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SATURDAY, February 7 **Arts & Crafts** **Sale**

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MONDAY, February 16 7:00pm **General Meeting**

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WEDNESDAY, March 4 11:00am **Senior Health Expo**

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SATURDAY, March 7 11:00am **Garden Club Plant Sale** ANNUAL PLANT AND RUMMAGE SALE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Monday, February 9**

OPEN TO MEMBERS 3:30ppm
EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:00pm

GARDEN CLUB **Monday, February 16 at 1:00pm** **BOOK CLUB** **Tuesday, February 24 at 1:00pm**

Your 2026 Board of Directors



John Cops



Sandy Tulenko



Paul Gilmartin



Susan Juranek



Bobbie Drummond



Kathleen Martin



Gary Parker



Rick Curwood

Meet your 2026 Board of Directors

Eight directors were elected to the SVCA Board at the February 2026 Annual Meeting. They will elect their officers at their March Board meeting. The directors are:

Bobbie Drummond - Bobbie joined the SVCA Board in 2023. She and her husband Jim came here in 2019 after many years running their own very successful business in Atlanta, among them a residential painting company. Here in South Venice, they immediately became essential and dedicated volunteers She has designed and executed building improvements and promotional flyers for events. Most of all though, Bobbie has provided—and often prepared with her volunteer crew—the great dinners at SVCA. Not just casseroles and cookies—Bobbie has prepared feast after feast for us!

Paul Gilmartin - Paul came here in 2020 from San Diego, after a 30-year career in the United States Navy, retiring as a Captain. In California he served on various Boards of Directors, including non-profit boards for special education, public education, and home owner associations. A long-time visitor to Venice, Paul counts two aunts and an uncle here (including former SVCA Board member Maureen Holland), so it's a family affair!. Since joining the Board in 2022, Paul has tackled everything relat-

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Susan Juranek	Paul Gilmartin
Kathleen Martin	Gary Parker
Rick Curwood	John Cops

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2025 Beach Trust Report

FROM JOE LEWIS, TRUST CHAIR

2025 has brought significant challenges to the Trust because of the historical back to back hurricanes in late 2024.

There were significant damages to the low dock, Ferry and Ferry house. The hurricanes completely destroyed the beach side walkway beyond repairs which left us with only the low dock.

The most expenses ever have been paid in 2025 in order to keep the Ferry operational such as: clearing of the low dock area and repair of the low dock, ferry repairs, Ferry house repairs/ replacement which required a master electrician, all new metal doors which were blown out, plumbing, water under ground repairs/replacement, a lift company was hired to replace cables, straps, motors, pulleys, etc., the same contractor who repaired the low dock had to repair the Ferry docking boards which were completely out of the water, etc. and much, much more.....

In order to keep the Ferry up and running in 2025 a mobile office trailer was purchased because of significant damages to the SVCA building.

Most recently the Ferry was taken out of the water for bottom painting and it was discovered fiberglass repair will be needed in early 2026 resulting in additional expenses.

It was agreed upon at our recent Trust meeting that for 2026 the Ferry will be closed on Wednesdays which will save us a captains salary for the year vs the expenses paid out. The reduction in hours was also based upon the usage by passengers. This schedule is what was in place for many years prior to 2021.

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Board Matters

FROM PAUL GILMARTIN



Our Annual Meeting of members was held on January 19. As required by the by-laws, a quorum of members was present. The nominated slate of Directors for the 2026 Board was voted on and approved by the membership.

We are looking for others to join the Board - especially pickleball players.

Additionally, we are seeking people to work with the Board on multiple areas. Have you got these skills or a willingness to help?

- Someone with marketing and branding experience- help promote events. Can be a remote worker.
- A social media influencer- run our social media sites. This can be someone as young as 18 years old. This job looks great on a young person's resume. This person can work from home or our office.
- Event organizer – love putting on parties? We'll give you a budget and a hall and you can get creative!
- Government liaison. If your passion is politics and rubbing shoulders with local officials, we need you!

Please note that board meetings are open to all members to attend. For dates and time see the calendar on page 8 of this issue.

Financial Summary: As of December 31, 2025

Current Assets	\$29,453
Fixed Assets	\$47,274
Total Assets	\$76,728
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,187
Total Income/gross Profit	\$61,433
Total Expenses	\$52,984
Net income	\$ 930

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary

The Board met on January 12 for Regular and Executive session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

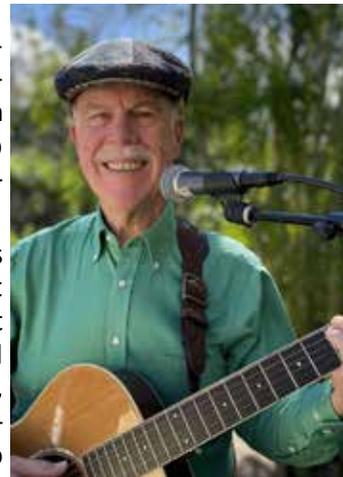
- Discussed 2026 budget
- Discussed parking lot lights
- Discussed building maintenance requirements
- Tabled discussion on landscaping plan and community garden to February
- Reviewed and planned 2026 events
- Discussed office rental rate
- Discussed an annual liquor license for 2026.

