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\$10 members \$12 non-member

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Optional BRAT DINNER \$6 members \$8 non-members



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Go to calendar page at web-site and click on the event.

Reservation form will be at bottom of page.

Monday, OCTOBER 20 7:00pm

General Meeting

Most everyone is back, so come join us for this first gathering of the season. Get all the news, visit neighbors and enjoy coffee and desserts.

PLUS, if you haven't seen them yet, take a look at our gorgeous new pickleball courts!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, October September 13

OPEN TO MEMBERS 3:30pm

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION 4:00pm

BOOK CLUB

Meetings resume in November

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, October 20 at 1:00pm

CERT Emergency Response Team

Thursday, OCTOBER 16 6:30pm

Venice Gardens Community Center

SVCA's volunteers carry on our long tradition

FROM BOARD PRESIDENT, SANDY TULENKO



Well, our summer is over, but let's all remember that hurricane season isn't, so stay prepared. We've been lucky so far this year, but remember the official season doesn't end till November 30.

We have always been and still are a volunteer organization. It may sound repetitious but we survive through our membership, donations and volunteers. There are always people to thank even when they would rather work behind the scenes. We have thanked them in the past and will probably thank them again in the future. Why? Because they always step up when something needs to be done.

This month I'd like to extend a special thank you to the team of members who took on the important task of hurricane preparedness for the building. Big thanks to Marvin Deupree, Rick Curwood, Gary Parker and Albert Frick who got it done. Thanks also to those others who worked in the background lending their expertise.

Volunteers spent many hours researching the best and least expensive ways to protect the building from future storm-related damage. Then a team of three - Rick, Albert and Gary - measured, purchased, cut, glued, drilled, anchored and completed storm surge protectors for each of the exterior doors in the building.

More good news—on October 1, the hall got a fresh look when the floors were stripped and waxed. (It has been

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Welcome to our newest members!

Tricia Petrinovich

John Rude

Rebecca Jeanette

Michelle Mason

William Sturgeon

Donna Moore

Katharine LaFrancois

Membership makes us strong!

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YOGA with JODIE Wednesdays

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Thursday Night Art Classes

7:00 to 9:00pm

Term is four sessions and fee

is \$120. Register in advance.

If you bring a friend, both your fees will be discounted to just \$100

New! LINEDANCING with John Rude

MONDAYS (except third Monday) at 7:00pm

Relax, Unwind and Relax

The cost is \$10/class. Please bring your own water and come on out to have a good time.

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Board Matters

FROM PAUL GILMARTIN



We are always looking for members to help plan and work with us on SVCA events. Do you have a passion for something and want to get other people involved? Just reach out to any of the Board members (contact info on page 2) to discuss. You can also bring ideas to the Board at our meeting on the second Monday of the month. The open session starts at 3:30pm before we go into executive session.

As I've said before, we'd love to hear from you if you have a passion for arts and crafts, outdoor activities, cultural celebrations, or educational workshops. Your suggestions are vital to creating a calendar that reflects the interests of our community. Do you want to see more social gatherings, sports leagues, nature outings, or seasonal festivals? Or perhaps you're interested in joining a book club, gardening group, fitness class, or hobby-based club? We welcome all ideas and volunteers.

Financial Summary: As of August 31, 2025

- Current Assets: \$42,932
- Fixed Assets: \$46,313
- Total Assets: \$89,246
- Total Liabilities: \$ 2,117
- Total Income/gross Profit: \$47,262
- Total Expenses: \$33,742
- Net income: \$ 4,755

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

Executive Board Meeting Summary:

The SVCA Board met on September 8 for regular and executive session and discussed the financials listed above. Other items included:

- Discussed the updated 2025 budget numbers
- Discussed the summer membership efforts and working with Real Estate agents for welcome packages for new residents
- Discussed and approved storm-preparedness actions including new flood barriers, louvers.
- Discussed building maintenance priorities
- Planned upcoming community events for November through March
- Planned the community meetings for October and November.
- Discussed third-party contracts

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

Want to be a part of the management team?

Are you are interested in being a Trustee on the Beach

Endowment Trust in 2026? Or perhaps you're thinking about taking a seat on SVCA's 2026 Board? We're always looking for new talent and ideas to benefit our community.

