

*It's still hurricane season—stay safe*



# South Venice Beach Wave

**SUMMER 2024**

**The heart of South Venice since 1955**

## *FPL to install underground electrical service here*

Florida Power and Light (FPL) will be installing underground electrical service to the residences of South Venice in the next two years. The company presented the plan at the April General Meeting and explained the process to everyone who attended.

South Venice was selected for this program based on criteria approved by the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC). They prioritized those areas that can most benefit from undergrounding. Selection criteria included: outages during hurricanes, vegetation-related outages and other reliability data.

Over the next year representatives from FPL will be visiting every residence to talk to the owners to plan how the electrical service that is now on the poles will be brought underground to each residence. The cost is free to owners.

To learn more about the program visit their special website [fpl.com/reliability/stormsecure](http://fpl.com/reliability/stormsecure). Customer outreach specialists are ready to answer all your questions about bringing underground power lines to South Venice.



Bruce and Karen Paulsen at this season's final Garden Club meeting. They're now on hiatus until September and then meet every third Monday until May. We are male and female gardeners with all levels of expertise and experience. Visitors are always welcome. First visit as guest is free. You can join the Club for \$20.00 a year for individuals or \$25.00 a year for a family. Most meetings include a raffle of plants and gardening accessories.

Members Judy Rinaldi (below) and Heather McMonagle (right) happy with their plant choices.



### **NEW! Zumba Classes**

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 to 9:15am  
starting September 3 FIRST CLASS FREE

### **Yoga Class**

Every Wednesday, 8:30 to 9:30am

### **Jazzercise**

Classes continue—Monday through Friday  
See full schedule at [southvenice.org](http://southvenice.org)

### **SEMINOLE DRIVE CLEAN-UP**

Saturday, AUGUST 10 at 8:00am

### **CERT Emergency Response Team**

Thursday, August 22 at 6:30pm  
Venice Gardens Community Center

**See full August calendar on page 8**

# South Venice Civic Association

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## Calvary Chapel Sonlife Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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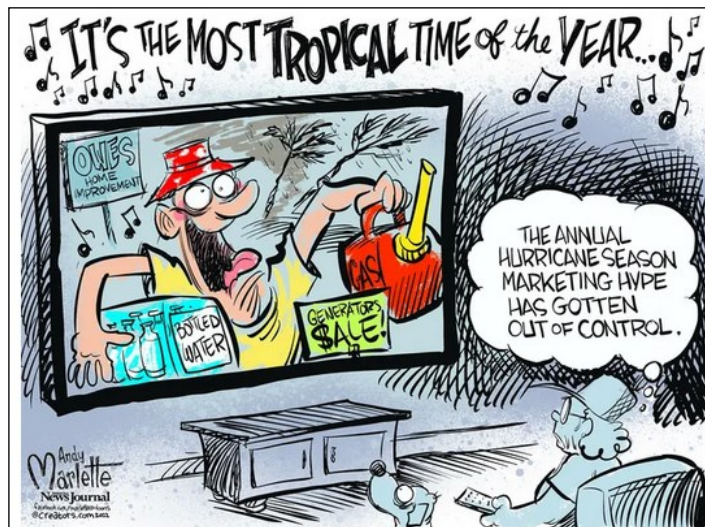
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## Are you prepared?



## Key hurricane preparedness tips from Sarasota County's Emergency Services

**Before storm season begins, 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, 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).
- Full tank of gasoline in your car.

## GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

**We love to hear from you!**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEND LETTERS TO:

[maureenholland@comcast.net](mailto:maureenholland@comcast.net)

*Names may be withheld from publication by request. All letters are subject to review.*



# Board Matters



FROM PAUL GILMARTIN

**IMPORTANT!!!** Please review and vote for the SVCA By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. It is very important that all members take a look at the new By-Laws and vote

Just go to the SVCA website and vote on the 2024 Governing Documents vote page.

**Financial Summary: As of June 30th 2024**

- Current Assets: \$57,537
- Fixed Assets: \$30,492
- Total Assets: \$88,029
- Total Liabilities: \$ 2,608
- Total Income/gross Profit: \$53,148
- Total Expenses: \$36,217
- Net income: \$17,535

Pickleball Fund is now at \$12879. Contractor is scheduled to resurface in the Fall.

