



Happy New Year everyone

South Venice Beach Wave

JANUARY 2026

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FRIDAY, January 16



**MUSIC
BINGO
NIGHT**

DOORS OPEN 5:30pm GAMES 6:00pm
OPTIONAL PIZZA AND SNACKS
PRIZES FOR WINNERS - Pre-register please!
Go to calendar page at website and click on
the event. Scroll to reservation form.

SATURDAY, January 17

Pancake Breakfast

8:00 to 10:00am

Pancakes, Biscuits and gravy,
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon and Sau-
sage, Potatoes, OJ and coffee.



MONDAY, January 19 7:00pm

General Meeting

BOARD ELECTIONS!!

Join us to get all the news, visit neighbors
and enjoy coffee and desserts. We'll also
hear from Teresa Good of Shamrock Park.

SATURDAY, January 31



**The Big
Yard Sale**

8:00am to 2:00pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, January 12

OPEN TO MEMBERS 3:30pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION 4:00pm

GARDEN CLU

Monday, January 19 at 1:00pm



Game on!

Our new pickleball
courts have already
attracted a lot of play-
ers. They're out there
day and night.

*Join the fun! Pickleball is just
waiting for you*

FROM ALBERT FRICK

Our new 720 Pickleball Club is in **'FULL SWING'** for 2026! We have
grown to 63 members in just eight months. There are currently four re-
cently renovated fiber-glass surfaced courts ready for your enjoyment.
They are also lighted for evening play.

Courts are available to members for open play on Monday through Fri-
day, 7:00am to 9:00pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 8:30am to
9:00pm. Currently, the most attended group open play sessions are
Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00pm and Sunday Mornings starting
at 8:30am. However, new group play sessions are forming to accommo-
date the members' ongoing schedules and preferences. If you are not
yet a member and are interested in joining, stop by the SVCA during
office hours to sign up.

Pickleball access comes with an SVCA membership. For just \$70 annual-
ly, you can play, and for a modest additional fee of \$30, you can pur-
chase 'Guest Privileges' that allows the designated member to invite
friends to play on your courts. The membership gives you the ability to

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Board Matters

FROM PAUL GILMARTIN



At our December meeting, the Board made its 2026 appointment of a new Trustee to the Beach Endowment Trust. Ty Overmeyer begins a five year term on January 1. Congratulations to Ty!!

Remember, SVCA's own Board elections are coming up at the January 19 General

Meeting. The final slate for 2026 is as follows:

John Copps	Sandy Tulenko
Bobbie Drummond	Susan Juranek
Kathleen Martin	Paul Gilmartin
Rick Curwood	Gary Parker

We are also looking for others to join the Board - especially a pickleball player!

Additionally, we are seeking people who might have any of the following skills to assist the board:

- Someone with marketing and branding experience- help promote events. Can be a remote worker.
- Someone to handle SVCA's social media. We need to have a presence, especially locally. You can be as young as 18 years old. (This job looks great on a young person's resume.) Can be a remote worker.
- 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 please look on the event calendar on the website.

Financials as of November 30 2025

Current Assets:	\$42,712
Fixed Assets:	\$46,313
Total Assets:	\$87,403
Total Liabilities:	\$ 2,411
Total Income/gross Profit:	\$60,458
Total Expenses:	\$48,644
Net income:	\$ 4,299*

**after Milton income/expenses*

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA board met on December for Regular and Executive session and dis-

cussed the financials listed above. Also covered:

- Discussed candidates for SVCA and SVBET
- Discussed building maintenance requirements
- Reviewed 2025-2026 events
- Approved the new Pickleball Policy and Regulations
- Discussed Speed cushions on Alligator Drive
- Discussed an annual Liquor license for 2026.
- Created an Internship for marketing and social media manager positions

PICKLEBALL *continued*

access the gate during court operational hours.

Your membership fee supports SVCA operating expenses like facility maintenance, liability insurance, utilities etc. The Guest Privileges fee goes into a dedicated pickleball account to be used specifically for the 720 Club future improvements and maintenance like shade sail waiting area tent, racket improvements, and wind screens. So, if you are contemplating joining, please consider the Guest pass fee as well.

If you are a current member, please think about adding a Guest Privileges fee to your membership when renewing to help us to continue to upgrade this great addition to what SVCA offers. And please check us out – your membership offers more than access to courts-- it's also about staying active, building friendships, enjoying camaraderie and having fun in a welcoming community. We hope to meet you on the courts!