2026 SVCA Board of Directors

That election is fast approaching! The Nomination Committee will propose a slate for the Board to review at their December meeting. The entire membership then votes on the slate at the January 2026 SVCA General Meeting. Members can also vote via the Membership Portal at southvenice.org. We will have five open Board seats to fill.

On the Nomination Committee this year are Bobbe Drummond and Kathleen Martin, who will speak with anyone interested and draw up a slate of nominees. They will be developing that slate over the next few months to put forward for election by members in January. You can contact either of them by phone or email (see info on page 2).

2026 Appointment of SVBET Trustee

Every year, the SVCA Board of Directors is required to appoint one Trustee to the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust. The Trustee position is a five-year term and Trustees are charged to manage the finances and operations of the beach and ferry. If you'd like to be considered for appointment to the Trust, contact Bobbie or Kathleen or you can just stop by the SVCA office. The SVCA Board will appoint the new Trustee on December 31.



Gail Parker caught a few shots of the men from Integrity Crew working in the hall. There were four of them and they stripped and refinished all the floors in the hall and kitchen. It just glows and looks great!





SOUTH VENICE GARDEN CLUB

Clippings

FROM DEBBIE SULLIVAN

October Speakers: Hurricane and Storm Advice

Our plants and trees suffered all kinds of damage after Hurricanes Ian, Milton, and Helene passed through. Most of us didn't know what to do – cut off dead fronds, cut down damaged limbs, or just leave them alone and hope for the best?

Amber Clark and Joe Vibonese of Simply Trees will help us deal with these dilemmas at the South Venice Garden Club's next meeting on Monday, October 20 at 1:00pm.



We'll also have our usual raffle of plants and gardening-related items. Visitors are welcome.

We meet at 1:00pm every third Monday from September to May.

Meeting programs focus on Florida Friendly gardening

with speakers, plant raffles, and hands-on projects, plus field trips to area and regional gardens. Male and female gardeners are welcome. First visit is free; join for \$20 yearly for individuals or \$25 families).

NEW: Follow us on Facebook—look for South Venice Garden Club Public Group.

TOP: Norma Brown (right) brought a guest, Wanda Moon

LEFT: Plant raffle winners showed off new plants for their gardens.

RIGHT: Stephanie McGrath won a giant canna lily in the raffle.



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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.



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Our volunteer tradition *continued*

many years since they were last done.) Plus, new permanent aluminum attic louvers have been ordered and will be installed by the end of October or early November.

There is still work needed to repair the gables where some of the wood has rotted. This will be taken care of when the louvers are installed. For safety reasons, the SVCA will rent a man-lift or bucket for this installation and repair work.

All of these projects are things we'd wanted to do for a while. Of course, there is more on our "To do list". Among them are: dealing with the drainage issue between the back of the building and the pickleball court, and renovating the two bathrooms.. We do not yet have the funding for these but any donations will be earmarked to go directly to these two major projects.

As always, we're asking for your help in getting the rest done. We welcome your donations, your expertise and your willingness to help with the work. Just contact any of the Board members listed on page 2, or contact Jodie in the office if you'd like to help.



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Community Improvement Projects

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

Marlawilcox63@gmail.com

VENETRIAN WATERWAY CLEAN-UP

Saturday, October 11 at 8:00am

Meet by the courts in Shamrock Park

THE GROVE CLEAN UP

October 18 at 8:00am

Meet at the Grove between Quincy and Grant



CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

Thursday, October 23 at 6:30pm
Venice Gardens Community Center



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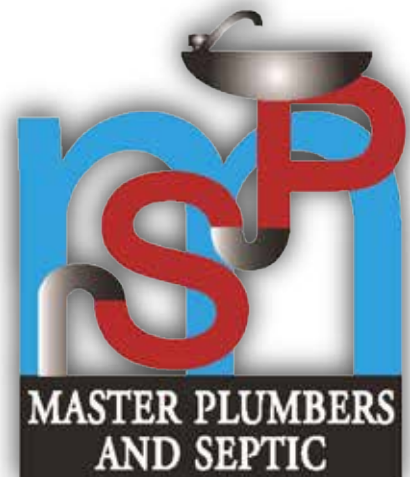
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From Heather's Kitchen

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

Pumpkin Earthquake Cake Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice!

