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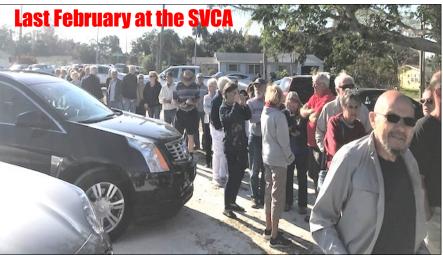
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WE'RE HAVING A PRE-SALE SALE

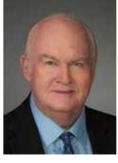
# Outdoor Yard sale at SVCA October 17—yeah!





## FROM DUKE DOOGUE

# Message from the President



I saw a funny post on Facebook the other day, that showed a picture of the weather forecast for the next seven days, and someone had humorously ringed a 69° overnight temperature, and titled the photograph a cold snap in Florida.

We are truly very blessed to live in Florida with the beautiful weather and the opportunities we have to enjoy what the subtropical lifestyle has to offer. I saw another post on Facebook the other day that said you can tell the changing of the sea-

sons in Florida by when the color of the auto tags changes and we welcome back the many snowbirds.

This year, unfortunately, we are unlikely to get a lot of our Canadian friends coming to winter down in Florida, as there are many restrictions on their reentering Canada after they have been down in the United States.

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## SATURDAY 9am to 2pm

# October 17

### **OUTDOOR YARD SALE**

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 been amazing! So generous that we've already run out of storage space—even after acquiring a large storage trailer earlier this year. So we're doing an outdoor sale now to make some room for the donations still coming. Note that indoor meetings and events at SVCA are still on hold for now.

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

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# President's Message

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There are a number of jokes about being careful of the day snowbirds and other visitors are very important to our economy here in South Florida. These visitors spend a lot of money and help to bolster our economy, which, like everywhere else in America, has been badly affected by the COVID 19 crisis.

Many of these visitors, and snowbirds, are either returning to real estate properties they own here currently, or may be renting, and many of those renters will ultimately choose to purchase down in South Florida and to either retain them as winter residences, spending six months up North, and then six months in Florida, or conversely may decide to retire here permanently, as we did, after having owned our property, and renting it out annually for six years.

So please exercise a little patience with our visitors, as they help this economy and potentially are future full-time residents.

The advent of fall is very noticeable, in how dark it is in the mornings as we go about our daily schedules. Also, we are losing 2 to 3 minutes a day of sunlight at the end of the day, but this is a small price to pay, compared to what folks up north have to put up with, experiencing very cold weather, snow and sleet.

Having been born and living the early part of my life in the Southern Hemisphere, I initially found it depressing, when living in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, to get up in the dark and come home in the dark in Winter. Some people actually suffer from what is called SAD - otherwise known as seasonal affective disorder, which is quite common in winter, with locations further north towards the Arctic Circle. The cure for seasonal affective disorder is actually very simple, and that is a daily exposure to a bank of bright lights, which allow for an improvement in people's spirits.

We are rapidly approaching election day, and I would encourage everybody, who can, and who is eligible to vote, to exercise your right. Many countries unfortunately are totalitarian regimes, and that right is not afforded to them, and yet other countries, such as Belarus, and Venezuela, ignore or deliberately, fraudulently, change the election results and continue to govern.

As an ex-Australian citizen, I will share an interesting fact with you, and that is that in Australia, it is compulsory to vote. This is a hangover from the Australian version of McCarthyism, in which Australia feared that a communist government, might get in and take over the coun-

I was away on business in New Zealand one year, and returned to my home in Melbourne, Australia, to find a note on my door, requesting me to appear at the police

station, as I had failed to vote. I had to prove, by providing my passport, that I had actually been away on business, and hence did not vote in the election. In Australia, you have to exercise your vote, even if you mark a large X on snowbirds, especially on the roads, but at the end of the your voting document, if you don't approve of any of the candidates, but you must vote.

> In the 2016 general election 138 million Americans voted, however they only represented 58.1% of the voting eligible population in the United States.

> The ballot box is the most democratic way to express your opinions and to effect change - so please vote, and let your voice be heard!

> Please also take all the necessary precautions, such as wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing and sanitizing your hands frequently, during this COVID 19 crisis! Be safe! Be well!

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**SEND LETTERS TO:** 

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Names withheld upon request; all letters are subject to review

# 2020 FUNDRAISER

# **Win a 4-seater Golf Cart!**

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Drawing to be held on December 31, 2020



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The South Venice Garden Club board members met in late August and decided to suspend meetings for the safety of our members due to Covid-19 concerns. The club normally meets monthly from September through May at the South Venice Civic Association and we hope to again in the near future.

All memberships fees are suspended until we resume meetings. In the meantime, the club website can be accessed at SouthVeniceGardenClub.com.

We have also started a monthly email newsletter to stay in contact with our members, the first one was sent out in September. Future newsletters will showcase members gardens, interviews with members by our club President Yvonne Schuler and will contain gardening links and information.

We will of course continue also to keep the South Venice community informed in the monthly WAVE, as your community is our community!