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

**Executive Board Meeting Summary:**

The SVCA board met on June 29 for Executive session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Discussed SVCA Hall Rental Flyer
- Discussed Event Schedule include new Thanksgiving Dinner and New Years Eve dinner
- Recognized special volunteers Teresa and Suzanne
- Discussed the list of Building repairs and improvements
- Encourage membership to vote for the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
- Discussed the candidate search for Board of Directors and SVBET Trustees

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

**Welcome to our newest members!**

Tammi Fernandez  
Pamela Bonsall  
Nancy Darbee  
Trent & Christie McKinney  
Dimitry Proshak & Shirley Secord

*Membership makes us strong!*

## ATTENTION GARDENERS AND GARDEN HELPERS!

We need some volunteers to help weed and prune the front beds at the SVCA. We're doing it on Saturday, August 17 from 7:30am to 9:30am. *We'll provide the refreshments!*

**So come down and get dirty with us.  
It'll be fun! Promise!**

# OPEN HOUSE

## MEET THE 2024 CANDIDATES

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**  
6:00pm to 8:00pm ALL ARE WELCOME!

**This is a great opportunity to meet your candidates for local, state and (maybe?) national offices—face to face! You can gather literature and information about the candidates.**

*These offices are on the ballot this year.*



- United States Senator
- United State Congress
- Florida State House Representative
- Florida State Attorney
- County Commissioner
- County Sheriff
- County Property Appraiser
- County Tax Collecto

- Supervisor of Elections
- County School Board
- County Hospital Board
- County Charter Review Board
- 12th Judicial Circuit Judge
- Clerk of the Circuit Court



### REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE OPEN HOUSE

**HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## ***May General Meeting was an election primer***

At our May meeting, we had a presentation from Taylor of the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections office. She said there are 69 County offices up for election this year. She also pointed out that voters can register online at [sarasotavotes.gov](http://sarasotavotes.gov) or in person.

Florida is one of only 12 States that have closed primaries, so only party members can vote in the August 20 Primary election.

You will receive a sample ballot in the mail before the November election UNLESS you are registered to vote by mail — then you'll receive your actual ballot.

Many of the candidates will be at the SVCA on August 6 for our Meet the Candidates Night, which we've been holding since 2008. The Supervisor's office will be there to answer questions and register voters. See all the details about this event on page 2 of this issue.



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**All Active SVCA  
Members**



# VOTE

Please visit [www.southvenice.org](http://www.southvenice.org)  
to vote on changes to the  
**Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.**  
It will take a majority vote of the membership to  
officially adopt the new Governing Documents.  
**Thank you!**



## **GOT AN EVENT? You can rent the hall!**

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FROM TERESA GOOD, SHAMROCK PARK

## What's up at the Park

### Demonstration Garden Tours

First Thursday of each month. 9:00 to 11:00am. Ages 18 and up. FREE. Meet in the Demonstration Garden.



Master Gardener volunteers will be in the Demonstration Garden at the Park to answer questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-Friendly landscaping. No registration necessary. For information, call 941-861-5000.

### Plant Clinic

First and third Saturdays of the month. 10:00am to noon. At the Nature Center. FREE.

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

## Sign the petition for the Right to Clean Water Amendment

The state is not enforcing clean water legislation according to Florida environmental laws, legislative intent and constitutional policy. We are collecting petitions to get this Amendment on the November ballot. You can download the petition at [floridarighttocleanwater.org](http://floridarighttocleanwater.org) and drop it at the SVCA office.

## Community Improvement Projects



To join one of our teams or learn more contact Marla Wilcox at [Marlawilcox63@gmail.com](mailto:Marlawilcox63@gmail.com) or 303-818-3641

### SEMINOLE DRIVE CLEAN UP

Saturday, August 10 - 8:00am

(meet at Quincey and Burke))

### ALLIGATOR DRIVE CLEAN UP

Saturday, September 14 - 8:00am

(meet in SVCA parking lot)



CERT: Community Emergency Response Team  
Thursday, August 22 at 6:30pm  
At Venice Gardens Community Center

## REMEMBER

Wi-Fi logins at SVCA have changed!



