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South Venice Beach Wave

SEPTEMBER 2024

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Friday, SEPT 13

SOCIAL HOUR 5-7:00pm DINNER 8:00pm

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Monday, SEPTEMBER 16 at 7:00pm

General Meeting

Welcome back everyone and come learn about Senior care solutions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Saturday, SEPT 7 at 9:00am

GARDEN CLUB Monday, SEPT 16 at 1:00pm

TRASH BUDDIES Saturday, SEPT 14 at 8:00am

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Thursday, SEPT 26 at 6:30pm
at Venice Gardens Comm. Center

Garden Club and SVCA joined forces for grounds clean-up

FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN, GARDEN CLUB

SVCA members joined forces August 17 with members of the South Venice Garden Club to weed, prune, and spruce up the Association building. The SVCA Board with the Garden Club organized the event and kept volunteers hydrated and fed. It was a great opportunity to see friends again and make new ones. Watch these pages for the next scheduled cleanup opportunity.

Jeff Davis pruned, weeded, and ran the leaf blower while Ginny White, Susan Juranek, and Diana Brannon took a moment in the shade.

Susan Juranek, SVCA Board member and Garden Club Treasurer, who organized the event said "I love this gem of a community we live in! Recently I put out a call for landscape cleanup volunteers to help at the SVCA and I was overwhelmed by the great turnout! We had 14 people working the clean up and what a differ-

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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 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, a can opener and 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.

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We love to hear from you!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Board Matters



FROM PAUL GILMARTIN

Over the last year, we have been revising and updating the SVCA’s corporate filings and By-laws. For any of you who have done this sort of work you know it to be very intense task.

We’ve finished our part and now it’s YOUR turn to participate—but all YOU have to do is vote to approve the revised documents. They’re on the website and you can read them and vote right there. *(Or just vote if you trust we got it right!)*

In the Summer issue of the WAVE, we asked everyone to do this, and now we’re asking again. This is important—if enough of you fail to vote, the corporate papers can’t be filed and we’ll be operating by very outdated By-laws.

So please, go to the SVCA website and click on 2024 Governing Documents vote. Please do it now. And thank you.

THIS YEAR OF 2024 will wind down before we know it, and that means your Board has two important and imminent tasks.

1. Board elections—we have formed a nominating committee and invite SVCA members, if interested, to put your name forward for one of our Board seats for 2025. Just email the office or any Board member if you’re interested or have questions. A slate of nominees will be published in the December WAVE and then presented to the members in January for a vote.

The Board is required to appoint a new Trustee to the Beach Endowment each year by December 31. The Trustee is appointed for five-years. If you’ve any interest, you may contact the office or any Board member and we’ll walk you through the process.

County buys environmentally sensitive South Venice land

(Adapted from original article by Kayla Esbaugh in the Venice Gondolier)

By KAYLA ESHBAUGH

Sarasota County has acquired 4.38 acres of land in South Venice as part of the county’s Land Acquisition and Management Program.

The newest land acquisition, at Lemon Bay Drive, is a part of the South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve protection priority site, a group of board-approved properties that, if they become available, should be purchased for environmental protection. The 4.38-acre parcel has been sought after for

environmental protection since 1998, when the protection priority site was approved by County Commissioners, said Nicole Rissler, director of Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources.

“From an environmental perspective, it’s a cool piece of property,” she said. “It has a variety of different habitats, and it has a variety of different birds and animals.”

The land recently became available to purchase by the landowner, Skip Berg.

It’s predominantly mangrove swamp with some mesic hammocks and remnant scrub habitat. Among the animals who call this property home are brown pelicans, roseate spoonbills, little blue herons, green and brown anoles and gopher tortoises, a press release said.

Through its preservation, the environmental land will enhance biodiversity, protect species and habitats, establish wildlife corridors and provide nature-based recreational areas in the community.

“This is a great example that voter-approved referendum will protect land for generations to come”.


Huge thanks to Jim Drummond and Ray Martinez for volunteering their time and skills—they stepped up to fix the clogged drains in our kitchen.



The property is adjacent to or along both Lemon Bay Drive as well as Alligator Drive.



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SVCA Clean-up (continued)

ence it made!! And as a Board member, I want to express sincere thanks, on behalf of the entire board. Keep watching the Wave and your email for more ways to help. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join the SVCA!! We have some great events planned this year! Come make friends and grow your community!"

A big thank you to all our volunteers: Dianna Brannon, Nancy Darbee, Jeff Davis, Stacy and Mario Fiorentino, Jan



Horton, Susan Juranek, Gary Parker, Barb Schembri, Debbie Sullivan, Sandy Tulenko, Mary Vielhauer, Ginny White, and Alicia Wolf.