If any members have not received a newsletter or anyone else is interested in the club would like to request one, please contact Rhonda Tippett, SVGC secretary, at hatboxrose@mac.com.

# Corona Humor

They said a mask was enough to go to the grocery store. They lied. Everybody else had clothes on.



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People, parties, projects... while we're all missing them, we also know it'll all be back. Here's hoping 2021 is the rockin'est year at SVCA ever!





# Sunday, November 29 5:00 to 8:00pm

We hope to have Bandana here next month for an outdoor concert . We'll have all the details in the next issue.













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### 2017 Small Business of the Year



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# What I Wish You Knew...

Having worked in this industry for over 20 years, I've seen all too often people who waited to get their hearing checked struggle during conversations. They describe the same pattern, while listening to their friend's story one word sticks out as odd, and they lose track of the rest of the story.

It's always just one word in a story that causes confusion, which results in an interruption since the story doesn't make sense. Needing to ask for help with a misunderstood word gets embarassing for the listener. Overtime they stop asking for clarity. Then they worry that everyone thinks they are always confused.

Being able to hear a story clearly is what hearing aids should do.

People think wearing a hearing aid is like wearing glasses. When you look at a flower, you see a flower. When you hear a simple noise, like a siren, you hear the sound. However, a better comparison would be listening is like reading, since both involve understanding what is being shared.

Reading is not about looking at words it is about comprehension of words. Reading a story requires you to imagine characters and what they will do. When you get caught up in a story you feel their reactions and hope for their future. You have an emotional response to the characters. You aren't just reading words, you engage in what happens.

Listening to a conversation is not about hearing sounds, it is about the words and their meaning. Listening involves the entire story, including emotions and experiences. You honor your friends by engaging with their stories.

Studies have shown that waiting to address a hearing loss will reduce the words you understand. Every time a word is not understood during a story, you will lose the flow of what is being shared while you try to figure out that one word. Missing out on words during a conversation reduces your ability to connect the words you hear to the full experience of the story.

If you get lost when hearing a story and wonder if you hear well enough, call for a hearing test, 941-244-9300.



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# UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

# We're Back!



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

Marla Wilcox at mswlcx\_50@msn.com 303-818-3641

The virus has made scheduling projects difficult for many

months, but now the county has eased up on its guidelines, and we have a green light to resume our Trash Buddy projects once again.

# Saturday, October 17 - 9:00am Venetian Waterway Clean-up

We meet in Shamrock Park by the tennis courts. Bring your gloves and pickers. Trash bags will be furnished. If you need gloves they will be provided. Also, please wear masks if social distancing cannot be maintained.

# Saturday, November 7 - 9:00am Grove Workday at Siesta Creek

Meet at corner of Seminole and Quincy. Workers are encouraged to bring yard tools. There are weeds to be removed and general tidying up of the area. Neighbors have been great in keeping the area mowed and looking good. Face masks please. Trash bags will be provided and the County will be picking up the large pile of refuse

# Saturday, December - 9:00am Alligator Drive Clean-Up

Meet in the SVCA parking lot.

Community Emergency Response Team CERT Team as of now is not meeting but discussions

CERT Team as of now is not meeting but discussions are underway with other local groups and with potential volunteers for South Venice CERT. Anyone interested in joining this essential community effort, contact Marla.

#### FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

# What's up at the Park

Over 90 black spiny-tailed iguanas have been removed from the park during the months of August and September. They are native to Central and South America and pose a threat to Florida native animal species. Iguana impacts on the environment include consuming eggs of small (hatching) birds and tortoises, insects and vegetation. Iguanas compete with tortoises for foraging opportunities and may displace them from their burrows. They are also adept at climbing trees, thus the are opportunistic bird nest predators.

You may see Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or contractual staff in the park with a pellet gun used for management purposes. When in the park they will be wearing clothing identifying themselves as such. Sarasota County strives to remove as many of these invasive exotic animals as possible.

MEANWHILE HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING:

The restrooms are open again at Shamrock Park

- The Park Nature Center is again open on Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
- Seasons and Serendipity walks are happening again on the second Friday of every month. Please call 941-861-5000 or go online to scgov.net/parks to register. Class size is limited.
- A **Paw Print scavenger hunt** map is available in the nature center on Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm if you are interested in having some fun with your kids outside! It is about a mile in length and covers many fun areas of the park. You can pick up a map and then do the scavenger hunt at your convenience!





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**.

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.

We are temporarily reducing publishing expenses so we can continue to publish your newsletter long term. For your community newsletter this may include:

- Making sure the page count of each newsletter is in line with current advertiser support
- Verifying the number of newsletter copies needed so we don't print too many newsletters

#### What can you, as a community resident, do?

Suggest businesses to support your newsletter with advertising.

- Who does work in/on your home? Home services trades like roofers, plumbers, A/C, etc.
- Who provides other services for your? insurance, doctors, travel, etc.
- Any other businesses your patronize?

Let us know and we'd love to reach out to them.

