



Hurricane season isn't over! Be ready.

South Venice Beach Wave

SEPTEMBER 2025

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What's happening at SVCA

FROM SANDY TULENKO, BOARD PRESIDENT



Our Building Committee met on August 22 to finalize plans for hurricane preparedness. The two outstanding tasks are purchasing and assembling materials for the door barriers and deciding which hurricane louvers best meet our needs and budget.

The wood and bolts for the barriers will be purchased in the next few days. A team of volunteers led by Albert Frick will cut the wood and drill the anchor holes. These panels will be stored until needed.

Since we will probably not have our new louvers until after this hurricane season, temporary plywood coverings will be ready if needed.

You might not have known that we have a Building Committee keeping tabs on all this stuff. Serving on the committee are Albert Frick, Rick Curwood, Gary Parker, Paul Gilmartin and Sandy Tulenko. Rick and Gary are Board co-chairs.



Albert Frick and Rick Curwood going over the costs to prepare the building for hurricane. Not pictured are Gary Parker, Sandy Tulenko and Paul Gilmartin.

The previous Restoration Advisory Committee was formed after Hurricane Milton as a temporary committee that had a specific goal with a designated money allowance. They completed their goal within budget and technically disbanded. Before that though, the Committee compiled a closure report and made some recommendations to the SVCA Board regarding future potential projects (i.e. restroom upgrade, handicap accessibility, kitchen upgrade, drainage upgrade, parking lot upgrade etc.); and suggested that SVCA form a similar ad hoc advisory committee with specific expertise in marketing, branding, fundraising so as to acquire the membership/monies needed to fund the future more robust projects.

SVCA's Trash Buddies

They showed up on August 9, but got rained out before they could even begin!

Pictured here before the skies opened are Laurie Hartman, Blaine Tippet and Marla Wilcox.



Monthly SVCA general meetings resume in October

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, September 8 at 3:30ppm

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, September 15 at 1:00pm

CERT Emergency Response Team

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 25 6:30pm

Venice Gardens Community Center

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New art class will start in October, not September

Our newest art class at SVCA won't kick off till October—September was too early—many of our members aren't back yet. Classes will meet on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Class term is four weeks long, and terms are \$120 per person. If you bring a friend, you will both receive a discount and pay only \$100 per person.

Instructor will be Stephanie Welch, a Charlotte High School 2D Art education teacher. She has named the class *Brush it off*, and says it's a "creative-artistic outlet organized to change life's 'yuck' into 'yum'! Students will positively engage in the class as they listen to meditative/soothing sounds, paint calmly and confidently while brushing off life's challenges, and seek a feeling of peace & tranquility while sipping on chamomile, ginger, and lemon balm teas. Students are welcome to bring their own beverages and snacks to add to the experience. "

For more information, contact Stephanie at 941-224-5142.

See page 8 for a full list of classes here at SVCA.

Is your membership active?

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Not a member yet?

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Aerial and ground views of our new pickleball courts which replaced the run down and basically unusable old basketball courts.



Our 720 Pickleball Club has made outstanding progress so far

FROM ALBERT FRICK

SVCA's new **720 Club** has made significant progress. We were able to renovate the existing dilapidated recreational pad into four pickleball courts with the hard work of dedicated volunteers and many donations.

The newly renovated courts consist of a fiberglass surface coat over an asphalt base. The courts have permanent nets which were donated by the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Department from their Foxworthy courts which they were updating and replacing the nets. We re-conditioned the nets and donated hardware and mustered a crew of volunteers to survey out the locations and excavate post anchors. The dedicated crew mixed and poured 'by hand' 52 bags of concrete (1.5 tons)!

The renovation was a joint effort between SVCA and the 720 Club and it's now ready for your use and enjoyment. The total cost paid out by us for the project was \$15,500.

However, without our wonderful volunteers who did so much of the labor and your donations, it would have cost \$37,000. That would be for the repair, resurfacing, and stripping of the court surface, permanent nets and hardware, and repair and reconnecting the perimeter fencing. That 'retail' cost would have included:

- 1) reconditioning of the surface - \$15,500
- 2) four permanent nets and hardware - \$12,000

- 3) eight concrete anchors for posts - \$9,000
- 4) fencing repair - \$500

So if you have been 'AWAY', and haven't seen or played on them, please come join us as our guest to try it out. We hope you find the facility welcoming, friendly and enjoyable for all levels from beginners to accomplished players.

We made arrangements with Chris Kiger, a licensed, insured, certified pickleball instructor to provide individual and group lessons for all levels. You can reach Chris at 720-810-6664 or ckiger2016@gmail.com.

