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# South Venice Beach Wave

**OCTOBER 2024**

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## Upcoming

**Saturday, OCTOBER 12**



**Pancake  
Breakfast**

8:00 to 10:00am

**Friday, OCTOBER 18**

SOCIAL HOUR 5:00pm DINNER 6:00pm

**Fish Fry  
Friday**



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**Monday, OCT 21 at 7:00pm**

**General Meeting**

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**Thursday, OCT  
24 at 6:30pm**

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Night**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Saturday, OCTOBER 5 at 9:00am**

**GARDEN CLUB**

**Monday, OCTOBER 21 at 1:00pm**

**BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 10 at 1:00pm**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

**Thursday, OCTOBER 24 at 6:30pm**

*Over 50 people at Season's first Fish Fry!*



**A terrific turnout at our September Fish Fry. Great food and drinks and great fun! We'll be doing this every month. Don't miss the next one.**

TIME TO CLEAN THE GARAGE!

**Dumpster Day coming back to South Venice**

Again this year, Sarasota County will hold a South Venice 'Dumpster Day' right here on Saturday, October 18 from 8:00am to noon. You can bring any household items, yard waste, tree trimmings and any other refuse or waste you wish to discard and leave them in the provided dumpsters. The County will collect the dumpsters afterward.

Besides the dumpsters at the SVCA, they will also be at the Ferry field on Lemon Bay Drive.

(NOTE: Appliances and up to four auto tires and hazardous materials (paint, oil, aerosols) will NOT be accepted—those have to go to the Department's Main Site at 8750 Bee Ridge Rd in Sarasota.)



# South Venice Civic Association

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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

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!** We need all members to vote to approve the revised By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. 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 and September issues 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.**

### Financial Summary: As of August 31, 2024

In July 2024 the SVCA switched to a new accounting software and reorganized the account categories and changed some accounting procedures. Note that now the financials below include the donations of \$13,500 into the Pickleball Reserve Fund. (The Court is slated for construction in Fall 2024).

• Current Assets:	\$59,907
• Fixed Assets:	\$30,492
• Total Assets:	\$90,400
• Total Liabilities:	\$ 2,241
• Total Income/gross Profit:	\$63,637
• Total Expenses:	\$43,940
• Net income:	\$20,298

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

### Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on September 7 for Executive session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Reviewed the 2024 financial reports
- Discussed preparations for 2025 Budget
- Discussed Parking lot renovation strategy and getting quotes
- Discussed Pickleball status and plans for October construction. Approved Pickleball rules
- Approved prices and event schedule for Fall 2024
- Approved sale of alcohol at SVCA events for members only. Non members can purchase a one-time day membership for any event with alcohol.
- Discussed and approved building and grounds items

- Progress attracting candidates for the SVBET trustees and SVCA board of directors.

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

## SVCA has a busy 2024-25 season planned for you

As you'll see in this issue's calendar (page 8) and on the pages throughout this issue, we're planning numerous events this season. Many will be monthly and include our long time monthly Pancake Breakfast plus Fish Fry Fridays, and Thursday Bingo Nights and Dinner. And the Pickleball Club will kick off the new courts with our first tournament in November.

There will be Music Nights and Cocktail Socials (starting with Holiday party in December) and New Year's Eve Casino night.

There will be a Thanksgiving dinner here on November 28 (details to follow). Also, we'll resume the Arts and Crafts Fair on December 7 and the Flea Market on January 20.

Of course, SVCA's traditional Breakfast with Santa and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny are on the calendar.

Our monthly meetings are underway again with speakers, SVCA news—and the time to visit friends and neighbors over coffee and desserts.

So, be a part of it all. We're going to have some fun!

**Welcome to our newest members!**

Ann Bunting   James Condo  
Dean Mathews   Lisa Therrien

*Membership makes us strong!*



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# Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday 10/12**  
**8-10 am**

**Enjoy Breakfast with Your Friends & Community**

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**Sausage**  
**Potatoes**  
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**SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB**

# Clippings

and we will wrap up our day with a stop at the All Native Garden Center and Plants. Contact Susan Juranek at (941) 275-5401 for more information or to sign up. Our group is growing! We welcome everyone, so come join in the fun!

On October 21, we will host Ian Wolinsky (The Gourmet Gardener). *(Continued on page 7)*

**BY SUSAN JURANEK**

With our first meeting of the season on September 16, the garden club is back in full swing!

For our traditional start of the season, we had a well-attended potluck that had so many delicious dishes. Everyone had the opportunity to take home seeds, in hopes of successfully cultivating plants for our

future plant sales.

The plant raffles had a nice assortment of plants, fresh herbs and garden accessories.