JANUARY 31

Doors open at 8:30am

Community Yard Sale

THIS IS THE BIG ONE! IT'S OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUND RAISER

WE STILL NEED YOUR DONATIONS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. You can drop your donations off at the community center during office hours. If you can't do it at those times, stop at the Parker's at 761 Alligator (across from SVCA) - if you can't store something, call Gail Parker at 517-712-9719



We'll take furniture (but no large appliances or sofas this year as our storage is limited), kitchen tools, small appliances, books, music, linens, house and yard tools, clothing, bric-a-brac, china and glassware, pots and pans—everything!

**SO DONATE WHAT YOU CAN
AND THEN COME TO THE
SALE—IT'S A GREAT ONE!**

We've created an intern opportunity at SVCA

Recognizing a need for a more active and wider presence on social media, the Board has created a specific volunteer opportunity to address this. We're looking for a young person (at least 18) who'd like to do some work for a nonprofit they can add to resumes or college applications. So if you have a younger person in your home or know someone, tell them about this.

This person can work remotely and will work with the Board of Directors and the Office Administrator to support digital marketing and community engagement. Any skills in graphics would be most welcome.

"This internship is a great way for young people to develop real-world skills while contributing to the South Venice community," said Paul Gilmartin, SVCA Secretary. Interested candidates can contact Paul for more information (See page 2 in this issue for contact information).



At left: There was a large turnout at our December meeting to hear from our new County Commissioner, Tom Knight.

At right, Board members at our Breakfast with Santa: Bobbie Drummond, Sandy Tulenko, Gary Parker, Kathleen Martin, Rick Curwood



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Paul Fortier..... \$10	Gulf Coast Powerwashing
Vic Able..... \$10	Gulf Coast Powerwashing
Sheila Leach..... \$10	Gulf Coast Powerwashing

Drawing Date - 12/10/2025



SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings

FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN

We celebrated the holidays in high style—A record number of club members celebrated with a stylish and festive holiday party December 15. We enjoyed mimosas, homemade, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and unique, useful, beautiful, and sometimes humorous gifts for all during the gift exchange.

Club officers Eve Schuler, Susan Juranek, and Bruce Paulsen, along with several helpers, made the event memorable. From decorative chair covers and Christmas music to festive centerpieces and lighting, the SVCA hall was transformed into a holiday spectacle.

Each of us left the party with special treats from Twin Acres Cottage Goods of Arcadia and a Christmas cactus.

Mark your calendar for our Annual Plant and Rummage Sale March 7 at 1:00pm.

The club meets here every third Monday at

1:00pm from September through May—our next meeting is January 19. Programs focus on Florida friendly gardening, pollinators, and education, with speaker presentations, hands-on projects, plant raffles, and field trips. Members include both female and male gardeners with all levels of expertise and experience. Visitors are always welcome. We hope you can visit soon!

BELOW: Ginny White, Eve Schuler, Helen Singer, Mary Vielhauer, and Lisa Therrien helped set up for the party.



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Marla Wilcox stepping down after five years of leading South Venice Trash Buddies



Perhaps you've seen the Trash Buddies volunteers in their bright yellow t-shirts along our roads. They've been out there for over a decade and for the last five years, it's been Marla Wilcox heading the group. Now, she is stepping down. The group will not be active unless a new 'Buddy' steps up. Participation has been disappointing in the last few years.

Marla says at present, faithful volunteers Laurie Hartman and Blaine Tippettt have been constants, but can't be asked to carry the projects alone and do the work every month.

Thank you Marla! You've done wonderful work for our community and we're all very grateful.

Blaine Tippettt was the sole volunteer at the Venetian Waterway cleanup in December.



Thanks Ladies!

Bobbie Drummond and Heather Villalba kept the food flowing (especially the pancakes!) at our Breakfast with Santa on December 13. Now, they're gearing up for upcoming Pancake Breakfasts.

Welcome to our newest members

Harry Nuccio	Frank Marrapese
Richard & Karen Stover	Jesse Vecchione
James Peachey	Judy Singeisen
Jan Horton	Marilyn Gravois
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From Heather's Kitchen

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

A new year often inspires a fresh start—especially after all the holiday treats we've enjoyed! This month, I'm sharing something a little different from my usual sweet recipes, but still a true family favorite: Green Goddess Salad. The first time I made this for my kids, I didn't tell them it was cabbage. I was sure they'd turn up their noses, but I was wrong - they ate it all! Turns out, it was a hit! We love it as a fresh salad alongside baked chicken, or scoop it up like a dip with chips.

