



It's still peak hurricane season is here! (see page 6)

South Venice Beach Wave

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Upcoming Events

General Meeting
Monday, September 18
at 7:00pm

Welcome back everyone! Our guest speaker will be from Sarasota County Animal Services

MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, SEPT 11 at 4:00pm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, SEPT 18 at 1:00pm

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, SEPT 12 at 3:00pm

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thursday, SEPT 28 at 6:30pm
at Venice Gardens Comm. Center

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

NETWORK NAME
SVCA guest

LOGIN
9414930006



What did you do this summer! Well, our Trash buddies didn't quit

This is the 'endurance team' who braved them brutal heat on Saturday, August 12 to do the regular Seminole Drive Clean-Up— pictured here are Bill Brennan, Wini Boyle, Rick Boyle and Laurie Hartman.

Their stalwart leader, Marla Wilcox, said she took this photo before the work began and "you should have seen them after!" They managed to complete Seminole from Quincy all the way to the curve.

Upcoming Community Clean-up dates and contact information are listed on page 7—new volunteers are always welcome!



Meetings resume September 18!

FROM SANDY TULENKO

As the summer wraps up, let's get back together at our General Meeting on September 18. Guest speaker will be Carl Salleti of the Sheriff's Office County Animal Services department. Salleti has been with the Department for over 25 years, overseeing staff responding to calls from the community. The office is a center for lost and found pets, adoption and rescue. He'll discuss responsible pet ownership, animal care and wildlife rescues.

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FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park



While everyone is often busy with summer travel, family visits (and grandkids!), the Park has been here. Many of our programs are year round and we love it when you take advantage—especially gardeners, naturalists and children. For information about any events at the Park, just contact us at 941-861-5000 .

Also, remember that there is a delightful Kid's Zone in the Nature Center.

Demonstration Garden Tour

First Thursday of every month

9:00am to 11:00am. Ages 18 and up. FREE

Meet in the Demonstration Garden. Master Gardener volunteers will be in the Demonstration Garden to answer your questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-Friendly landscaping. No registration necessary.

Plant Clinic

September 2 and September 16

10:00am to Noon. Meet in the Nature Center

Florida Master Gardeners will have a table set up 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 10:00am and noon. While your there, check out the nature center displays and kids zone!

Monthly meetings resume

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Take advantage of expertise and bring your questions to the meeting.

In October, our special guest speaker will be Carol McCoy of the Coastal Wildlife Club, who will give a talk on sea turtles. Look for additional information on this upcoming presentation in the October WAVE.

We have something special planned for November. Chris Mandell will talk about fossil hunting in SW Florida. You'll find out more about why Venice is know as the Shark Tooth Capital. Plan to come and bring family members who may be visiting for Thanksgiving.



Dumpster Day is back !

OCTOBER 21, 8:00am to Noon

It's time to clean out the garage and gather discarded household items, appliances, junk, tree trimmings and other garbage

Sarasota County will locate dumpsters in the parking lot at the SVCA. Electronics, appliances, computers, and tires no larger than 25 X 16 will be accepted. There will also be dumpsters at the Ferry field on Lemon Bay Drive. Note that hazardous waste, such as paint, oil, and gas will not be accepted at either place.

SATURDAY December 2

9:00am to 2:00pm

SVCA's Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

Featuring local artisans selling beautiful and unique handmade gifts for everyone on your list!

Food and refreshments available
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Interested in being a vendor?

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Then you enter our office and the doorbell dings. Your hearing aids changed into its primary program and begins looking for voices. When you walk down the hallway and step into my office, your hearing aid switches again to decrease any echo sounds that occur in smaller areas.

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Thank you from the SVCA for a kindness shared



Last month, SVCA President Cherry went looking for a handyman to fix a wall panel in the men's room. She asked her neighbor who worked at Home Depot. He said "sure, I know someone". And he sent us Brad from Nokomis.

Brad responded and immediately and expertly made the necessary repairs. He refused payment and said he was just happy to do 'an act of kindness'. Brad didn't even know who we were. Before he left, Cherry made sure he had a gift certificate to our next Pancake Breakfast. So if you meet a guy named Brad here next month, it may be him! Thank you Brad! You're a lesson for all of us. It's the little acts of kindness that make our days brighter.

