same as the last report and the average sale price was \$397,872, up slightly from last report. Lastly, the Average Days on Market was 26 days, and that number is significantly shorter than last month's 44 days. Currently there are 44 HOMES PENDING waiting to close, down a little compared to last period. South Venice Beach also has 62 homes Active on the market, with asking prices ranging from \$1,500,000 to \$220,000.

The Market is gaining momentum in spite of what we hear from some media sources. If a home is priced right it will sell quickly. Curb appeal and price are the two main factors when selling a home. 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!

And remember, Kathy and I are now in our own brokerage, Ayers & Associates Real Estate, at 718 Albee Rd W in Nokomis. 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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