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: AUGUST 16 to SEPT 15, 2020

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
1172 KENISCO RD	1,422	3	2	1981	None	2	195	\$175,000	\$135,000
4480 STATE ROAD 776	925	2	1	1968	None		6	\$137,900	\$140,000
156 JASMINE RD	1,020	2	2	1974	Private	1	0	\$156,000	\$156,000
308 CYPRESS RD	1,313	2	2	1977	None	4	12	\$154,900	\$166,000
351 TERRAPIN RD	1,049	2	2	1978	None	1	13	\$189,900	\$185,000
765 BRADENTON RD	976	3	1	1965	None	1	102	\$187,500	\$187,500
1004 NECTAR RD	1,500	3	2	1978	Private	1	15	\$195,000	\$190,000
5841 MARIGOLD RD	929	2	2	1978	None	1	9	\$209,000	\$190,000
908 POINCIANA RD	1,223	2	2	1986	None	1	10	\$200,000	\$200,000
1580 SOUTHLAND RD	1,326	2	2	1980	None		1	\$204,500	\$204,500
1488 JUPITER RD	1,197	2	2	1991	None	1	5	\$215,000	\$205,000
1970 MAPLE RD	1,245	2	2	1987	None	2	4	\$219,900	\$208,000
340 FORDHAM RD	1,117	2	2	1991	None	1	10	\$215,000	\$215,000
564 TANAGER RD	1,682	3	2	1979	None	1	2	\$210,000	\$217,000
5391 DREW RD	1,323	2	2	1981	None	2	69	\$229,900	\$220,000
1486 EVEREST RD	1,195	3	2	1987	None	1	72	\$230,000	\$222,500
777 LEMON BAY DR	1,374	3	2	1971	None	1	9	\$224,900	\$224,000
4061 SHAMROCK DR	1,200	3	2	1969	Private	1	4	\$219,000	\$226,095
3441 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,426	2	2	1982	None	1	3	\$229,900	\$232,500
623 BRADENTON RD	1,782	3	2	1978	None	2	115	\$249,900	\$233,000
375 GRANT RD	1,374		2	1977	None	1	2	\$235,000	\$235,000
824 DEVON RD	1,252		2	1977	Private	2	1	\$224,000	\$235,000
591 PORPOISE RD	1,517	2	2	1978	None	2	2	\$230,000	\$236,000
2863 GENTIAN RD	1,315	3	2	1982	None	2	5	\$249,900	\$240,000
1046 ROYAL RD	1,209		2	1975	Private	1	27	\$249,900	\$242,000
561 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,959	2	2	1973	Private	2	10	\$244,900	\$244,900
5840 REGENT RD	1,616	3	2	2006	None	2	22	\$250,000	\$245,000
3090 GENTIAN RD	1,952	4	2	1981	None	1	2	\$245,000	\$245,000
672 MISSOURI RD	1,616	3	2	2008	None	2	53	\$249,900	\$253,000
461 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,584	3	2	1978	Private	2	14	\$255,000	\$256,000
2861 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,545		2	1991	Private	2	1	\$259,900	\$260,000
1256 MOHAWK RD	1,334		2	1983	Private	2	4	\$269,000	\$260,000
3230 NOCTURNE RD	1,189	3	2	1996	Private	2	3	\$269,000	\$260,000
972 LEEWARD RD	1,464	2	2	1977	None	1	9	\$260,000	\$265,000
655 BRADENTON RD	1,681	2	2	1986	Private	2	11	\$285,900	\$275,000
2621 FLOWER RD	1,836	3	3	1978	None	2	125	\$289,000	\$280,000
531 BURKE RD	1,528		2	1973	Private	1	6	\$269,000	\$280,050
215 PLANTATION RD	1,533		2	1978	Private	1	26	\$299,500	\$281,000
1031 NANTUCKET RD	1,640		2	2006	Private	2	3	\$299,900	\$290,000
4700 POMPANO RD	1,608		2	1977	None		4	\$389,000	\$300,000
532 COLGATE RD	2,580		3	2006	None		230	\$314,000	\$305,000
305 CORAL RD	1,650		2	2015	None	2	1	\$329,900	\$329,900
592 NIGHTINGALE RD	2,430		2	1974	None	2	48	\$348,000	\$339,000
1170 HORIZON RD	1,900		2	2020	None	2	55	\$344,500	\$343,000
648 HOBART RD	1,875		2	2020	None	3	0	\$360,000	\$360,000
6150 PECAN RD	2,421	4	3	2020	None	2	3	\$434,900	\$417,500





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

WOW! There were 46 SALES IN LAST 30 DAY PERIOD . . . The highest sale was a new build on Pecan Road that closed for \$417,500. The average "sold price per square foot" was \$165.86, consistent with the average sale price of \$244,227. Also, the Average Days On Market was 29 — which means properties are selling very fast. Because of that, inventory is still shockingly low — there are only 48 active listings compared to the report in May there were 94! Lastly, 56 homes are under contract at the time of this article, September 22. My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice; we've sold fifteen homes in South Venice since beginning of the year. People from the

northeast are here now looking to buy—and it continues to be a real seller's market, so If you are thinking of selling or buying, please 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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