FROM GAIL PARKER *SVCA Book Club*



The Book Club will resume our meetings on Tuesday, September 12 at 3:00pm at the Civic Association. We did not meet in August. The book we will be discussing is *The Water is Wide*, by Pat Conroy, which members read this past month. It is the true story of a man who gave a year of his life to an island and the new life its people gave him.

Sadly, I have to report we lost one of our book club regulars last week. Camilla Smoot was one of our original members. She and her sister, Sandy, were here every session unless they were cruising or visiting family in Italy. Camilla will be missed. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on September 2 at 11:00am at Epiphany Cathedral.

As always, new members are most welcome. Just stop in at our meeting on September 12.

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Alligator Fest 2023 coming on October 7

Once again, the South Venice Yacht Club will host "Alligator Fest" on October 7 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. As in previous years, SVCA will have a booth.

Similar to last year, the events will have a farmers market feel with music, raffle, and interactive, educational booths.

SVCA's booth last year was aimed at educating people about the SVCA and it drew a lot of traffic!



HOORAY!

The SVCA's new website is live!

Be sure to visit it and bookmark it . . . and share the link with your friends and neighbors. It's chock full of information, history, photos and ALL issues of the WAVE back to 2020.

Best of all, the ability to join online is now also available.

So please visit the site and bookmark it. As time goes on, we'll have information about upcoming events posted.

Say thanks to Bobbie Drummond, who designed and built the site. We think you'll like it.

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HEY, SOUTH VENICE FISHERMEN!

The campaign to get a Clean Water Amendment on next year's ballot is heating up. Petitions continue to be circulated; more are submitted every day. (NOTE: They are available in the SVCA office - see below).

Now, they're reaching out to sport fisherman—of which we have many here in South Venice.

It's no secret that our waters are dying. State-sanctioned pollution has done a number on seagrass and the fisheries dependent on a thriving habitat. Oxygen levels drop way too frequently, taking out way too many species and populations.

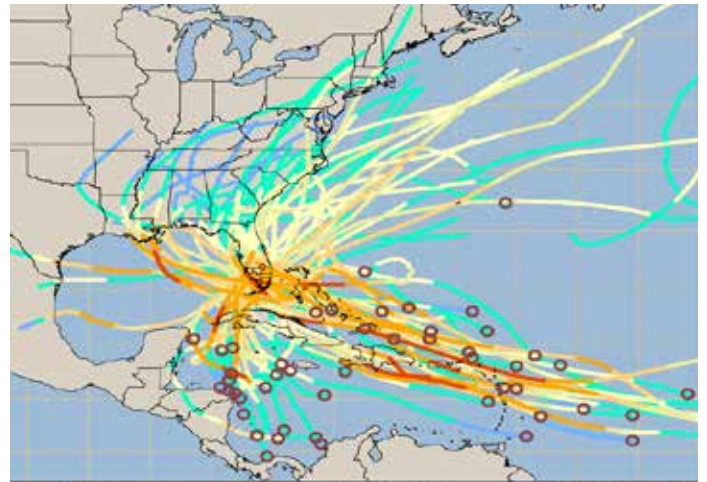
We need an amendment to the Florida Constitution that prohibits state agencies from further harming our water. Whether it's our favorite fishing holes, seagrass nurseries, wetlands that filter and provide clean water, or the aquifers we drink from, a fundamental right to clean and healthy waters can put a stop to state-sanctioned pollution and destruction.

Petitions can also be found at floridarighttocleanwater.org. Sign one and get your friends and family to do the same. If this matters to you, you can also spread the word on social media. There is a lot more information at the website. They need 900K signed petitions to be on the ballot. Can we make it happen?

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

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 floridarighttocleanwater.org](http://floridarighttocleanwater.org)

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SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings

FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN

The South Venice Garden Club will welcome members back on Monday, September 18, at 1:00pm in the SVCA Building to kick off another exciting season of the Garden Club. It will be a potluck and visitors are always welcome.



We're looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing our summer gardening experiences.

For the rest of the season, the club will now meet every third Monday of the month at 1:00pm at the SVCA. Programs focus on Florida friendly gardening and education, with speaker presentations and hands-on projects.

Join us for exciting and informative programs, plant and gardening supplies raffles, and occasional field trips.

Male and female gardeners are welcome! Think about joining us!

This South Venice girl needs a new South Venice home



This is Sissy. She is nine months old, and full of love. She's very gentle, good with other animals, and she is good with kids too. She loves the pool. She has had all of her shots and is getting spayed in two weeks. She is just about house trained and weighs approximately 50 pounds. She can sit and give you her paw.