We have future plans to build a shady waiting/queuing area with shade sails and posts, tiki hut bar for licensed outdoor events, as well as hardscaping patio and walkways and landscaping

If you are interested in joining the 720 Club, see Jodie in the SVCA office or call 941-403-0006 or email svca@southvenice.org. The membership fee is \$70 / year and an additional \$30/year if you are interested in having the ability to invite friends and relatives outside your household to play with you.

If you have time and interest and would be willing to help with our future projects, please contact Albert at albert@albertfrick.com or text to 207-415-4214. The next planned project is anchoring five posts for hanging the shade sails and doing hardscaping of the walkway and patio/waiting area.

TAKE NOTE! Use of the courts requires SVCA membership. To join or confirm your membership, stop by the SVCA during office hours to sign the waiver and get your gate lock code set up.



FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN

Welcome Back buffet

We'll be resuming monthly gatherings on Monday, September 15, at 1:00pm here at the SVCA with a "return from summer recess" celebration buffet. Program Chair Bruce Paulsen has planned a fun activity that includes prizes. Members will be invited to talk about their summer projects. We'll have our usual plant raffle and gardening-related items. Visitors are welcome.



Our October 20 meeting will feature representatives of Simply Trees of Venice, helping us care for plants and trees after a hurricane.

We meet the third Monday at 1:00pm with programs focused on Florida friendly gardening, education with speaker presentations, plant raffles, and hands-on projects. We often take field trips to gardens in the area and elsewhere in the state.

Male and female gardeners are welcome. Think about joining us! Your first visit is free; join for a year for \$20.

LEFT: Several club members visited the Celery Fields at the Sarasota Audubon Center.

ABOVE: Sybil Levien and Eileen Sherlock volunteer at every annual plant sale.



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Contact Jodie in the office for rates and availability

NOTE: SVCA members get discounted rates

Are you prepared?

Key hurricane preparedness tips from Sarasota County's Emergency Services

As storm season approaches, 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 gas in car.

This season's Hurricane names

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| Andrea | Barry |
| Chantal | Dexter |
| Erin | Fernand |
| Gabrielle | Humberto |
| Imelda | Jerry |
| Karen | Lorenzo |
| Melissa | Nestor |
| Olga | Pablo |
| Rebekah | Sebastien |
| Tanya | Van |
| Wendy | |

Members! Watch your email

Your next membership renewal will be coming from *Membership Works*. If you haven't been receiving our emails please email or call the office to make sure we've got your latest address.

NOTE: to use the new pickleball courts, you must be an SVCA member.



Show off your SVCA pride!

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County Commissioners unanimously approved the Manasota Beach Road extension

Despite recent pushback by area residents, Sarasota County unanimously approved an unsolicited proposal by Neal Communities to create a road extension, giving Wellen Park residents access to Manasota Beach Road and Manasota Key - providing an alternative to US 41.



Community Improvement Projects

To join one of our teams or
learn more contact Marla at
303-818-3641 or

Marlawilcox63@gmail.com

ALLIGATOR DRIVE CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 13 at 8:00am

Meet in SVCA parking lot

THE GROVE CLEAN UP

October 18 at 8:00am

Meet at the Grove between Quincy and Grant



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Thursday, September 25 at 6:30pm

Thursday, October 23 at 6:30pm

Venice Gardens Community Center



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From Heather's Kitchen

Heather Villalba has been part of food prep at SVCA. Now she is sharing some of her secrets!

September is the beginning of apple season, bringing with it all the cozy autumn vibes – crisp cool air, colorful leaves, and the scent of apples in the kitchen. Growing up in Wisconsin, apple picking was a favorite family tradition that I have since shared with my kids. We'd head out to the orchards, fill our baskets with as many apples as we could carry, and of course eat a few along the way!

Brown Bag Apple Pie is a quirky recipe that I found years ago in an old community cookbook from Watertown, WI, near my hometown. The recipe was shared by Ms. Violet Chartier, and it's been on our Thanksgiving table ever since.

Yes, it really bakes in a paper bag! The bag traps steam, which keeps the crust golden and flakey, while allowing the apples to bake evenly, tender yet firm. I like using Granny Smith apples for their tart tang against the sweetness of the pie, but any apple you enjoy will do. The result

is a delicious apple pie with a gooey, warm, cinnamon spiced filling, in a buttery crust.

It's cozy, with old fashioned charm and a fun twist - perfect for fall gatherings. Give this pie a try. It just might become one of your family's traditions, too.

Brown Bag Apple Pie

Ingredients

- 3 pounds apples - about 7-9 Granny Smith apples or any variety you like
- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ½ cup butter softened
- 1 9 inch unbaked pie crust
- 1 large brown paper bag

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 400°F. Move middle rack down a level.
- Peel and slice apples thinly.

