



It's hurricane season. Be prepared! (see page 6)

South Venice Beach Wave

SUMMER 2023

The heart of South Venice since 1955

2022-23 Season at SVCA - a look back

FROM SANDY TULENKO, SVCA VICE PRESIDENT

Each month, the board looks to bring you presentations that are educational in nature but also interesting and current. We began this season with popular ABC-7 meteorologist Bob Harrigan. Although he did not predict Hurricane Ian (which came six days later) it left a path of destruction many are still dealing with

We did not cancel our October meeting even though the Wildlife Center was not able to come. We used this time



Lots of good cheer at December's Wine & Cheese Social

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In February, the hall was full to hear an update on conditions at the beach post-Ian—and plans going forward.

Historic Alligator Creek restoration project to begin

After decades of discussion and studies to restore water flow and water quality in Alligator Creek—much of it with South Venice activists—the County is finally launching the Alligator Creek Stream Restoration Project. This is thanks to a \$14.5 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

John Ryan, Sarasota County's then Environmental Supervisor said "This all started with the folks in South Venice." Beginning in 2017, SVCA's Water Quality Task Force identified the Creek as a critical step in waterway conservation with a goal of 2023 implementation.

The goal of the project, similar to one occurring at nearby Dona Bay, is to reconfigure about 42 square acres to improve water quality by reducing nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphates flowing into Lemon Bay. It also seeks to reduce sediment accumulation, restore a more natural hydrology and reconnect to adjacent wetlands.

REMEMBER: There are no general meetings in July or August. The Board of Director did meet in July and will meet again on September 11.

Monthly meetings and regular events will resume in September. Have a great summer everyone!

Want to join the growing numbers of your South Venice neighbors who have already signed the petition to get the Right to Clean Waters on the 2024 ballot?



Petitions are available in the SVCA office. Return completed petitions to the SVCA office and we will see that they are delivered.

If you're interested in helping with this petition drive, contact John Bowne at jsb1952@gmail.com.

More information at floridairighttocleanwater.org

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

As your members are no doubt aware, Venice Theatre suffered enormous damage in Hurricane Ian. And most people also know that meant major disruption to the balance of our 23-24 Season.

What your members might NOT know about is VT's extensive Education and Community Engagement programs and classes. Our entire Fall semester was already underway when, in an instant, our classrooms and rehearsal spaces became inaccessible and would remain so for many months.

But thanks to the amazing community that is the greater Venice area, we barely missed a beat. Businesses, churches, schools, clubs and other institutions – **among them the South Venice Civic Association** – reached out to us immediately offering their excess spaces so we could continue classes. Since the storm, we've been able to hold dozens of sessions in the SVCA hall.

So let me offer the heartfelt thanks of the Theatre, of my department, our staff, and our hundreds of students to SVCA's Board of Directors for inviting us into your facility. Even better – and critical at this time - you donated the space. **Once we're back in our own main building, we'll not forget your generosity.** Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Sandy Davisson, Venice Theatre
Director of Education and Community Outreach



Take Note



**Wi-Fi
logins at
SVCA have
changed!**

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

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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 May 31, 2023

Current Assets:	\$45,833
Fixed Assets:	\$30,492
Total Assets:	\$76,325
Total Liabilities:	\$ 2,123
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$32,228
Total Expenses:	\$24,987
Net income:	\$ 7,742

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on June 12 for Executive Session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Reviewed Hall Rental policies and payments
- Reviewed accounting procedures
- New Website is live!
- Approved maintenance items

- Discussed new Hall rental activities
- Discussed social community education events
- Discussed local government liaison
- Discussed new software
- Discussed Third Party contracts
- Approved revised slate of 2023 Directors

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

Are you interested in becoming a Beach Trustee or an SVCA Board member - or even in just serving on an SVCA committee? Then please contact any SVCA board member. We are always looking for people to bring new ideas, events and issues to help our community.

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Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA



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New students register at the class or contact Carol at 941-366-2866 to get started.



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at SVCA

Jazzercise AM—9:00 to 10:00am

Jazzercise PM—4:30 to 5:00pm

Group class—incorporates HIT Cardio dance moves with strength training for the ultimate full-body workout.

Jazzercise Lo-Impact—10:15 to 11:00

Focuses on arm strength, leg strength, balance and circulation. Chair & light arm weights will be used.

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

For 67 years, the SVCA has been here for South Venice, here for YOU!

Best of Venice Winner for 2022



Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences
American Conference of Audioprosthology

Best of Venice

I want to say thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Best of Venice

Awards from Venice Gondolier.