SVCA's own Dwight Sullivan to present St. Patrick's Day show at Troll Music

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an unforgettable afternoon of Irish music and dance! Dwight Sullivan returns to the Troll Music stage, joined by celebrated fiddler Kathie Aagaard and dazzling performers from the award-winning Kavanagh Porter Academy of Irish Dance, in an entirely new show for 2026. There will be only one on Sunday March 15 at 2:00pm.

This program is a joyful immersion in Irish culture, featuring Song Favorites, Irish Dance, Lively Tunes, Sharp Wit and the ever-popular Scenic Slide Show.

Dwight's annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration has sold out for the last 4 years, so get your tickets now at the Troll Music on East Venice Avenue, on their website trollmusic.com/events or by phone to 941-484-8765.



Let's get moving! TAKE A CLASS AT SVCA



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MONDAYS (except third Monday) at 7:00pm

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NEW! Tai Chi/Qi Gong

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 to 7:00pm

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With JOHN COPPS - \$10.00 per class



SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB
Clippings

FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN

South Venice Garden Club members love growing all kinds of different plants and trees, just to see what thrives in our growing zone 10. Sue Brocker decided one day to produce her own luffas (a sponge produced by a vegetable gourd) and shared her results with us in January. Very soon after she planted her first seed packets, the 30-foot vines bearing the growing gourds rose to the roof of her two-story house. The plants attract substantial numbers of

bees, and don't require stakes for growth. She told us about some less-known uses, including as engine filters during World War 2.

We meet every third Monday at 1:00pm from September through May. Programs focus on Florida friendly gardening and members include both female and male gardeners with all levels of expertise and experience. Visitors are always welcome. We hope you can visit soon!



Don't miss our Annual Plant and Rummage Sale on March 7 from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

ABOVE: Sue Brocker, Susan Juranek, Natalie Liuzza and Sherry Liuzza shared gardening experiences.

LEFT: Some of the members and guests who scored plants and gardening items from the monthly raffle show off their wins.




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2026 BOARD *continued*

ed to SVCA's legal and financial status. He led the effort to update the by-laws and has taken over administration of the website and the new membership software.

Susan Juranek - Susan returned to the SVCA board in October of 2024 after time out to serve as a Trustee of the Beach Endowment. Susan and her husband Bill came from Detroit and bought their South Venice property almost 20 years ago. They became full time residents in 2011. An officer of the Garden Club, she cares passionately about the environment and is a lover of nature. A supporter of the SVCA from the beginning, she strongly believes in giving back to our unique community.

Sandy Tulenko - Sandy is a retired teacher and administrator from New Jersey and has lived here for 12 years with her partner Tommy Lee. Long-time SVCA member, volunteer and Beach activist, she's served on the SVCA Board since 2020, most recently as President. Sandy also worked on fundraising for the ferry and cares about protecting our resources.

Kathleen Matin – Kathleen enjoyed a 40-year career with the Rochester Institute of Technology in marketing, communications, fundraising, HR and university policy. She and her husband Bruce have been SVCA members and volunteers since 2010. Kathleen served in 2016 on the SVCA Governance Committee, and in 2013 co-chaired the *Keeping the Pledge* committee to successfully raise funds for the new beach ferry. She also currently volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and serves on the board of directors of the NTID Foundation and the Rochester Y's Camp Cory.

Gary Parker – Gary and his wife Gail came from Michigan and have been SVCA members for twenty years. An avid fisherman, a sometime golfer, and a full time Michigan State fan, Gary also believes in giving to his community and is doing just that as an SVCA board member. Gary has stepped up numerous times and volunteered here whenever needed. His wife currently serves as a Trustee on the Beach Endowment and was formerly a member of the SVCA Board—making this a family affair!

Rick Curwood - A South Venice native, Rick and his wife Debbie have been SVCA members for 26 years. Retired from Florida Power and Light, he has many hurricane stories from those years. He served as Board President from 1999 to 2001 and again on later Boards whenever we needed him! Rick was also one of the five founding Trustees on the Beach Endowment and served there for five years and later as a Trust advisor. For many years, Rick was our volunteer facility manager (often doing the work himself) and there's nothing he

doesn't know about the building—from lights to parking lot to the roof, he's our institutional memory.