NOTE: The Garden Club resumes its monthly meetings here at 1:00pm on September 16 when we'll have our traditional "welcome back potluck, plant raffle, and a seed project. The club will 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. Join for \$20 a year for individuals; \$25 a year for families. Join us for great speakers, hands-on learning projects, field trips, and sharing gardening tips.

Zumba classes are here!

Starting September 2, we'll have Zumba classes at the SVCA every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 9:15am. First class is free, then a \$10 drop-in rate per class or a \$50 punch card for 10 classes.

Tricia Petrinovich, who has led classes at the YMCA and in her own studio will be the instructor. Zumba is for all ages and fitness levels, and mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Questions to tpetrinovich@icloud.com.



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The South Venice Trash Buddies don't stop, not even when the temperatures are soaring! Here they are on a steamy August 10 cleaning up at Seminole and Quincey. They're out there sometimes dozens of times every year doing the good work. So when you're traversing Alligator or Seminole Drive, at the Venetian Waterway or the Siesta Waterway at 'The Grove, feel grateful that these folks are keeping the trash out of sight. Thanks to Wini and Rick Boyle, Laurie Hartman, and Blaine Tippett — and, behind the camera, Marla Wilcox.



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ALLIGATOR DRIVE CLEAN UP
 Saturday, September 14 - 8:00am
 (meet in SVCA parking lot)



CERT: Community Emergency Response Team
 Thursday, Sept 26 at 6:30pm
 At Venice Gardens Community Center

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- 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. Just click on Member tab

SEE YOU THERE!

Monthly General meetings resume September 16

Summer is winding down and it's time to resume our monthly meetings. Come on down on Monday, September 16 to see your neighbors, enjoy some coffee and desserts



and meet our featured speaker, Wendy Rickenbach who will share her expertise in senior care options. She'll discuss all the options and answer your questions.

Wendy has served on the board at the Venice Yacht Club and the Sarasota County Aging Network. She has chaired the Venice Chamber Senior Resource Group, and has volunteered at many local nonprofits such as Neuro Challenge Foundation for Parkinson's, Friendship Centers, Parkinson's Place, Alzheimer's Association, Manatee County Aging Network and more. Most notably, she is this year's fund raising chair for the Venice Friendship Center.

She is an industry leader and owns her firm, Hometown Senior Care Solutions. Additionally, she holds many industry designations such as a Nationally Certified Dementia Trainer (CADDCT), a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP), a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS), a Certified Care Transition Fellow (CTCF), a Certified Montessori Dementia Care Professional (CMCP) and a Certified Senior Advisor (CSA). So join us and get your questions answered.

At our October meeting, our neighbor Teresa Good, Shamrock Park Naturalist. Many of you know Teresa or have seen her here before. It's always a good program.



Our Meet the Candidates Night in August brought the candidates to SVCA!!



FROM TERESA GOOD, SHAMROCK PARK

What's up at the Park



Demonstration Garden Tour: First Thursday of each month.9:00 to 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.

Plant Clinic: First and third Saturdays of the month. 10:00am to noon. Meet at 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 10am and noon. While you're there, check out the nature center displays and children's center!

I look forward to seeing you all at your October meeting! Thanks for the invitation.

Fish-Fry Fridays are back !

September 13

Social hour 5:00 to 6:00pm

Dinner 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, Beer, Soda, Water Plus a 'specialty cocktail'

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TICKETS
Members \$15
Non-members \$17

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SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Calvary Chapel Service 10:00am	2 Calvary Chapel Service 10:00am	3 ZUMBA 8:30am	4 YOGA 9:00-10:00am Calvary Chapel Bible Study 7:00pm	5 ZUMBA 8:30am	6 FISH FRY FRIDAY 5:00 to 8:00pm	7 SVCA BOARD MTG 9:00am
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STILL COMING THIS SEASON

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 • New Years Eve Casino Night DECEMBER 31

WE MODERNIZED THIS YEAR

Remember this? Our new digital membership has so many benefits for you!

In case you've forgotten, your membership will now be on a rolling calendar, so your one-year membership begins when you join and runs for the next 12 months. Once you've created an account on the website (click MEMBERSHIPS) you will thereafter have access to the membership portal and member benefits.

Here's the best part, we're adding member-only features to the website—you don't want to miss out on important information! You'll be able to sign up for events, buy tickets and so much more.

And another reminder . . .

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 (not southvenicebeach.org).

NOTE: If you have not received any emails from the SVCA in the past two months please call the office to update your information.