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| SEPTEMBER 2025 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 SVCA Board Meeting 3:30pm | 9 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am | 10 | 11 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 GARDEN CLUB 1:00pm LINE DANCING CLASS 7:00pm | 16 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am RELAY FOR LIFE QUARTER AUCTION 4:30 to 8:30 | 17 | 18 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am CERT 6:30pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 LINE DANCING CLASS 7:00pm | 23 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am | 24 | 25 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 LINE DANCING CLASS 7:00pm | 30 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am | 27 | 28 ZUMBA 8:30—9:15am | 29 | 30 |
|  <div> South Venice Civic Association 720 ALLIGATOR DRIVE, South Venice </div> | | | | | | |

Let's get moving!

TAKE A CLASS AT SVCA

Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am to 9:15am

ZUMBA

With Tricia Petrinovich. First class is free, then either a punch card (where classes are \$5 each) or \$10 drop ins.

More info at tpetrinovich@icloud.com

YOGA CLASSES BACK OCTOBER 8

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:30 to 9:15am



Thursday Night Art Classes

6:30 to 8:30pm starting October 2



**Term is four sessions
and fee is \$120.**

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your fees will be discounted
to just \$100

Paper Bag Apple Pie *Continued*

- Toss apple slices with $\frac{1}{2}$ c sugar, 2 tbsp flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp nutmeg, and 1 tsp cinnamon until each piece is coated.
- Fill pie shell with apples, piling high in the center creating a mound of apples. Apples will cook down.
- Sprinkle apples with lemon juice.
- Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ c butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ c sugar, and $\frac{1}{2}$ c flour into a soft paste.
- Pat and spread the paste over the top of apples creating a crust.
- Place pie in brown bag. Close bag with clips or stapler, making sure the bag is not touching the top of the pie.
- Place bag on a foil lined cookie sheet in the center of the oven. Make sure the bag is not touching the top or sides of the oven.
- Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes at 400°F.
- Carefully remove bag from oven and let cool in the bag for 10 minutes before removing pie from bag.
- Serve topped with vanilla ice cream or homemade whipped cream and enjoy!