NETWORK NAME

SVCA guest

LOGIN

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SVCA email address and web addresses have changed.

Please adjust your contact lists.

Note also that the new URL is very similar to the old one.

The new website is [southvenice.org](http://southvenice.org)

## Yoga with Jodie

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 8:30 TO 9:30AM



Jodie Cooper, a Registered Yoga Teacher, will guide you through all levels, from the very beginner to more advanced yogi – where YOU are with YOUR body. The fee is \$10.00 per class. Please bring your own yoga mat and any props you may find helpful.



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### 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.



**(941) 244-9300**



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## The Heart of South Venice since 1955

**For 69 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

### One Community, One Mission

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

**JOIN or renew your membership today at [southvenice.org](http://southvenice.org). Just click on Member tab**

# It was a busy season at SVCA!



From October through May, SVCA was hopping this year. We had Pancake Breakfasts, Fish Fries, Taco Tuesdays, Breakfast with Santa, Wine and Cheese Socials, Breakfast with the Bunny, Bingo, Plant sales, fun fundraisers for Pickleball courts, a Flea Market and Brat Fry , Arts and Crats Fair, Yoga Classes, Jazzercise . . . and so much community outreach: Trash Buddies, Alligator Fest, Community Emergency Response Team, CPR Training . . . And more!



SOUTH VENICE CIVIC ASSOCIATION & SOUTH VENICE BEACH AND ENDOWMENT TRUST

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our organizations are looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

We are seeking individuals with leadership skills and innovative ideas for board member and trustee positions.

Contact us today to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

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# AUGUST 2024

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## COMING THIS SEASON

**Zumba classes** begins SEPTEMBER 2 • **Fish Fry Fridays** resume SEPTEMBER 13 • **General Meetings** resume SEPTEMBER 16

**Relay for Life** SEPTEMBER 26 • **Pancake Breakfasts** are back starting OCTOBER 12

**Monthly Bingo & Dinners** starting OCTOBER 24 • **Pickleball Tournament** NOVEMBER 22

**A Night of Music** NOVEMBER 16 • **Thanksgiving Dinner** NOVEMBER 28 • **Arts and Crafts Fair** DECEMBER 7

and you won't want to miss our **New Years Eve Casino Night** DECEMBER 31

# Fish-Fry Fridays are back!

**September 13,  
5:00 to 8:00pm**



Choice of fish or shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, hush puppies.

*Join us for an evening of fun  
and food with friends!*

**CASH BAR—Wine and Beer**

SOCIAL HOUR 5:00 to 6:00 • Dinner 6:00 to 7:00

**Tickets \$15** Get them now at  
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## **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— from tree  
trimming, ditch mowing, and code enforcement to  
water & sewer.

**Together, we work to keep South Venice Beach  
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Beautiful Neighborhoods Initiative • Water Quality  
Task Force • Trash Buddies • Community Emer-  
gency Response Team • Government Affairs Com-  
mittee to track issues and liaise with the County

**Remember: New Wi-Fi logins at SVCA**

Be sure to reconnect to access our free Wi-Fi

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## **T-Shirts**

**Members S-XL \$10**

**Members 2X-5X \$12**

**Non-Members S-XL \$12**

**Non-Members 2X-5X \$15**

### **This season's hurricane names**

Alberto	Helene	Oscar
Beryl	Isaac	Patty
Chris	Joyce	Rafael
Debby	Kirk	Sara
Ernesto	Leslie	Tara
Francine	Milton	Valerie
Gordon	Nadine	William

