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Cherry Giovinazzo, Diana Brannan and Susan Juranek (who's heading up fundraising) with me reaffirming our commitment to SVCA's future!

***Be a part of our recovery
– we need you!***



FROM SUSAN JURANEK

Is fundraising or "building community" your thing? Have you worked in marketing or fundraising/grant writing? The SVCA needs your help. I am charged with forming a committee to develop and implement a marketing strategy to grow our membership.

We're also forming a team to handle fundraising for building repairs, which Sandy addresses in her column.

I will also be looking for a few people willing to take on leadership roles in specific areas - the board can't do it alone. If you feel the SVCA provides value to our community, we need you to help revitalize this great organization that benefits our entire community and is a critical asset to the over 7000+ homes in South Venice.

We need to reach more people. We have momentum, now we just need you!

Contact me at susanjuranek@gmail.com or 941 275-5401.

Our future looks brighter!

FROM SANDY TULENKO, SVCA PRESIDENT



I write this letter with joy in my heart. Since our last General Meeting, much has happened. Our sadness over the hurricane damage to our building was clearly shared by our members and others in our community.

We have now assembled a Renovation Committee, and they are proving to be a power-house task force. Each member brings expertise and energy to the table. Board members have also received calls

from others in the community offering to pitch in. This is what community is all about.

Volunteers have begun the work of removing the old closets and cabinets from the backroom, along with all wood structures which got wet and could lead to mold growth. Other work committees are being organized to continue this momentum. **(And there's always room for one more! Call or email me if you would like to be notified of our next workday. All are welcome and we'd especially love to hear from you if you have skills that would help in our renovation process).**

People have already donated money earmarked for remediation and renovation. This has been a lifesaver as grant money or SBA loan money will not be forthcoming for months – so it makes a big difference that any donations you are considering be given now, rather than later.

Please know that, as we enter our 70th Anniversary Year, your Board of Directors remain committed to ensuring that the SVCA continues its role at the heart of South Venice for years to come.

Your membership is more important than ever this coming year – so watch your inbox; you'll get a notification to renew online when your membership comes due. (Feel free to make an online donation to our renovation fund while your there!)

You know, as do we, how much SVCA has meant and will continue to mean to South Venice. Know too, that some hurricane damage is not enough to shut us down - we will NOT let that happen.

We're going to skip all December events, including the General Meeting and hope to see you back here in the very near future for Pancake Breakfasts, the Friday Fish Fry, Bingo and so much more.

Thank you all, Sandy

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The SVCA Trash Buddies were back at work on November 9 after Hurricane Milton. They cleaned up Seminole and Quincy as well as the Grove. The hearty souls present were Rick Boyle, Kristi Alma Jose, Stephen Brown, Blaine Tippett, and behind the camera, Marla Wilcox.

New garbage carts coming

Have you heard about Fresh Start with a Cart? New automated garbage collection service is coming to unincorporated Sarasota County in March 2025. They will be like your recycle cart, but for garbage. The County is offering three sizes and you'll have to make your own choice by December 31. You can do that at scgov.net/freshstartwithacart or call 941-861-5000 for assistance.

You should have received a postcard with the information, including a personal verification code. If you don't have that, use the phone number. The cart sizes are 95 gallon, 65 gallon or 35 gallon (the blue recycle cart you have now is the 65 gallon size). When choosing, keep in mind that now all garbage must fit in the cart—you can no longer just leave it out at the curb.



Calvary Chapel Sonlife Sunday Morning at 10:00am

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm

Right Here at the SVCA



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It's happening!

December 1 was the Opening Day of Pickleball Play on SVCA Grass Roots refurbished court. Left to right are the inaugural players: Stanley Carnes, Mark Gruen, Terry Shafer, and John McGuire.



Board Matters



FROM PAUL GILMARTIN

NOTE: Due to Hurricane Milton and the damage to our building, the Annual Business Meeting for members and the election of new directors has been moved to March 2025.

Also because of Milton, the usual financial report and board meeting summary don't appear this month, but will be back in the next issue.