Any questions? You can call Jodie at 941-493-0006 during office hours or email her at SVCA@southvenice.org

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HOME SALES July 16 to August 15, 2024

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	Lot Size	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
1227 PORPOISE RD	1,152	3	2	1971	None		8,000	3	\$209,900	\$199,000
810 KIMBALL RD	768	2	1	1964	None		8,000	58	\$299,900	\$250,000
4432 POMPANO RD	1,329	2	2	1978	None	2	10,000	9	\$290,000	\$270,000
644 TANAGER RD	1,077	3	2	1973	None	1	8,000	102	\$321,000	\$305,000
875 GULL RD	1,142	3	2	1976	None		8,000	50	\$318,000	\$308,000
707 PALMETTO DR	1,108	2	2	1990	None	2	8,000	113	\$310,000	\$330,000
625 ALTAIR RD	1,921	3	2	1977	None	2	10,000	24	\$389,000	\$384,000
1260 RUBY RD	1,537	3	2	1975	Private	1	10,000	5	\$419,000	\$390,000
4851 NEPTUNE RD	1,657	3	2	2017	None	2	8,000	7	\$405,000	\$405,000
1453 RINGTAIL RD	1,534	2	2	1981	Private	2	10,000	26	\$449,000	\$430,000
1066 FUNDY RD	1,439	3	2	1982	None	1	8,000	6	\$430,000	\$438,000
151 CRANE RD	911	2	2	1980	None	1	8,000	93	\$300,000	\$294,000
701 JAMAICA RD	827	2	1	1959	None		8,000	83	\$258,900	\$250,000
3097 CONCORD RD	1,604	3	2	1982	None	2	8,000	19	\$355,000	\$355,000
392 PURDUE RD	1,520	3	2	1972	None	2	10,158	60	\$359,900	\$359,000
421 MORNINGSIDE RD	1,342	2	2	1978	Private	1	8,800	4	\$384,900	\$400,000
4892 KENT RD	1,730	3	2	1993	Private	2	12,000	47	\$420,000	\$418,000
330 SUNSET BEACH DR	1,884	3	2	1976	Private	1	8,504	84	\$449,000	\$425,000
4050 HIBISCUS RD	1,835	3	2	2023	None	2	8,000	186	\$482,209	\$472,209
700 BRADENTON RD	1,858	3	2	1996	Private	2	12,000	41	\$579,000	\$540,000
357 RALLUS RD	1,726	3	2	2024	None	2	8,000	50	\$575,000	\$575,000
490 E BAFFIN DR	1,532	3	1	1957	None	1	8,200	39	\$340,000	\$333,500
1115 PONDEROSA RD	1,094	2	2	1990	Private	2	10,000	2	\$350,000	\$350,000
555 TANAGER RD	1,992	3	2	1978	None	2	12,000	18	\$435,000	\$435,000
5075 LEMON BAY DR	1,508	3	1	1956	Private		22,214	92	\$364,900	\$360,000
901 PIEDMONT RD	1,716	3	2	1969	Private	2	12,000	103	\$524,900	\$502,500
240 S VENICE BLVD	1,201	2	2	1960	None		8,000	6	\$239,900	\$234,000
655 LEHIGH RD	1,148	3	2	2004	None	2	10,000	18	\$375,000	\$362,500
1041 S VENICE BLVD	1,610	2	2	1976	None	2	10,000	3	\$379,900	\$375,000

Data is Based on information from Stellar MLS and sourced by Ayers & Associates Real Estate, Katheren E. Ayers
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Welcome to the best neighborhood in Sarasota County!



State of the Market

From **KELLY ANN AYERS, Ayers & Associates**



Activity in South Venice Beach experienced a modest uptick compared to historical data for the same period, signaling promising market activity. This increase is noteworthy given 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 rise reflects a resilient interest in the area, suggesting potential for continued market growth despite these challenges.

During this timeframe, the highest sale here was property at 357 Rallus Rd, which closed at \$575,000. This home stood out due to its features: new construction, vaulted ceilings, wood finishings, tray ceilings, and beautiful French doors to enter. In contrast, the lowest sale during this period was a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom property on Porpoise Rd, which sold for \$199,000. 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 stable, with an average selling price per square foot of \$261.89, an average sale price of \$370,680, and an average of 55 days on the market. Currently, there are 26 pending homes and 100 active listings, ranging in price from \$220,000 to \$950,000. Despite challenges like inventory issues and higher interest rates, there's promise for both buyers and sellers in the market.

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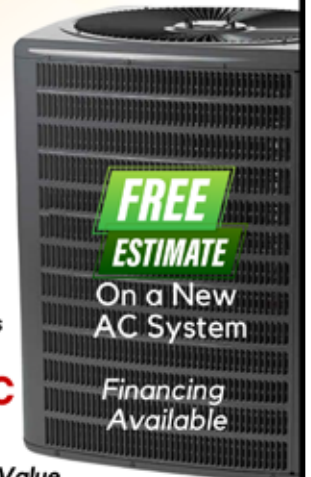
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