Salad Ingredients

1 small head of cabbage, finely chopped (about 6–8 cups)

3–4 baby cucumbers or 1 large English cucumber, finely chopped

¼ cup fresh chives, finely chopped

1 bunch green onions/scallions, finely chopped (about 6–8)

Dressing Ingredients

Juice of 2 lemons (about ½ cup)

¼ cup olive oil

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar or red wine vinegar

1 cup fresh basil leaves

1 cup baby spinach leaves

2 cloves garlic

⅓ cup nutritional yeast



From my family to yours—hope you had a very merry season!

1 teaspoon salt

¼ cup nuts of choice (optional)

Water, as needed for blending

Instructions

Make the dressing: Add all dressing ingredients to a blender. Blend until smooth and creamy. Add a little water if needed to help it blend.

Prepare the salad: In a large bowl, combine the chopped cabbage, cucumber, chives, and green onions.

Toss well and serve. Enjoy as a fresh side salad, or serve with tortilla chips or crackers.



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	ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am LINE DANCE 7:00pm		YOGA 9:00am TAI CHI 6:00pm		ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	BOARD MEETING 3:30pm public 4:00pm executive	BOOK CLUB 3:00pm	YOGA 9:00am TAI CHI 6:00pm		ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am MUSIC BINGO 5:30pm	PANCAKE AND MORE BREAKFAST 8:00 to 10:00am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	ZUMBA 8:30am GARDEN CLUB 1:00pm GENERAL MEETING Board Elections 7:00pm		YOGA 9:00am TAI CHI 6:00pm		ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am LINE DANCING CLASS 7:00pm		YOGA 9:00am TAI CHI 6:00pm		ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am YARD SALE SET UP 11:00am	SVCA ANNUAL YARD SALE 8:00am—2:00pm



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720 ALLIGATOR DRIVE, South Venice

FROM TERESA GOOD, SHAMROCK PARK

What's up at the Park



Demonstration Garden Tour: First Friday of each month. Meet in the Demonstration Garden. Master Gardener volunteers will be in the garden to answer your questions, provide free tours and give expert advice on Florida-friendly landscaping. No registration necessary.

Plant Clinic – Second Saturday of every month. 10:00am to Noon. Florida Master Gardeners will be 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 10:00am and noon.

The Park is looking for new volunteers!

Are you outgoing, love nature and looking for a fun way to spend just three hours a week volunteering at the Park? Being a volunteer at the Nature Center provides you with a great opportunity to help our own community and visitors learn about our native habitats and animals. If you are interested in joining the Shamrock Park family of volunteers, just email me directly at tjgood@scgov.net. I would love to hear from you!

Get out and enjoy natural Florida

You're invited to join the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society for Nature Walks and meetings. More information at mangrovechapter@fnps.org. These events are all free and open to the public.

NATURE WALKS

Friday, January 9, 9:00-11:00am - Mabry Carlton Jr. Memorial Reserve in Venice. Learn about managing local ecosystems that help protect the Myakka and our local water source. Meet at the first parking lot on the right.

Monday, January 19, 9:00-11:00am—South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve at 6200 Osprey Road. Learn about our amazing and unique Florida ecosystems as we explore the transition from coastal mangroves to upland scrub.

Thursday, January 22, 9:00-11:00am - Lemon Bay Park in Englewood. Learn how to identify the various mangroves (our chapter's mascot) found growing at the park. Discussion will include how hurricanes have affected their growth and efforts to restore them.

CHAPTER MEETING - Tuesday, January 13 at 1:00pm at Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center in Englewood. Richard Larsen, with the Florida Forestry Service is our guest speaker during Arbor Month to talk about native trees. Come early for social time and bring your packed lunch (12:15pm).

Best of Venice 2024

Inherited Passion



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My mother, MaryEllen, and grandpa, Howard, were both hard-of-hearing. My Mom underwent ear surgery that left her with a profound hearing loss. My grandpa struggled to hear for as long as I remember. I still recall talking into his pocket where he carried his body aid.

I started working with hearing aids in 1999 and I loved it from the beginning. I took all the classes and extra accreditations including Board Certification and designation from the American Conference of Audioprosthology.

Since I was raised in a hard of hearing household, I have firsthand experience with frustrations and misunderstandings. I watched my own father, Ed, get frustrated whenever he had to repeat himself. I watched my Mom, who loved social events, choose to avoid very noisy situations due to her hearing.

When Karen married into our family, I saw her get her feelings hurt since she thought my Mom wasn't listening. It was accurate but not on purpose. Both my Mom and Karen enjoy cooking, but a kitchen is an acoustical nightmare.

When they cooked together for our holiday meals, I would have to stand in the middle of the kitchen and translate what Karen was saying to my Mom. It is much easier to hear a deep male voice than Karen's higher pitched voice. Add in an exhaust fan, a clang of a pot and a clink of a dish and this is not an easy place for conversation.