But we are continuing the search for members to serve on our 2025 Board of Directors. We're also interviewing applicants for the open Trustee seat on the SVBET. If you have just a few hours per month, please consider putting yourself forward. Just contact me or Susan Juranek.

IMPORTANT!!! Some members still haven't voted on the revised SVCA By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. It is very important that all members do so. The By-Laws aren't official until a percentage of our members vote. Just go to the website—southvenice.org—and vote. Click on the *2024 Governing Documents vote* page. If you prefer, you can email me with your YES or NO vote at boardmembergil@gmail.com. Thank you!



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Update on the Pickleball Initiative progress

FROM ALBERT FRICK

The first Pickleball Court has been completed by volunteers of our grassroots *720 Alligator Club*. This pickleball court is now open for play—for members of the South Venice Civic Association. Players of ALL levels are welcome, from those who want to learn, beginners, and seasoned players.

Come enjoy your new recreational resource while appreciating physical activity, friendly competition, and camaraderie. (The SVCA office is temporarily closed but will be open shortly—so for now, please visit the SVCA website to read/refresh yourself on the SVCA Rules of conduct. Not a member? You can join while you're there at southvenice.org).

Please note that this is just the beginning. This one court was done with \$750 from the SVCA Pickleball fund, and out of pocket expenses by volunteers, to get us started. *Sport Surface Pros LLC* are contracted by SVCA to professionally renovate and resurface 4 courts in late winter to early spring of 2025. This court was done to keep the momentum and interest rolling while we are patiently waiting for the complete professional overhaul of those old basketball courts that hadn't been used in years.

By joining now, you and your guests will be able to enjoy the first court through the busy winter 'snowbird months' and have access to our Pickleball complex when the entire project is completed in a few months. Also, the money contributed now will help with associated amenities (e.g. *benches, paddle quote racks, shade/wind tarps, mobile nets based at facility, for those who don't have their own net.*) See you on the court(s)!



SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB
Clippings

FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN

At our November 18 meeting—back by popular demand - Ian Wolinsky of Englewood, better known as the Gourmet Gardener, shared his tips with us for growing herbs. Along with guests, the audience numbered almost 60 persons. Ian brought plants to sell, donated a wonderful door prize, and even made a delicious salad for all to share.

His top tip for herbs: Grow them where you'll use them – in the kitchen and by your barbecue grill. You can't be cooking food and running elsewhere to grab the herbs you need.

He and his wife, Sharon, work with community gardens, bring plants to several farmers' markets in the Venice area, help homeowners design herb and edible gardens, and also create hydroponic Gardens and aquaponic gardens. Ian is also a personal chef for customers. Their website is thegourmetgardeners.org.

The Club will hold its Holiday Party at the SVCA on Thursday, December 19 at noon. It will be a potluck of appetizers and desserts. There'll be an optional gift exchange game (value approximately \$25). There will not be a plant raffle or speaker at this event. Regular meetings resume at the SVCA on Thursday, January 20 at 1:00pm.



Among the 60 attendees were Club guest Becky Lawson with member deJarnette Wood, above. Below, member Ginny McDonald and husband Dan enjoyed the program.



Garden Club Vice-President and Presentation Coordinator Bruce Paulson with Josee Baril, admiring the plants Ian Wolinsky brought.



Above, long time Garden Club members Joe Daku and Marilyn Russell enjoyed the afternoon.



At left, Sabine Reeb, a guest, got acquainted with member Linda Cooper at the meeting.



*As we head into our 70th Anniversary year,
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During COVID-19, most people said they found us "on-line" since we couldn't meet in person. Now that we can be together again, many new clients are saying things like, "My neighbor told me I should see you because I wasn't hearing well."

One of my favorite stories came from a new client, Betty. When I asked her how she found us, she said, "I overheard my friend, Shirley, saying she loves her hearing aids." Betty said this because Shirley talked about her hearing aids in a positive way, which made Betty want to try them, too.

Betty explained that she often heard people complain about their hearing aids, especially when they had trouble understanding conversations in groups. But Shirley was at a line-dancing class and, while talking to someone else, said, "I love my hearing aids." This made Betty curious.