I appreciate each of you. Thank you for taking time to vote for us.

Your support and continued encouragement has resulted in us being awarded Best of Venice year over year as both winner and finalist, Reader's Choice year over year, and Small Business of the Year. I have been honored and received so many awards that our wall of awards has expanded onto a second wall.

Twenty-two years ago, when I chose this profession, I was inspired by my mother MaryEllen. She was already wearing hearing aids due to an ear surgery. I focused on helping her hear her best and engage in life. Fifteen Years ago, I opened my office and chose to treat all my clients as if they are family. If she was still with us today, I know she would be celebrating all the people who have been able to engage in their own life with more ease and confidence when hearing.

Every day I hear stories about how hearing problems have interfered with enjoying life. I've always had one mission, to help everyone who comes to me to hear their best and engage in life.

Thank you for entrusting me with your hearing, I am glad I earned your respect.



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FROM CHERYL COOPER, BEACH TRUST CHAIR

Summer '23 beach and boat hours and guidelines

Hello from the Trust! This is a reminder for beachgoers that the ferry has summer hours; same for all seven days of the week. The first ferry leaves at 8:30am and the last trip back from the beach is at 6:30pm.

Also note that the last ferry TO the beach is at 5:30pm and if you are not at the ferry house 10 minutes before that last scheduled departure and no one is on the beach waiting to come back, the ferry will be closed.

Every effort has been made to be certain that the ferry is open and people can use it as much as possible. However, in the event the ferry and beach are not being used, it doesn't make economic sense to keep it open. The days are very long and very hot. The captains are here so everyone can use the beach, but they requested these changes during the long summer days.

In making the decision to modify the summer schedule, an analysis of use over the prior three years was done. We found that the number of people using the beach and ferry after 4pm in the summer was very limited. (Don't forget sunset can be enjoyed at all of the public beaches only a mile or two away.)

I'd also like to remind everyone that the boat ramp gate must be locked. The app tracks who leaves it open. The same for the fence in the evenings. If you are in violation of these rules, you will lose the privilege of using the facilities. Please take the extra few minutes and be sure you've secured the ramp and outside fence.

Summer is turtle season. Finally, please no digging in the sand near any marked areas. We are so fortunate to share our beach with these endangered animals.

The walkway on the beach side has been brightened with a new sign - painted by Bobbie Drummond, our resident

talented artist! A big thank you to Bobbie! Thank you also to volunteers Joe Lewis and Gary Cole, who braved the heat to hang it in the trees. Thank you to Gary and abundance to Joe!



We are glad to hear all the positive comments about the renovation of the ferry house. It is so nice, bright and colorful—and very Florida. Bobbie and her tribe just brighten our community one spot at a time.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

A look back . . . *Continued*

February brought us our very own Kim Cool of the Venice Gondolier. She talked about the role the Ringling Circus played in the development of Venice.

Our special guests at our March meeting were Maureen Holland and Rick Curwood who talked about the history of the SVCA and the Beach Trust. They ran a Power Point presentation featuring historic photos. Many of the newer residents



2022's Meet the Candidates Night was one for the books!

was part of the True Blue Bloodhounds program which trains bloodhounds to assist police in locating individuals who may be lost or who may have committed



Though the faces change as neighbors come and go, SVCA's Trash Buddies and others who keep our civic improvement projects going will always have our thanks.



learned much about their community from Maureen and Rick.

Laura Fogerty was our guest speaker for April. Her topic was Damsels in Defense. This program was designed to teach awareness and empower people to be safe and how not to be a victim of crime.

Winston, the bloodhound, was our guest of honor in May. He

We ended the season in June with a very timely presentation by Regions Bank Associate, Petal Bradley. Petal enlightened us to the many types of bank fraud and credit



Shoppers looking happy at our Neighborhood Flea Market. And it looks like these two enjoyed the Pumpkin Painting Party!



The SVCA booth at Alligator Fest

theft. We came away much more aware of how to keep our identity safe and our money from those attempting to take it away.

And every month, Deputy Cathy Duff of the Sarasota Sheriff's Department (and a local resident of South Venice) joins us and reports on what's happening in our community. Deputy Duff usually has a flyer or other hand out with pertinent information about how to be safe from crime.

If you have an idea for a presentation, please reach out to Sandy Tulenko. Stulenko@gmail.com

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For 67 years, the SVCA has been here for South Venice, for YOU!