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| 1500 LEMON BAY DR | 2,168 | 3 | 2 | 1990 | None | 2 | 13,068 | 102 | \$699,000 | \$653,000 |
| 460 BARD RD | 2,135 | 4 | 2 | 2021 | None | 2 | 10,000 | 18 | \$469,000 | \$469,000 |
| 755 MOHAWK RD | 2,035 | 3 | 2 | 2021 | None | 2 | 10,000 | 6 | \$434,900 | \$441,500 |
| 611 MOBILE RD | 1,812 | 3 | 2 | 2001 | Private | 3 | 17,229 | 124 | \$450,000 | \$425,000 |
| 1030 PHORUS RD RD | 1,592 | 3 | 2 | 1997 | Private | 2 | 12,000 | 199 | \$460,000 | \$425,000 |
| 1340 OLYMPIA RD | 1,666 | 2 | 2 | 1979 | Private | 2 | 10,000 | 77 | \$425,000 | \$418,000 |
| 1851 SCENIC DR | 2,120 | 3 | 3 | 1983 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 17 | \$450,000 | \$412,000 |
| 755 TAPLOW RD | 1,615 | 3 | 2 | 1971 | Private | 2 | 12,000 | 56 | \$410,000 | \$400,000 |
| 2402 SCENIC DR | 2,047 | 3 | 3 | 1989 | None | 2 | 14,475 | 53 | \$415,000 | \$390,000 |
| 3851 STERLING RD | 1,702 | 3 | 2 | 2002 | None | 2 | 10,000 | 45 | \$388,900 | \$388,900 |
| 1026 GRAHAM RD | 1,610 | 4 | 2 | 1992 | Private | 2 | 12,000 | 35 | \$410,000 | \$375,000 |
| 981 PONDEROSA RD | 1,354 | 2 | 2 | 1981 | None | 2 | 8,000 | 5 | \$374,999 | \$365,000 |
| 3338 ROSLYN RD | 1,128 | 2 | 2 | 1973 | Private | 2 | 8,668 | 13 | \$379,777 | \$360,000 |
| 760 AZURE RD | 1,606 | 3 | 2 | 1974 | None | 1 | 11,960 | 10 | \$375,000 | \$355,000 |
| 4531 CRYSTAL RD | 1,414 | 3 | 2 | 1972 | None | 2 | 10,000 | 50 | \$355,000 | \$353,000 |
| 1247 GRAHAM RD | 2,118 | 3 | 2 | 2024 | None | 2 | 8,000 | 184 | \$419,000 | \$353,000 |
| 5331 CITADEL RD | 1,718 | 3 | 2 | 2002 | None | 2 | 8,000 | 52 | \$350,000 | \$345,000 |
| 3355 ROSLYN RD | 1,335 | 2 | 2 | 1982 | None | 2 | 8,000 | 70 | \$347,500 | \$337,000 |
| 1163 NANTUCKET RD | 1,765 | 3 | 2 | 1982 | None | 2 | 12,000 | 35 | \$350,000 | \$330,000 |
| 140 HERMES RD | 1,487 | 3 | 2 | 1979 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 62 | \$325,000 | \$327,000 |
| 3151 DATURA RD | 1,409 | 2 | 2 | 1970 | None | 2 | 10,000 | 137 | \$350,000 | \$320,000 |
| 1300 INDUS RD | 1,553 | 4 | 2 | 1976 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 165 | \$330,000 | \$320,000 |
| 1080 PANDA RD | 1,196 | 2 | 2 | 2020 | None | 2 | 8,000 | 112 | \$329,900 | \$320,000 |
| 1181 SOUTHLAND RD | 1,528 | 2 | 2 | 1978 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 149 | \$315,000 | \$310,000 |
| 800 EVEREST RD | 1,363 | 2 | 2 | 1977 | None | 2 | 8,000 | 72 | \$310,000 | \$305,000 |
| 4375 TORTOISE RD | 1,102 | 2 | 2 | 1974 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 31 | \$285,000 | \$295,000 |
| 842 LINDEN RD | 1,656 | 3 | 2 | 1980 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 143 | \$284,000 | \$278,000 |
| 4192 TARPON RD | 864 | 2 | 2 | 1957 | None | | 10,000 | 46 | \$275,000 | \$278,000 |
| 610 CUMBERLAND RD | 1,387 | 2 | 2 | 1963 | None | 1 | 12,000 | 133 | \$284,900 | \$275,000 |
| 985 EVEREST RD | 1,058 | 2 | 2 | 1986 | None | 2 | 8,000 | 64 | \$285,000 | \$270,000 |
| 935 SHASTA RD | 1,724 | 2 | 2 | 1974 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 151 | \$299,000 | \$268,000 |
| 359 BUCKNELL RD | 815 | 2 | 1 | 1974 | None | | 8,000 | 2 | \$249,900 | \$230,000 |
| 2980 SIESTA DR | 816 | 2 | 1 | 1970 | None | 1 | 10,000 | 41 | \$227,000 | \$225,000 |
| 879 E SEMINOLE DR | 1,063 | 2 | 1 | 1973 | None | | 8,000 | 20 | \$224,888 | \$224,888 |
| 407 BAHAMA RD | 1,404 | 2 | 2 | 1975 | None | 1 | 8,000 | 63 | \$234,999 | \$190,000 |
| 1432 POINCIANA RD | 1,356 | 3 | 2 | 1957 | None | 2 | 12,000 | 2 | \$199,000 | \$190,000 |

State of the Market



From KELLY ANN AYERS, Ayers & Associates

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer—filled with cookouts, good times with family and friends, and, hopefully, some relief from the heat! It's been a quiet season down here in Venice. Despite the dramatic skies, thunder, and spectacular heat lightning, we've seen very little rain. Light breezes and warm waters

remind us that we're squarely in the "dog days of summer." The Gulf remains stunning—clear, calm, and inviting.

As we head into September, we're staying optimistic for a typical storm season—nothing like the "1000-year" weather events we faced last year. For our seasonal residents, we'll be holding down the fort until you return. If you need anything in the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you in the fall! We're located at 718 Albee Rd W in Nokomis, continues to lead the way. We're proud to have closed 27 sales during this reporting period alone and remain committed to guiding you with confidence through every step of your real estate journey.

Here's to a strong finish to summer and a smooth transition into fall. Give us a call anytime—we're always here to

help. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Market Momentum is Back

Here's some good news: buyers are buying again—and across all price points! Positive outlooks from financial experts and a more confident stock market have helped restore homebuyer confidence. Many who had put their plans on hold are now re-entering the market, taking advantage of favorable conditions.

Between May 16 and June 15, South Venice Beach saw 20 home sales. But from June 16 to July 15, that number jumped to 37—almost double! It's a clear sign that we may finally be moving past the slowdown. As they say: nothing lasts forever. Keep calm and carry on!

By the Numbers

- Average Sale Price: \$342,205
- Average Price per Sq Ft: \$231.67
- Average Days on Market: 96
- Pending Sales: 45
- Active Listings: 125 (ranging from \$125,000 to over \$900,000)

These stats point to renewed strength and activity in the market—great news for both buyers and sellers.

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