So, Betty walked over to Shirley and asked, "Who helps you with your hearing aids?"

When I heard this story, I felt so happy to know that Shirley's hearing aids worked well for her. Our goal is to help people hear clearly in groups. Knowing we helped Shirley hear well enough to enjoy a dance class and even tell others she loves her hearing aids is a huge success for us.

If you have trouble hearing conversations clearly in crowds, give us a call to try a free hearing aid demo. You might even find ones that you love.



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Mangrove Chapter Native Plant Society nature walks

Join the group for their nature walks. The guided walks are free and all are welcome to participate. All the walks are from 9:00 to 11:00am. For more information, contact mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12 Join Dr. Bill Dunson from the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society for a nature walk at Venice Lemon Bay Preserve - Kenisco entrance. One of the more obscure but interesting local natural areas in the Sarasota/Charlotte County area is **South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve** which is roughly broken up into three main areas. **The northern-most area is entered at 5472 Kenisco Rd (Venice) at the intersection with Euclid Rd.** We will hike about 1.5 miles through scrubby flatwoods, and pass brackish marshes, salt flats, and see Lemon Bay.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 Join the UF/IFAS Sarasota Extension Service and Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and member Dr. Mary Davis for a walk at the Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center in Englewood. Learn more about our amazing and unique Florida ecosystems as we explore the transition from coastal mangroves to upland scrub.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21 Join Dr. Bill Dunson from the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and Lemon Bay Conservancy for a walk at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve (3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Englewood). What are native plants and why are they important to habitat restoration? This is not actually a simple question to answer for two reasons- 1. Defining native vs non-native is not a black and white matter, and 2. Assuming you recognize the advantages of using some non-natives as sources of flowers, fruit and foliage, what criteria are acceptable to use some non-natives in our landscapes?

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1 Join Dr. Bill Dunson from the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and Lemon Bay Conservancy for a New Years morning walk on the Manasota Key beach. We will park in a private yard on the bayside and walk along the beach to observe the progress of on-going beach restoration after hurricane Milton. We will identify plants and animals seen and enjoy the beautiful gulf beach. We will debate various scenarios for the future of the island ecology and long-term human habitation. This event is free, and all are welcome. but reservations are required with a limit of 20 people. Carpooling is strongly advised. Contact Bill at wdunson@comcast.net. Directions to the parking area will be provided.

CHAPTER MEETING: Tuesday, December 10, 1:00pm Lemon Bay Environmental Center, 570 Bay Park Blvd, Englewood. BYOPicnic social at 12:15pm.



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November meeting brought a large crowd anxious to hear about the after-effects of Hurricane Milton on the SVCA and on the beach and its infrastructure. SVCA member Albert Frick who provided the photos of the beach in our November issue, had a Power Point presentation on what happened and what we can expect in the future.



An example of what Milton did is seen below with the reopening of Midnight Pass on Siesta Key. Top photo is before the storm, middle after the storm and the bottom photo the new Midnight Pass which is now navigable.



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Welcome to our newest members!

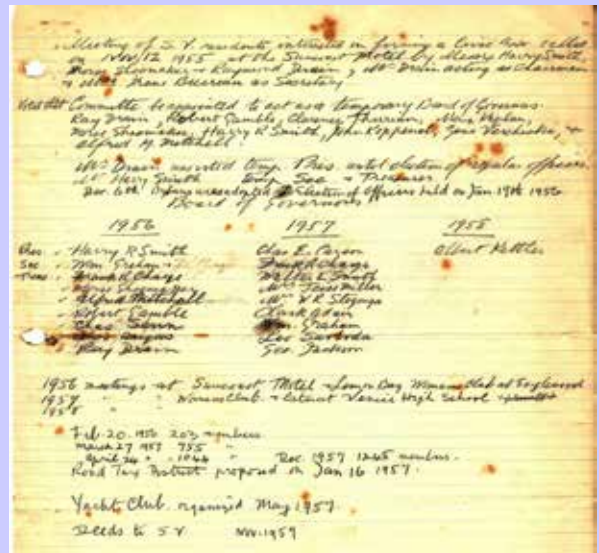
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Membership makes us strong!