# HOME SALES June 16 to July 15, 2024

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	Lot Size	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
2085 REDFERN RD	958	2	1	1969	None		9,622	109	\$190,000	\$185,000
100 CORAL RD	1,126	2	2	1962	None	1	8,000	12	\$289,900	\$275,000
3444 PAPAYA RD	1,270	2	2	1979	None	1	8,000	100	\$345,000	\$320,000
908 POINCIANA RD	1,223	2	2	1986	None	1	12,000	4	\$349,900	\$345,000
1056 MOHAWK RD	1,629	2	2	1983	None	2	10,000	302	\$349,000	\$345,000
3925 STERLING RD	1,464	2	2	1974	None	1	8,800	73	\$369,900	\$355,000
5224 LEMON BAY DR	1,455	2	2	1982	None	2	20,000	118	\$400,000	\$375,000
2831 FIESTA DR	1,430	3	2	1979	None	2	8,000	73	\$389,900	\$379,000
1251 SOUTHLAND RD	1,805	3	2	1991	None	2	10,000	4	\$375,000	\$380,000
1175 RINGTAIL RD	1,356	3	2	1976	Private	2	8,000	17	\$399,000	\$399,000
180 AURORA RD	1,358	2	2	1981	Private	1	10,000	1	\$425,000	\$425,000
764 CYPRESS RD	1,835	3	3	1990	Private	2	12,000	122	\$499,900	\$525,000
1375 HORIZON RD	1,427	2	2	1970	None	1	8,000	74	\$355,000	\$342,500
595 CONSTANCE RD	1,135	2	1	1971	None		8,000	34	\$269,000	\$269,000
207 ABALONE RD	1,009	3	2	1988	None	2	8,000	68	\$359,900	\$337,000
1360 PORPOISE RD	1,390	2	2	1985	None	2	12,000	107	\$395,000	\$360,100
4890 POMPANO RD	2,155	4	2	1974	Private		12,000	98	\$450,000	\$420,000
390 RANDOLPH RD	1,357	2	2	1979	Private	1	8,000	42	\$474,900	\$425,000
880 SUNRISE RD	1,608	3	2	1982	Private	1	8,000	66	\$449,900	\$440,000
1467 TINAMOU RD	1,660	3	2	2014	None	2	8,000	11	\$464,900	\$445,000
3091 CONCORD RD	1,512	3	2	2023	None	2	8,000	147	\$464,825	\$464,825
550 FOXGLOVE RD	1,592	3	2	2014	Private	2	8,000	216	\$525,000	\$500,000
3947 COLEMAN RD	1,792	3	2	1989	Private	2	12,000	53	\$534,500	\$525,000
864 GULL RD	1,101	2	2	1973	None	2	10,000	162	\$310,000	\$300,000
1516 POINCIANA RD	1,324	2	2	1981	None	2	8,000	106	\$389,900	\$350,000
5431 MIAMI RD	1,148	2	2	1980	None	1	10,000	78	\$310,000	\$305,000
575 RANDOLPH RD	1,308	2	2	1974	Private	1	8,000	0	\$225,000	\$225,000
2590 MOHEGAN RD	1,314	2	1	1976	None	1	8,000	206	\$299,900	\$285,000



**Welcome to the best neighborhood in Sarasota County!**





# State of the Market

from **KELLEY ANN AYERS**, Ayers & Associates Real Estate

The real estate activity in South Venice Beach from this period experienced a slight increase compared to historical data for the same period, still indicating promising activity. This increase is significant considering the challenges posed by new construction homes with HOA fees and deed restrictions, factors that may not align with the preferences of all potential buyers, particularly those seeking second homes or relocation options.

The observed uptick signals a resilient interest in the area, highlighting the potential for ongoing market growth despite these obstacles.

During this timeframe, the highest sale in South Venice Beach was located at 3947 Coleman Rd, which closed at \$525,000. This home stood out due to its features including a refinished interior and exterior, pool, vaulted ceilings, wood finishings on the ceilings, and expansive patio, that contributed to its status in the market. In contrast, the lowest sale during this period was a 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom property on Redfern Rd near Gentian Rd, which sold for \$190,000.

This significant disparity in sale prices highlights the diverse range of properties available in South Venice Beach, appealing to varying buyer preferences and budget considerations.

The market's average statistics remained steady, with an average square foot price of \$259.93, an average sale price of \$367,908, and an average of 86 days on the market. Currently, there are 38 pending sales and 103 active listings here, ranging in price from \$209,900 to \$950,000.

Despite challenges like inventory issues and higher interest rates, there's promise for both buyers and sellers in the market. We're located at 718 Albee Rd W in Nokomis—we've recently sold 25 homes and we serve as a central hub for navigating the thriving real estate market, offering seamless transactions and even inviting visitors to enjoy an ice cream treat at Sweet Melissa's, conveniently located next door.



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