John Capps - John and his wife Jeanne came here in 2021 from California (he now teaches a Tai Chi/Qi Dong here every Wednesday!). He spent his career in broadcasting, first as a DJ in Orlando n '66 and went on to talk radio and newscasting. He retired as Public Affairs Director for two Los Angeles stations. John did regular on-air interviews while keeping both stations legal with the FCC requirements to serve the community. John's specialty was getting the interviews – he says no one ever said no! He also taught broadcasting and communications at Santa Monica College. John enjoys hiking, fishing, boating, photography and the practice of Tai Chi, which he has been teaching at several different locations in Florida, now including the SVCA. He says he's proud to be serving on the board of this wonderful organization, especially the dedication to preserving our environment and believes it's important to be vigilant about development. He appreciates SVCA's efforts in that regard and hopes to see many more residents join the SVCA.

This one will be fun!

Dance with the SlickWilly Revival and dine at our Mexican Fiesta

We've got a big party planned for March 28 featuring the SlickWilly Revival band. There will be the music, dancing, and a Mexican Fiestas dinner! Dinner Bar will open at 6:00pm and there will be a cash bar as well.

SlickWilly is a five-man band playing rock, blues, funk and dance music, so they promise a great time!

Tickets are \$25 for members / \$30 for non-members and you can get them at southvenice.org.





From Heather's Kitchen

Heather Villalba has long volunteered in our kitchen. Here she shares some of her secrets!

Love is in the air—and so is the irresistible scent of warm cinnamon and brown sugar. This recipe for cinnamon rolls is simple enough that even my teenage daughter can make them! We enjoyed these rolls throughout the holidays at family gatherings, and they were a hit every single time. Bake a batch of these yummy homemade cinnamon rolls for your sweetheart this Valentine's Day, and you just might be earning bonus points (and requests for more) all year long.

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

Soft, gooey, and smothered in creamy glaze—these cinnamon rolls are worth every delicious bite.

Dough Ingredients

- 4 cups flour
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2½ teaspoons instant yeast
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup warm milk
- 1 egg

Filling

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
 - 3 tablespoons cinnamon
- Additional melted butter for brushing the dough
(**Secret Step:** See instructions below
½ to 1 cup heavy cream)

Glaze

- ¼ cup cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted

Instructions

1. **Make the Dough:** In a large bowl, mix the flour, sugar, salt, and instant yeast. Add the warm milk and melted butter, stirring well. Add the egg and mix until a soft dough forms.
2. **Rise:** Lightly brush the top of the dough with oil, cover with a towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 2 hours, or until doubled in size.
3. **Roll Out:** Knead the dough on a floured surface, then roll it into a large rectangle.
4. **Add the Filling:** In a small bowl, mix the brown sugar and cinnamon. Brush melted butter over the dough, then evenly sprinkle the cinnamon-sugar mixture on top.

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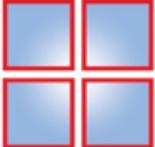
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Keep in mind that the Trust is a non-profit organization providing services primarily for the residents and property owners of the South Venice Beach Community.

With this being said we are keeping the fees the same for 2026.

The new chair of the Trust for 2026 will be Gary Cole moving forward

Thank you to the Trust Board of just five volunteers who have worked very very hard against all odds who are: Joe Lewis, Gary Cole, Julie Packard, Glen Haggett, Gail Parker.

Special recognition to: Cheryl Cooper (advisor), Dan Atkins (takes care of website), Trustee Gary Cole for getting the beach camera functioning and much much more.

Our volunteers: Rick Smith, Mary Graml, Nancy Darbee, Mike Campbell, Zane Walker and others. **The captains:** Eric, Steve, Ricky, and **Administrator** Karen Lewis.

The administrative report ending balance for November 2025 is \$622,700.

Please note that the balance in the trust is AFTER all of these significant repairs.

Joseph Lewis

Chair, South Venice Beach Endowment Trust

SVCA makes appointment to 2026 Beach Trust

At their December meeting, the SVCA Board appointed Ty Overmyer to a five year term as a Trustee on the South Venice Beach Endowment. Ty has been a committed South Venice homeowner since 2002 with vested interest in our community's property values, safety and future. He has an extensive 18 year career with Sarasota County as a project manager including budgeting, infrastructure and public works projects. He is also an active member of the Sarasota County Disaster Response Marine Strike Team and is committed to community safety and crisis response. He is an avid boater and regular user of the South Venice Beach boat ramp since 2002 and is eager to apply his diverse skill set to support the needs of our beach goers and boat ramp users.