Did you know?

Next year, we celebrate our 70th Birthday!

A group of neighbors met on November 12, 1955 at the Sunset Motel in South Venice to discuss forming a civic association.



These are the minutes of that original meeting—they are now housed as part of the South Venice collection at the Sarasota County historical archive.

HOME SALES October 16 to November 15, 2024

Address	HTB	BE	FB	Built	Pool	Garage	Lot Size	ADOM	List Price	Close Price
1533 NANTUCKET RD	2,010	3	2	2001	Private	2	10,000	10	\$529,000	\$515,000
800 POLARIS RD	2,117	3	3	2024	None	3	12,000	28	\$508,250	\$505,000
1656 JUPITER RD	1,603	3	2	1973	Private	1	10,000	22	\$474,000	\$460,000
537 ALTAIR RD	1,835	3	2	2024	None	2	8,000	331	\$463,330	\$455,830
521 CABANA RD	1,530	3	2	2022	None	2	8,000	277	\$460,000	\$452,000
947 SENECA RD	1,667	3	2	2017	Private	2	8,000	54	\$495,000	\$450,000
1068 HUDSON RD	1,706	3	2	1975	Private	2	8,001	12	\$449,000	\$443,000
1255 MOHAWK RD	1,228	2	2	1976	Private	2	8,000	123	\$439,000	\$400,000
1165 PORPOISE RD	2,253	3	3	1966	Private	2	24,000	395	\$435,000	\$390,000
1235 PALMETTO DR	1,246	3	2	1998	None	2	10,000	10	\$379,000	\$369,000
841 W BAFFIN DR	1,569	3	2	1975	None	1	8,000	13	\$347,000	\$330,000
711 CITRUS RD	1,252	2	2	1980	None	2	8,000	2	\$300,000	\$311,000
661 E SEMINOLE DR	1,356	2	2	1971	None	1	8,000	12	\$325,000	\$305,000
1187 NANTUCKET RD	1,506	2	2	1977	Private	2	12,000	34	\$328,900	\$300,000
620 W SEMINOLE DR	1,191	2	2	1962	None		13,518	183	\$314,222	\$300,000
421 BARD RD	1,010	2	2	1975	None	1	8,000	27	\$324,990	\$295,000
1312 JAMAICA RD	1,208	2	2	1979	None	1	8,000	3	\$289,900	\$289,900
898 TANGER RD	1,113	2	2	1979	Private	2	8,000	1	\$329,000	\$280,000
115 DARTMOUTH RD	1,082	2	2	1979	None	1	8,000	208	\$290,000	\$275,000
130 TREASURE RD	1,058	2	2	1964	None	1	10,000	6	\$250,000	\$261,000
2640 GENEVA RD	1,768	2	2	1977	Private	2	12,000	13	\$319,900	\$260,000
1171 MANGROVE RD	780	2	1	1979	None	1	8,000	11	\$239,900	\$226,000



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State of the Market

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



We certainly hope you all fared well with the stressful storm season we all had to endure this year. Please know, in the January issue of The Wave we will have the data for all of 2024! Have yourself a Happy Holiday & Cheers to 2025! May you have Happiness, Health, Wealth & the Time to Enjoy It!

Real estate activity in South Venice Beach from October 16 to November 15 showed a slight increase compared to historical data for the same period, reinforcing the ongoing positive market trends. This uptick is prominent 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.

During this period, the highest sale in South Venice Beach was the property located at 1533 Nantucket Rd, which closed at \$529,000. This home stood out due to its features: new roof, remodeled kitchen, new pool, and new AC – all of which contributed to its status in the market. In contrast, the lowest sale was a 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom property on Man-grove Rd, which sold for \$239,900. This significant disparity in sale prices highlights the diverse range of properties available in this community, appealing to varying buyer preferences and budget considerations.

The market's average statistics remained stable, with an average selling price per square foot of \$250.28, an average sale price of \$357,851, and an average of 81 days on the market. Currently, there are 21 pending homes and 123 active listings in South Venice Beach, ranging in price from \$160,000 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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