We have several outings planned for this season. Our first club outing is on Thursday, October 3 with a day trip to the Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, home to the rare ghost orchid and to an abundance of wildlife. A restaurant lunch stop is planned,



**RIGHT: Eve Schuler snagged a great plant.**

**BELOW: Great crowd at our September meeting.**








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 SVCA guest

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 Note also that the new URL is  
 southvenice.org (not southvenicebeach.org)

**Who is ACTIVELY fighting against OVER DEVELOPMENT??**

<b>SHARI</b>	vs	<b>TOM</b>
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Challenges Zoning and Comp Plan Changes at County Commission Meetings		<b>Where's Tom??</b> Silence = NO action
Calling for <b>Independent Flood Assessment</b> NOW		<b>Where's Tom??</b> Silence = NO action
Called for a <b>pause on Large Development</b> (for public safety)		<b>Where's Tom??</b> Silence = NO action

*Shari is standing up for you now...* **Where is Tom??**

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**Thursday**  
**October 24 6:30pm**  
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## Best of Venice Winner for 2023



### In a Quiet House

**Blair Post**, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA

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Karen handles the reminder calls to our clients and finds it amusing when they answer and say, "I don't hear well, can you speak up?" It turns out they usually aren't wearing their hearing aids when they take the call, which is why they struggle to hear.

When she asks why they aren't wearing their hearing aids, the most common response is, "I'm in a quiet house." Karen understands their logic is I don't need to hear as much since the house is quiet.

However, hearing isn't just about the volume of sound, it is also about what sounds your brain notices.

If you've ever gotten a new fridge it seems to have the noisiest ice maker ever created. It isn't too loud, your brain is showing off by highlighting a new sound you weren't aware of. Over time you will stop hearing your ice maker. Your brain will learn to ignore it. The volume of the ice maker hasn't changed, your attention to that sound has diminished.

Similarly, when wearing your hearing aids consistently your brain will alert you to sounds that aren't common for you or to sounds you want to hear.

Hearing speech in noisy environments relies heavily on your ability to focus your attention. High-quality hearing aids that enhance speech in noise can give you an edge in crowded or noisy settings, such as restaurants. By consistently wearing your hearing aids, even in quiet situations, you train your brain to prioritize important sounds, like speech, and filter out background noise.

By wearing your hearing aids even in a quiet house, you can tell your brain what to ignore. Like all things, listening takes practice. In this case, just wearing your hearing aids in all environments gets you to hear your best. Also, when Karen calls with your appointment reminder you will hear her clearly.



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### 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**

## ***Garden Club Clippings*** *continued*

He will share his knowledge of herb cultivation and he and his wife, Sharon, will also bring plants and garden accessories available to purchase. Ian is quite lively and entertaining. You won't want to miss it!!

Join us for great speakers, hands-on learning projects, field trips, sharing gardening tips and more. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month. Visitors are always welcome. First visit as guest is free. Join for \$20/year, individual; \$25/year, family.

**Club President Eve Schuler lists as Bruce Paulsen, Vice President and Presentation Coordinator, presented a program about seeds.**



## 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.*

## FROM GAIL PARKER

### ***SVCA Book Club***

The Club resumes our meetings on Wednesday, October 30 at 1:00pm. This is a new day for us as we have traditionally met on Tuesdays and it could change again if there is a scheduling conflict with the SVCA in the future.

At this October meeting we will be discussing future books to read, so anyone who joins us on the 10th, please bring your recommendations.



### **TRASH BUDDIES *Always on the job!***

On September, our committed and hardy Trash Buddies cleaned up Alligator Drivel from the SVCA all the way up to US41. Thanks to Wini Boyle, Gary Bennett, Marla Wilcox, Laurie Hartman, and our Colorado guest not pictured, Angela McDonald.

### **Florida Native Plant Society: NATURE WALKS**

**Monday, Oct 21, 9:00-11:00am.** Dr. Mary Davis leads a walk at the Manasota Scrub Preserve, 2695 Bridge St., Englewood. Meet at the kiosk at the parking lot on the left.  
**Thursday, Oct 31, 9:00-11:00am.** Carlton Reserve in Venice. Meet at the first parking lot off the entrance road. Both events are free and all are welcome. For more info, contact [mangrovechapter@fnps.org](mailto:mangrovechapter@fnps.org).