With your support, we are a strong voice in Sarasota County



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

SVCA's MISSION

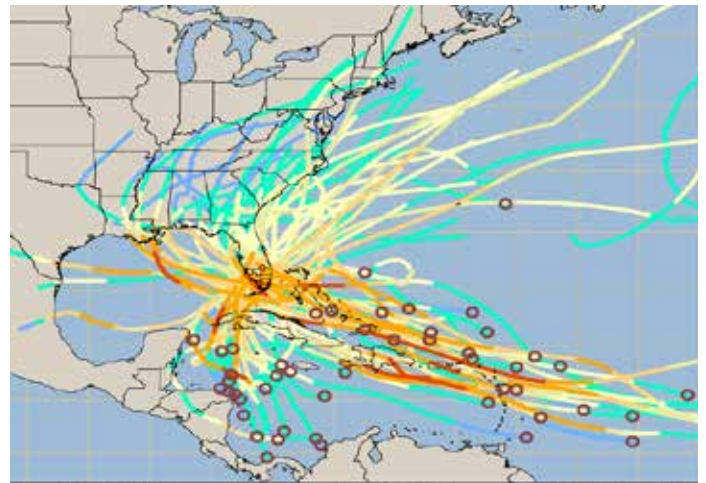
To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, environment and quality of life, and to bring South Venice together.

We promote the civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests of our community.

Some hurricane preparedness tips from Sarasota County's Emergency Services

Take these steps to protect your home:

- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts, and clear clogged areas or debris.
- Secure and reinforce your roof, windows and doors, including garage doors.
- Consider building a FEMA safe room designed for protection from high winds and flood waters.
- Learn how and when to turn off gas, water and electricity.



Checklist for Sheltering in Place

- Fill bathtub or other large containers with water.
- Drinking water, one gallon per person, per day, for at least three days.
- Canned food and a can opener.
- Paper items.
- Medications, prescriptions and a first aid kit.
- Battery-operated television or radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- Cash (ATMs may be out-of-service).
- Pet supplies.
- Photocopies of important documents (birth certificate, license and insurance).
- Have a full tank of gasoline in your car.

Hurricane Names for 2023-24

Arlene	Harold	Ophelia
Bret	Idalia	Philippe
Cindy	Jose	Rina
Don	Katia	Sean
Emily	Lee	Tammy
Franklin	Margot	Vince
Gert	Nigel	Whitney

... and there were Special Events!

We kicked off the season on August 8 with SVCA's **Meet the Candidates Night**. It was a memorable event—and not in an expected way. Anyone remember what happened? In September the monthly Pancake breakfasts resumed, as did the General Meetings. October brought a little something for the kids with a **Pumpkin Painting Party**. In November, we held another **Arts & Crafts Fair** and we hosted a **Veteran's Day BBQ**. And we had a great presence at **Alligator Fest** at the South Venice Yacht Club. As always, in December the hall was full for **Breakfast with Santa**. Then, we celebrated the holidays together at a **Wine & Cheese social**. Our 14th Annual **Business EXPO**, planned for January, had to be cancelled as vendors and others were still coming back from the storm. We had our first **Neighborhood Flea Market** in February.



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From TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park *What's up at the Park*

For more information on any of the events at the Park, you can email me directly at tjgood@scgov.net or call the department at 941-861-5000.

Demonstration Garden Tour These popular tours continue in the summer on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00am until 11:00am. Ages 18 and up. FREE. Meet in the Demonstration Garden. Master Gardener volunteers will answer questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-Friendly landscaping. No registration necessary. For information, call 941-861-5000.

Kids Nature Programs - Second and fourth Saturdays in August, from 11:00am to Noon. Kids can enjoy a short lesson plus crafts and games inside the air-conditioned Nature Center. Ages approximately 4-12. For more information, email Teresa Good at tjgood@scgov.net

NEW: Fingers crossed!

We are hoping to host a Plant Clinic in August on the first and third Saturdays. At the time of this publication, that has not been confirmed. Check in with us if you're interested. The plan is to have Florida Master Gardeners set up a table in the nature center, ready to answer your plant questions. Whether it's an identification question or you are having trouble with your grass, skilled volunteers will be ready to help!

No registration necessary, just stop by anytime between 10am and noon. As always, at the Nature Center, be sure to check out the displays and our Kids Zone!