She has lots of love to give, she is super sweet!

South Venice residents Mark and Alicia rescued Sissy recently and expected to fold her into their household. She loved her new home - but their other dog did not welcome the competition. Sissy has tried to be friends, but the ten year old dog apparently considers the house hers -and is unwilling to share with another dog. So Sissy needs a new home. She's a wonderful dog.

If you'd like to share your life with this wonderful pup, contact Alicia at aliciawolf.realtor@gmail.com or 941-404-0065

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ART CLASS

Water Coloring with Carol Merenda every Wednesday at SVCA



Monthly sessions. Course starts first Wednesday every month 12:00 to 3:00pm • The full course is \$130 (plus supplies)

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

Community Improvement Projects UPCOMING WORKDAYS

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

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)

SEMINOLE DRIVE CLEAN UP
Saturday, November 11 - 9:00am
(meet at Quincey and Burke)

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



**CERT: Community
Emergency Response
Team**

**Thursday, Sept. 28
6:30pm**

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 RENTAL: Church 10:00am	Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am		Jazzercise 9-10am Jazz-LO 10:15—11am ART CLASS 12-3pm Bible Study 7:00pm	Jazzercise 9-10am	1	2
3 RENTAL: Church 10:00am	4	5	6 ART CLASS 12-3pm Bible Study 7:00pm	7	8	9 Alligator Dr Clean Up 8:00am
10 RENTAL: Church 10:00am	11 SVCA Board Meeting 4:00pm	12 BOOK CLUB 3:00pm	13 ART CLASS 12-3pm Bible Study 7:00pm	14	15	16
17 RENTAL: Church 10:00am	18 GARDEN CLUB 1:00pm SVCA General Meeting 7:00pm	19	20 ART CLASS 12-3pm Bible Study 7:00pm	21	22	23
24 RENTAL: Church 10:00am	25	26	27 ART CLASS 12-3pm Bible Study 7:00pm	28 CERT 6:30pm Community Emergency Response Team at Venice Gardens CC	29	30

Still to come in 2023

DECEMBER 2 9:00am to 2:00pm —Annual Arts & Crafts Fair—do your Christmas shopping right here at SVCA!
 JANUARY 20 9:00am to 2:00p - Community Flea Market

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in January**



Need to clean out the garage? Got treasurers hidden in the back of a closet?

Are you thinking you need to have a yard sale, but discouraged by all the work involved! We have your solution! Come rent a table at the SVCA on Saturday, January 20. You bring your goods to sell, we'll bring the customers!

We've done this before and it was very successful.

It'll be from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Contact Jodie in the office for details or to reserve a table.

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HOME SALES July 1 to August 15, 2023