A few years after I got into this industry, I was able to re-fit my Mom with appropriate technology for her very social life-style. I gave insight to Karen about her feelings of being ignored. I gave awareness to my Mom about her frustrations and feelings of isolation.

I thoroughly enjoy being able to share these personal experiences so you can see you aren't alone. I truly do understand the frustrations. These insights enable me to help you ease the strain that does exist when living with someone with a hearing loss.

I am so very grateful that I get to do what I love doing every day. I get to be of service to other families who struggle with hearing loss and improve their life and connections with their families. If you or a family member struggle to hear well, call for a free consultation.



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3339 SHAMROCK DR	1,580	3	2	1973	Private	1	12,000	24	\$484,900	\$460,000
530 FOXGLOVE RD	1,780	3	2	1977	None	3	12,000	133	\$440,000	\$410,000
3045 DATURA RD	1,809	3	2	1957	None		12,000	60	\$400,000	\$380,000
1008 EUCLID RD	1,673	3	2	1979	Private	2	9,000	197	\$384,900	\$370,000
217 CORONADO RD	1,500	3	2	1994	Private	2	8,000	3	\$365,000	\$365,000
4120 SHAMROCK DR	1,604	3	2	1979	None	2	10,000	6	\$339,000	\$345,000
679 EVEREST RD	1,420	2	2	1994	None	2	8,000	7	\$329,900	\$325,000
4521 RAINBOW RD	1,338	3	2	1971	None	1	12,000	79	\$325,000	\$325,000
511 PORPOISE RD	1,078	2	2	2001	None	1	10,000	121	\$289,000	\$289,000
564 W SEMINOLE DR	1,154	2	2	1962	None		8,000	53	\$285,000	\$282,000
1601 LEMON BAY DR	728	2	1	1956	None		8,000	23	\$289,900	\$279,000
185 ZEPHYR RD	1,387	2	2	1972	None	1	8,000	42	\$289,900	\$270,000
710 BEVERLY RD	1,616	2	2	1982	None	2	10,000	135	\$295,000	\$268,000
80 LOYOLA RD	1,000	2	1	1980	None	1	8,000	35	\$259,000	\$263,000
4227 BLOSSOM RD	1,752	3	2	1987	Private	2	10,513	122	\$345,000	\$260,000
15 TULANE RD	1,164	3	2	1987	None		7,805	90	\$249,999	\$259,900
3565 STERLING RD	1,026	2	2	1967	None	1	10,000	17	\$250,000	\$257,000
3081 ENGLEWOOD RD	1,177	2	2	1979	None		8,000	62	\$259,990	\$250,000
3242 NOCTURNE RD	1,548	3	2	1981	None	1	8,000	136	\$299,900	\$246,000
4202 POMPANO RD	863	3	2	1962	None	1	8,000	31	\$225,000	\$217,500
2991 ODESSA RD	1,373	2	2	1974	None	2	8,000	7	\$225,000	\$209,000
927 LEMON BAY DR	1,136	2	2	1973	None	2	10,000	157	\$254,000	\$200,000
5 CYPRESS RD	886	2	2	1973	None	1	9,138	15	\$219,950	\$180,000
1316 S VENICE BLVD	1,443	3	2	1967	None	1	10,000	0	\$170,000	\$170,000
1316 S VENICE BLVD	1,443	3	2	1967	None	1	10,000	0	\$170,000	\$170,000

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State of the Market

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



As we step into a brand-new year, all of us at Ayers & Associates Real Estate wish you health, wealth, happiness, and the time to enjoy it. The New Year brings fresh energy to South Venice Beach as seasonal residents settle back in.

Between November 16 and December 15, 25 homes closed here, reflecting steady demand as we transitioned into the New Year.

There are currently 104 active listings ranging from \$239,000 to \$1.8 million, and 26 homes pending between \$295,000 and \$795,000.

By the Numbers: Closings: 25 | Average Sale Price: \$282,016 | Median Sale Price: \$268,000 | Average Sale Price per Sq. Ft.: \$216.59 | Median: \$221.16 | Range: \$117.81 – \$383.24 | Average ADOM: 62 | ADOM: 42.

In the next edition of The WAVE, there will be a feature with full-year 2025 statistics with a comparison to 2024, offering valuable year-over-year insights.

Here's to another vibrant season in South Venice Beach—where the sunsets are golden, the Gulf

stays warm, and community spirit shines bright.

As always, price and curb appeal remain key. Homes that present well and hit the market at the right number are finding buyers swiftly. For a confidential, complimentary Comparative Market Analysis, contact me at 941-544-7802 or Katheren Ayers at 941-266-3193.



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday 1/17
8-10 am

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