Community Improvement Projects

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

Trash Buddies

SEMINOLE DRIVE CLEAN UP
Saturday, August 12 - 8:00am
(meet at Quincey and Burke)

ALLIGATOR DRIVE CLEAN UP
Saturday, September 9 - 8:00am
(meet in the SVCA parking lot)

VENETIAN WATERWAY CLEAN UP
Saturday, October 14 - 8:00am
(meet at Shamrock Park near the tennis courts)

The Grove Clean-up
Saturday, October 21 - 9:00am
(meet at Seminole and Quincy)

CERT: Community Emergency Response

*Usually meet the fourth
Thursday at 6:00pm*



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

JULY/AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 RENTAL: Church 10am	24 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am	25	26 Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Bible Study 7:00pm	27 Jazzercise 9-10am	28 Jazzercise 9-10am	29
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Verizon Emergency

800-837-4966

Comcast

800-934-6489

FL Highway Patrol

941-483-5911

County Code Enforcement

941-861-3280

Waste Management

941-493-4100

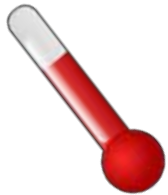
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Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	Lot Size	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
1485 POINCIANA RD	1,185	2	1	1956	None	1	8,000	3	\$249,900	\$204,500
424 CABANA RD	1,000	2	2	1976	None	1	8,000	2	\$214,500	\$209,900
345 MARQUETTE RD	984	3	1	1976	None		8,000	8	\$248,000	\$238,000
1366 QUEEN RD	1,106	3	1	1961	None		8,000	25	\$255,000	\$240,000
331 BRADENTON RD	1,242	3	2	1970	None	0	10,000	8	\$275,000	\$240,000
1015 TAMPA RD	768	2	1	1960	None	1	10,000	56	\$268,000	\$240,000
110 MARLIN RD	983	2	2	1975	Private	1	8,000	2	\$225,000	\$248,000
445 GRANT RD	660	2	1	1960	None		8,000	45	\$258,000	\$258,000
3031 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,464	3	2	1980	None	1	9,000	25	\$269,900	\$260,000
441 BARD RD	806	2	1	1980	None	1	8,000	2	\$235,000	\$265,000
560 CONSTANCE RD	758	2	1	1970	None		8,000	0	\$265,000	\$265,000
290 CRANE RD	1,368	3	2	1987	None	2	8,000	5	\$289,900	\$268,000
794 JAMAICA RD	1,196	2	2	1961	None		16,000	15	\$335,000	\$280,000
732 NECTAR RD	960	2	2	2002	None	2	8,000	0	\$285,000	\$285,000
3207 GALIOT RD	1,349	3	2	1980	None		8,000	2	\$269,000	\$285,000
508 N QUINCY RD	1,108	2	2	1974	None	1	8,000	40	\$299,000	\$290,000
351 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,548	3	2	1971	None	1	9,123	9	\$325,000	\$294,000
375 TERRAPIN RD	1,036	2	2	1961	None		8,000	67	\$299,900	\$295,000
2625 VALENCIA RD	1,475	3	2	1958	None		8,000	36	\$299,000	\$299,000
576 CONSTANCE RD	1,019	2	1	1957	None		8,000	26	\$314,999	\$299,000
1247 GRAHAM RD	2,118	3	2	2022	None	2	8,000	221	\$325,000	\$300,000
540 HOBART RD	1,158	2	2	1986	None	1	10,000	29	\$312,700	\$305,000
341 S VENICE BLVD	1,347	2	2	1958	None	2	16,000	138	\$335,000	\$307,250
219 CORAL RD	863	2	1	1973	Private	1	8,000	3	\$304,900	\$310,000
190 ABALONE RD	1,247	2	2	1977	None	2	8,000	19	\$329,899	\$310,000
208 LOYOLA RD	926	2	2	1990	None	1	8,000	32	\$340,000	\$315,000
1510 NANTUCKET RD	1,003	2	2	1989	None	1	8,000	2	\$315,000	\$315,000
545 AZURE RD	1,315	2	2	1957	None		12,000	27	\$315,000	\$320,000
5191 SYRACUSE RD	1,533	2	2	1974	None	1	16,000	18	\$370,000	\$320,000
357 RANDOLPH RD	1,173	2	2	1973	None	1	8,000	7	\$350,000	\$325,000
1161 KIMBALL RD	908	2	1	1965	None		8,000	9	\$315,000	\$327,000
2580 CARMINE RD	1,196	2	2	1986	None	1	8,000	21	\$332,500	\$332,500
3566 SHAMROCK DR	1,145	3	2	1980	None	1	8,000	56	\$339,900	\$335,000
248 TANAGER RD	1,210	2	2	1979	None	1	12,000	2	\$320,000	\$335,000
2865 DATURA RD	1,220	2	2	1984	None	2	10,000	2	\$349,900	\$349,900
447 ARGUS RD	1,160	2	2	1980	None	1	8,000	3	\$350,000	\$350,000
4321 SHAMROCK DR	1,935	3	2	1979	None	2	11,999	122	\$387,500	\$360,000
6187 PECAN RD	1,150	2	2	1977	None	1	8,000	8	\$379,900	\$365,000
480 SHAMROCK DR	1,284	3	2	2002	None	2	10,000	2	\$389,000	\$370,000
585 CABANA RD	1,761	3	2	1988	None	2	10,854	2	\$382,000	\$370,000
2870 GENTIAN RD	1,550	3	2	1979	None	1	8,000	17	\$379,000	\$380,000
1440 HORIZON RD	1,421	3	2	1981	None	1	10,000	29	\$430,000	\$397,000
715 TANAGER RD	1,297	2	2	1974	None	2	12,000	5	\$399,000	\$400,000
1105 N CUMBERLAND RD	1,306	3	2	2004	None	2	8,000	3	\$397,850	\$405,000
2971 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,342	2	2	1974	None	2	9,000	38	\$397,500	\$410,000
2615 SAPPHIRE RD	1,981	3	2	1979	None	2	10,000	2	\$417,000	\$417,000
3420 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,358	2	2	1992	Private	2	9,000	69	\$439,990	\$425,000
1085 HUDSON RD	1,308	2	2	1978	Private	2	12,000	19	\$464,500	\$448,350
655 CLEMATIS RD	1,355	3	2	2002	Private		10,000	12	\$469,000	\$451,000
1056 TAMPA RD	1,840	3	2	2022	None	2	8,000	175	\$529,900	\$499,000
5915 VIOLA RD	2,117	4	3	2022	None	2	8,000	197	\$518,800	\$503,800
323 SHELL RD	1,530	3	2	2023	None	2	8,000	6	\$505,000	\$508,500
908 CYPRESS RD	1,810	3	2	1993	Private	2	23,118	6	\$599,000	\$550,000
1623 PORPOISE RD	1,811	3	2	1978	Private	2	10,000	4	\$535,000	\$553,000
708 MANGROVE RD	2,516	3	2	1983	Private		18,000	31	\$579,900	\$560,000
1457 SUSSEX RD	1,569	3	2	1977	Private		12,000	16	\$574,900	\$560,000
863 PIEDMONT RD	1,324	2	2	1981	Private	2	14,000	4	\$579,000	\$579,000
815 ACADIA RD	2,282	3	2	1992	Private	2	12,197	10	\$649,900	\$650,000
4900 LEMON BAY DR	1,624	2	2	1979	None	5	64,229	83	\$729,000	\$705,000
4910 LEMON BAY DR	2,194	3	2	1978	None	2	58,360	41	\$1,299,000	\$1,050,000