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	Lot Size	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
368 PERIWINKLE RD	1,025	2	2	1973	None	1	0	221	\$220,000	\$180,000
740 LEHIGH RD	832	2	1	1978	None	1	8,000	7	\$265,000	\$235,000
1067 INDUS RD	791	2	1	1972	None		8,000	60	\$284,900	\$277,000
3044 ARROWHEAD RD	814	2	1	1965	None	1	8,000	8	\$299,000	\$285,000
960 DARWIN RD	816	2	2	1969	None		11,000	4	\$329,000	\$297,000
151 GINGER RD	1,085	2	2	1984	None	2	10,000	184	\$349,000	\$299,999
448 HOLLY RD	1,113	2	2	1988	None	1	8,000	21	\$299,900	\$307,000
3381 DATURA RD	1,255	3	2	2004	None		8,000	18	\$309,000	\$309,000
155 CORNELL RD	1,270	2	2	1980	None	1	8,000	2	\$310,000	\$310,000
185 BOWDOIN RD	1,227	2	2	1975	None	1	8,000	22	\$324,900	\$318,000
1019 LEEWARD RD	1,206	2	2	1972	None	1	10,000	5	\$339,000	\$335,000
4524 TORTOISE RD	1,278	2	2	1965	None	1	10,347	15	\$329,900	\$335,000
471 URBANA RD	1,367	2	2	1987	None	2	10,000	47	\$349,000	\$335,000
620 BURKE RD	1,242	3	2	1992	None	2	8,000	49	\$385,000	\$338,000
3085 ARROWHEAD RD	1,548	3	2	1979	None	1	8,000	5	\$339,900	\$339,900
664 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,333	2	2	1980	Private	1	12,000	22	\$370,000	\$340,000
1384 JUPITER RD	1,146	2	1	1963	None		8,000	3	\$349,000	\$350,000
1095 OLYMPIA RD	1,459	2	2	1980	None	2	8,000	6	\$349,900	\$351,000
679 EVEREST RD	1,420	2	2	1994	None	2	8,000	45	\$359,900	\$355,000
643 MOBILE RD	1,154	3	2	1985	None	1	12,000	111	\$369,900	\$355,000
1221 QUEEN RD	1,280	2	2	1986	None	1	10,000	12	\$355,000	\$357,000
1419 HORIZON RD	1,398	2	2	1971	None	1	8,000	48	\$369,900	\$365,000
2671 YUCCA RD	1,507	2	2	1991	None	2	10,000	11	\$389,900	\$379,000
562 FLAMINGO RD	1,031	2	2	2022	None	2	7,298	32	\$385,000	\$385,000
648 DOLPHIN RD	1,151	2	2	1996	None	1	8,000	8	\$399,000	\$399,000
4708 ALLIGATOR DR	1,448	3	2	1979	Private	1	8,000	3	\$429,000	\$425,000
262 PALMETTO DR	1,417	3	2	2000	None	2	16,000	48	\$429,000	\$429,000
663 NECTAR RD	1,912	3	2	2006	None	2	10,000	4	\$435,000	\$435,000
3041 NOCTURNE RD	2,062	2	2	1984	Private	2	11,204	77	\$485,000	\$435,000
16 CORNELL RD	1,835	3	2	2001	Private	2	9,677	27	\$499,000	\$450,000
4490 TORTOISE RD	1,600	3	3	2009	Private	2	8,000	17	\$464,400	\$464,000
190 MANESS RD	1,611	3	2	2022	None	2	8,000	179	\$475,000	\$470,000
711 AZURE RD	1,984	3	2	2004	None	2	12,000	16	\$495,000	\$480,000
384 BAHAMA RD	1,837	3	2	2003	None	2	13,027	19	\$499,000	\$490,000
732 INDUS RD	1,458	2	2	1984	Private	2	12,000	4	\$525,000	\$509,670
3880 SECOR RD	1,991	3	2	1996	Private	2	12,000	22	\$524,900	\$512,500
5981 ORCHIS RD	1,562	3	2	1990	Private	2	12,000	3	\$525,000	\$525,000
650 W BAFFIN DR	1,519	3	2	1967	Private	2	12,000	10	\$555,000	\$560,000
851 PORPOISE RD	2,026	3	2	2001	Private	2	11,500	72	\$599,000	\$565,000
660 ALLIGATOR DR	1,710	3	2	1979	None	2	39,204	102	\$615,000	\$600,000

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State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers and

Smooth Seas so far! As the sun-drenched days continue to grace South Venice Beach, the real estate market has been sailing along on a positive course. With the Gulf temperature hovering in the inviting low 90s, the allure of this coastal haven remains undeniable.

Recent market data, spanning from July 1st to August 15th, paints an encouraging picture. A total of 40 closings demonstrates robust market activity, with a standout sale at 660 Alligator Drive, fetching an impressive \$600,000 for its prime Alligator Creek location with excellent boating accessibility. On the other end of the spectrum, a 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom fixer-upper on Periwinkle Road changed hands for \$180,000, showcasing the range of opportunities available. The average sold price per square foot settling at \$282.07, virtually the same as our last report. Maintaining consistency,

the average sale price stands at \$387,177.

Notably, homes are finding eager buyers in just 39 days on average, indicating a swift-moving market. With 41 homes pending and 68 active listings with a price range of \$269,900 to \$1,299,000, the outlook remains robust.

As we celebrate our one-year brokerage anniversary, we, the experts at Ayers & Associates Real Estate, are thrilled to share our in-depth knowledge of South Venice, having facilitated the sale of twenty-one homes in recent months. We invite you to explore the thriving South Venice Beach market and join us for an ice cream treat at Sweet Melissa's, next to our office, as we anticipate the continuation of smooth seas in the vibrant world of Venice, Florida real estate. We're located at 718 Albee Rd W, Nokomis, just before you go over Albee Bridge to Nokomis Beach!

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



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