## **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

### **VENETIAN WATERWAY CLEAN-UP**

**October 12 at 8:00am**

(Meet by tennis courts in Shamrock Park)

### **THE GROVE CLEAN-UP**

**October 19 at 8:00am**

(Quincy between Seminole and Grant)



**CERT: Community Emergency Response Team**

**Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6:30pm**

At Venice Gardens Community Center

# OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ZUMBA 8:30am	2 YOGA 9:00-10:00am Calvary Chapel Bible Study 7:00pm	3 ZUMBA 8:30am	4	5 SVCA BOARD MTG 9:00am
6 Calvary Chapel Service 10:00am	7	8 ZUMBA 8:30am Relay for Life 6:00-8:00pm	9 YOGA 9:00-10:00am Calvary Chapel Bible Study 7:00pm	10 ZUMBA 8:30am BOOK CLUB 1:00pm	11	12 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:00 to 10:00am
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20 Calvary Chapel Service 10:00am	21 GARDEN CLUB 1:00pm General Monthly Meeting 7:00pm	22 ZUMBA ZU8:30am	23 YOGA 9:00-10:00am Calvary Chapel Bible Study 7:00pm	24 ZUMBA 8:30am C.E.R.T. 6:30pm At Venice Gardens CC BINGO NIGHT/DINNER 5:30pm	25	26
27 Calvary Chapel Service 10:00am	28	29 ZUMBA ZU8:30am	30 YOGA 9:00-10:00am Calvary Chapel Bible Study 7:00pm			

## STILL COMING THIS SEASON

Montly Pancake Breakfasts second Saturday • Monthly Bingo & Dinners fourth Thursday  
 Pickleball Tournament NOVEMBER 22 (we hope!) • A Night of Music NOVEMBER 16 • Thanksgiving Dinner NOVEMBER 28  
 Arts and Crafts Fair DECEMBER 7 • New Years Eve Casino Night DECEMBER 31

*What a great turnout at our September meeting !*

BELOW is Kay Anderson with her husband. Kay is historically the longest member of the SVCA. She even visited her grandparents here as a girl, before the intracoastal and before there even was an SVCA! And everyone was paying attention to Wendy Rickenbach's presentation on senior care options.



Deputy Kathy Duff of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department has become an honorary member as she reports every month on local activity. ABOVE, SVCA President Sandy Tulenko passes the mic.



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# HOME SALES August 16 to September 15, 2024

Address	HTD	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	Lot Size	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
4163 STROMBUS RD	2,265	3	3	2024	None	3	12,328	35	\$553,195	\$548,195
5060 LEMON BAY DR	1,748	3	3	1980	None	1	43,690	149	\$599,000	\$525,000
624 NIGHTINGALE RD	2,251	3	2	1975	Private	2	10,001	163	\$524,800	\$515,000
2240 GENTIAN RD	1,260	2	2	2005	Private	2	8,000	64	\$409,000	\$397,000
4215 PANDORA RD	1,606	3	2	1978	Private		8,000	5	\$389,900	\$385,000
525 W BAFFIN DR	1,532	3	2	1987	None	2	10,000	29	\$375,000	\$362,500
166 TULANE RD	1,335	2	2	2016	None	2	8,000	8	\$369,900	\$350,000
315 AZURE RD	1,435	2	2	1979	Private		8,000	100	\$349,900	\$349,900
4448 POMPANO RD	1,599	2	2	1978	Private	2	10,000	66	\$365,000	\$345,000
1215 RINGTAIL RD	1,461	3	2	2001	None	2	10,000	21	\$349,900	\$340,000
2600 OSAGE RD	1,514	4	2	1977	None	1	8,000	6	\$350,000	\$339,000
1481 OLYMPIA RD	1,579	2	2	1990	None	1	16,000	52	\$375,000	\$325,000
890 PONDEROSA RD	1,286	2	2	1978	None	1	8,000	3	\$274,000	\$274,000
180 ABALONE RD	1,485	3	2	1982	None	2	8,000	89	\$279,900	\$270,000
519 BRADENTON RD	1,496	2	2	1976	Private	1	8,000	115	\$359,900	\$270,000
717 ROANOKE RD	1,662	2	2	1980	None	1	13,348	42	\$312,900	\$263,000
71 BOWDOIN RD	1,254	2	2	1979	None	1	12,000	7	\$220,000	\$236,000

Data is Based on information from Stellar MLS and sourced by Ayers & Associates Real Estate, Katheren E. Ayers  
Licensed Real Estate Broker, for the period of August 16 to September 15, 2024



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





# State of the Market

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

## Activity in South

Real estate activity here experienced a slight decrease this period compared to historical data for the same period, but signs signal promising market activity. This decrease is still 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 subside often still reflects a resilient interest in the area, suggesting potential for continued market growth despite these challenges.

This period, the highest sale in South Venice Beach was the property located at 4163 Strombus Rd, which closed at \$548,195. This home stood out due to its features. It was built in 2024, has an expansive 3 car garage, vaulted ceilings, 3 bedrooms plus a den. The open floor plan contributed to its status in the market. In contrast, the lowest sale during this period was a 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom property on Bowdoin Rd, which sold for \$236,000. 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 \$227.57, an average sale price of \$358,506, and an average of 56 days on the market. Currently, there are 29 pending homes and 100 active listings here, ranging in price from \$219,900 to \$899,000.

Despite challenges like inventory issues and higher interest rates, there's promise for both buyers and sellers in the market.

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