State of the Market

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Summertime and the Livin's Easy! It's been a beautiful Summer in South Venice Beach; the Gulf is gorgeous, the traffic is kind and the Beach is relaxing! Since The WAVE publishes a single issue—July/August—in the summer, I decided to expand the market data to include 60 days, May 1 through June 30, 2023.

That being said, from May 1 to June 30, the total number of Closings was 60, divided almost evenly for each month. Plus a big congratulations to South Venice Beach neighborhood for another sale over A MILLION DOLLARS! The highest sale was 4910 Lemon Bay Drive for \$1,050,000, which was an extremely nicely updated home across from the Ferry with Gulf views! The lowest sale was a 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom fixer-upper on Poinciana Road for \$204,500. The average "sold price per square foot" this period was \$279.20, up over \$20 from the last report. The average sale price for these two months was \$386,942 up over 20K from last report. Lastly, the Average Days on Market was 33 days, and that is really good! Currently there are 46 HOMES PENDING and waiting to close, almost the same compared to last period.

South Venice Beach also has 64 homes Active on the market, with asking prices ranging from \$995,000 to \$305,000! The South Venice Beach Market is doing fantastic as we head into the end of the Summer Season! Let's all hope for "Smooth Seas" this year!

Always remember, 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 opened our own brokerage! We're at 718 Albee Rd West in Nokomis, right next to Sweet Melissa's Ice Cream shop just before you go over the bridge to the beach! Stop by—we'll treat you to an ice cream!

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