Fall is the perfect time for cozy baking and pumpkin season is here. Some of my favorite fall memories are in the kitchen, when the air outside turned crisp and the whole house smelled like cinnamon and pumpkin.

The kids loved helping with this Pumpkin Earthquake Cake—mostly because of the name. They'd giggle and peek through the oven door, waiting to see the "cracks" form on top as it baked. By the time it came out, swirls of sweetened cream cheese, warm spiced pumpkin, and gooey melted chocolate were bubbling up, and everyone was ready for a treat.

It's rich, cozy, and a little indulgent—the kind of dessert that feels like home. Around here, it never lasts long, especially with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a dollop of whipped cream on top. If you're ready for a fun twist on the classic pumpkin pie, this Pumpkin Earthquake Cake is a must-try.

Ingredients

Cake Batter:

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup pumpkin puree (pure pumpkin canned - not pumpkin pie mix)
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Cream Cheese Filling:

- 8 ounces cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (melted)
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking pan with non-stick spray.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the cake mix, pumpkin, eggs, water, oil, sugar and pumpkin pie spice.



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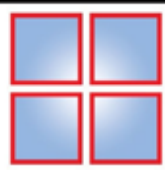
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Nature Walks with Florida Native Plant Society

These walks are free and open to the public. For more information, contact mangrovechapter@fnps.org.

NATURE WALKS

Friday, October 10, 9:00 to 11:00am. Join Dr. Mary Davis for a guided nature walk at the T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Memorial Reserve, 1800 Mabry Carlton Pkwy, Venice. Mary will tell us about managing local ecosystems that help protect the Myakka River and source of water supply. Meet at the first parking lot on the right.

Monday, October 20, 9:00 to 11:00am. Dr. Mary Davis leads a guided walk at the Manasota Scrub Preserve, 2695 Bridge St., Englewood. Join us to learn more about our amazing and unique Florida ecosystems as we explore the mosaic of plant communities that are typical of the SW Florida Flatwoods Ecoregion.

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, October 14 at 1:00pm. Join us for our monthly program at Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center, 570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood. Sherm Stratton and Dr. Linda Lovallo will discuss their work to save bromeliads—the giant air plant, *Tillandsia utriculata*, that was threatened due to habitat loss and the Mexican bromeliad weevil. Come early for social time. This event is free and open to the public.

Heather's Kitchen *continued*

3. Pour batter into the prepared pan.
4. In another bowl, mix melted butter with room temperature cream cheese.
5. Stir in the powdered sugar and mix until well combined.
6. Place spoonfuls of the cream cheese mixture all over the top of the cake mixture. Using a knife, gently swirl through the cream cheese.
7. Sprinkle chocolate chips on top.
8. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until center is set.
9. Allow the cake to almost completely cool before cutting. If you cut before it cools, the cake will be very soft and won't cut cleanly.
10. Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.
11. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Write a letter to the WAVE

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Best of Venice Winner for 2024

Best of Venice

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American Conference of Audioprosthetics



Next month will be the voting for Best of Venice. As a small business owner this is one of the few ways we can feel honored for being in business. If you can please vote for your

favorite local businesses. You can go to the website YourSun.com/BestofVenice to give a shout out to us.

I want to say thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Best of Venice awards from Venice Gondolier. I appreciate all the support and everyone who took their time to vote for us.

Your support and continued encouragement resulted in us being awarded Best of Venice, multiple titles and multiple years as both winner and finalist, Reader's Choice multiple years, and Small Business of the Year.

I am proud to have consistently offered service that is recognized by you and honored to receive so many awards over the years that our wall of awards has expanded onto another wall. Thank you for entrusting me with your hearing, I am glad I earned your respect.

Every day I hear stories about how hearing problems have interfered with enjoying life. I've always had one mission, to help everyone who comes to me to hear their best and engage in life.

Eighteen years ago, I opened my own office and chose to treat all my clients as if they are family. Twenty-two years ago, when I chose this profession, I was inspired by my mother MaryEllen. She was already wearing hearing aids due to ear surgery. Back then I was new to the industry and was not fully aware of how technology worked. As my ability grew, I noticed that the aids my mother wore were not the best for her needs. She was very social and would benefit from better technology. I was able to help her hear her best for her level of activities so she could have her best life.