BEACH TRUSTEES FILL EMPTY SEAT ON SVBET: Trustees named Nancy Darbee to the empty seat on the SVBET. Nancy spent her 40-year career in Massachusetts, Connecticut and, after moving here 15 years ago, Nokomis in sales and as an office manager. She enjoys gardening, walking, biking, and most importantly, going to the South Venice Beach. A member of SVCA and the South Venice Garden Club, she is very conscientious about the needs of the beach and its supporting facilities.

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Cinnamon Rolls *Continued*

5. Roll & Slice: Starting at one long edge, roll the dough tightly into a log. Slice into even sections and place the rolls in a 9x13-inch glass baking dish.
6. Creamy Secret Step: Pour heavy cream over the rolls (this makes them extra soft and gooey).
7. Bake: Bake at 350°F (175°C) for 25 – 30 minutes, or until golden brown.
8. Make the Glaze: Beat together cream cheese, softened butter, vanilla, and powdered sugar until smooth. Let the rolls cool for a few minutes, then spread the glaze generously over the top. Serve warm and enjoy!

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During COVID-19, most people said they found us "online" 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.

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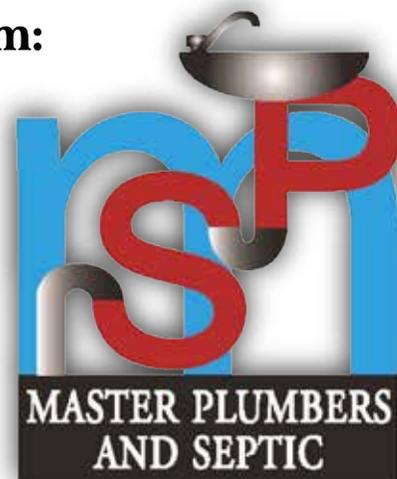
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855 CUMBERLAND RD	1,540	3	2	2024	None	2	8,000	575	\$380,336	\$375,000
460 PELICAN RD	1,544	3	2	1977	Private		8,000	136	\$389,000	\$375,000
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671 E BAFFIN DR	1,171	3	2	1999	None	2	8,000	123	\$299,999	\$287,000
4330 ALLIGATOR DR	1,551	3	2	1968	None	1	12,000	133	\$299,000	\$282,500
152 TANAGER RD	840	2	1	1958	None		8,000	18	\$255,500	\$255,500
3151 SUNSET BEACH DR	966	2	1	1966	None	1	10,291	15	\$249,900	\$238,500
161 DRAGON RD	1,064	2	2	1981	Private	1	10,000	6	\$207,000	\$227,400
280 DRAKE RD	1,445	3	2	1986	None		8,000	47	\$225,000	\$218,000
508 N QUINCY RD	1,108	2	2	1974	None	1	8,000	98	\$225,000	\$205,000
655 CARMEL RD	818	2	1	1971	None	1	8,000	8	\$195,000	\$195,000

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State of the Market

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



A Valentine's Day Love Letter to the South Venice Beach Market

February is the month of love, and there's plenty to adore here in South Venice Beach. As our seasonal residents return and Valentine's Day approaches, it's the perfect time to reflect on why so many people continue to fall in love with this special coastal community. From both of us

— Katheren E. Ayers, and Kelley Ann Ayers - welcome back! We hope you're settling in, warming up, enjoying the sunshine, and feeling right at home again.

The South Venice Beach real estate market showed steady, healthy activity during the most recent reporting period. Buyers remain engaged, sellers are realistic, and well-priced homes continue to find success. While the pace has normalized from peak season highs, overall values are holding strong and buyer confidence remains solid as we head deeper into the winter season.

By the Numbers (Dec 16, 2025 – Jan 15, 2026)

- Total Closings: 20
- Average Sale Price: \$319,370
- Median Sale Price: \$300,000

- Average Price per Sq. Ft.: \$243.49
- Average Days on Market: 85
- Median Days on Market: 25
- Average Sale-to-List Price Ratio: 97%
- Homes Currently Pending: 29
- Active Homes for Sale: \$1,775,000 to \$199,000

As always, pricing and presentation matter. Homes that show well and are priced correctly continue to sell faster and closer to asking price. Inventory remains mixed across price points, but demand for South Venice Beach homes stays consistent.

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Here's to another vibrant season in South Venice Beach—where the sunsets are golden, the Gulf stays warm, and there's always something to fall in love with.

Welcome to our newest members

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|----------------------------|----------------|
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| Rich Tulis | Michelle Aills |
| Aaron Rosen | Richard Kelley |
| Peter Franks & Tom McGlynn | |



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