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1219 NANTUCKET RD	1,999	3	2	2007	Private	3	8,000	199	\$575,000	\$550,000
1585 POINCIANA RD	1,902	3	2	1970	Private	3	20,087	99	\$599,900	\$550,000
1568 RINGTAIL RD	1,928	3	2	2001	Private	2	16,000	87	\$469,000	\$445,000
4440 YACHT CLUB DR	1,557	2	2	1976	Private	2	10,893	107	\$439,000	\$430,000
2961 VALENCIA RD	2,267	4	3	1976	Private	2	12,000	50	\$415,000	\$405,000
56 PRINCETON RD	1,832	3	2	2006	None	2	9,840	415	\$379,900	\$375,000
2005 FAUN RD	1,709	3	2	1979	None		12,000	16	\$374,900	\$365,000
240 PALMETTO DR	1,270	2	2	1978	None	1	10,000	10	\$375,000	\$360,000
291 CRANE RD	1,619	3	2	2002	None	2	8,000	15	\$369,000	\$352,000
386 NIGHTINGALE RD	1,330	2	2	1974	Private		8,000	56	\$375,000	\$350,000
572 DARWIN RD	1,476	3	2	1979	Private	2	10,000	16	\$349,900	\$342,000
4707 MARLIN RD	2,106	3	3	1974	Private	2	20,047	11	\$350,000	\$337,500
2545 GENEVA RD	1,979	2	2	1979	None	1	13,131	129	\$350,000	\$335,000
4484 TORTOISE RD	1,303	3	2	2004	None	2	8,000	57	\$335,000	\$327,500
1536 PORPOISE RD	1,226	2	2	1977	Private	1	8,001	1	\$319,000	\$320,000
662 FLAMINGO RD	1,282	3	2	2005	None	2	10,000	6	\$325,000	\$315,000
1533 OLYMPIA RD	1,552	4	2	1975	None	1	8,000	48	\$309,900	\$300,000
1054 W BAFFIN DR	1,241	3	2	1963	Private		8,000	14	\$309,000	\$280,000
781 MISSOURI RD	1,508	3	2	1980	None	2	10,000	167	\$280,000	\$265,000
275 GARDEN RD	1,024	2	1	1957	None		8,000	41	\$259,900	\$250,000
354 BURKE RD	1,325	3	1	1972	None	1	8,000	5	\$249,000	\$215,800
3485 ROSLYN RD	960	2	2	1971	None	1	8,000	378	\$229,900	\$163,000
4956 POMPANNO RD	925	2	2	1964	None		10,000	15	\$124,000	\$106,000

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State of the Market

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



Welcome back to fall in Florida! As the season arrives, we want to extend a warm welcome back to our seasonal friends returning to beautiful South Venice Beach. While other parts of the country are cooling down, we get to enjoy Florida's version of fall—sunny skies, slightly cooler evenings, and Gulf waters still invitingly warm. The return of neighbors always brings new energy, and we're thrilled to see our community buzzing again. From both of us — me and my sister

Katheren —we wish you a happy return and a smooth start to the season. Stop by and say hello—we'd love to catch up!

The South Venice Beach market continues to show resilience, though activity has slowed slightly compared to the summer surge. Between August 16 and September 15, we recorded fewer sales than the previous period, but the fundamentals remain strong: homes are selling faster once they go under contract, and values are holding steady.

By the Numbers (August 16 – September 15)

- Closings: 24 (down from 37 last period)
- Average Sale Price: \$347,867 (up from \$342,205)
- Median Sale Price: \$339,750

- Average Price per Sq. Ft.: \$221.25 (down from \$231.67)
- Average Days to Contract: 99 (median 56, improved from 96 last month)
- Average Days to Close: 131
- SP/LP Ratio: 94%

As always, price and curb appeal remain key. Homes that present well and hit the market at the right number are finding buyers swiftly. Inventory remains limited, and with many seasonal residents returning, demand is expected to remain steady into the winter.

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Here's to another vibrant season in South Venice Beach—where the sunsets are golden, the Gulf stays warm, and community spirit shines bright.

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, 2025



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