From the President:

I want to thank all of you - SVCA members, Ferry Pass Holders, Boat Ramp Keyholders, Friends of the Beach and all other residents who took the time to turn out for the June Potluck Dinner and ‘Community Conversation’ last month, as well as those of you who were here in spirit, having for some inexplicable reason chosen to spend the summer months elsewhere. It was, for the most part, a positive evening that generated a lot of good ideas and showed that a lot of you care deeply about the community, the SVCA and the SVBET. We all appreciate it and need to build on it.

A few days before the meeting, I got a phone call from an acquaintance who has recently become a full-time South Venice resident after 5 years as a snowbird. He wanted to talk about flood insurance, having heard that the flood maps were being re-drawn and curious about the effect it would have on his flood insurance - flood insurance he had been surprised to find he needed at his closing in 2009. He thought it would be a good topic for a general meeting later in the year, and told me he was already in the process of contacting the appropriate County personnel. When I saw him Monday night at the meeting he told me he had already contacted Desiree Companion, the County Coordinator for the Community Rating System for the Floodplain Maps. I got an email from her on Tuesday morning, and we are in the process of setting up a date in late January or early February, after the preliminary maps have been released and during the 90-day Appeals period. Prior to the meeting any resident whose Flood Zone

Several young people—middle school through high school—joined the South Venice volunteers planting around Siesta Creek at the June waterway clean up at Siesta Creek. The kids are from SEA Teams at local schools who volunteer on projects like coastal cleanups, trail maintenance, and native plant distribution. Thanks kids.

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Many of you turned out for the June 16 General Meeting and potluck supper—we had a lot of discussion, some terrific food and lots of time to meet friends and neighbors.

President’s Message
(continued)
rating has been affected will be contacted by the County, and at the meeting County people will sit down with each affected resident, answer with each affected resident, answer their questions, and explain, if necessary, the appeals process.

This is the kind of stuff I love, and this is why I volunteered for the SVCA Board. By working with a concerned resident who took the initiative to explore an issue affecting him and the community, we can act as a facilitator between the County and residents (both members and non-SVCA members) who will be affected by changes to the Flood Maps. It’s a crucial issue that impacts individual homeowners, businesses and the community as a whole, and it’s being addressed thanks to a resident who chose to be part of the solution.

We need people like that, but we also need people to support and help out with everything we do - from pancake breakfasts, potlucks and rummage sales to the book club to the kayak tours that Harriet is planning and the October Masquerade/Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Extravaganza - if we haven’t planned the events or activities you’re looking for, get in touch with us and help to organize it.

Enjoy the summer, wherever you are. In September The WAVE will resume and we will report back the responses to the ‘Community Conversation’ questions which were answered at the June meeting as well as being emailed to all members. (See Page 3 for the full questionnaire.) If you haven’t already, please take a few minutes to read through them and respond - after all, it is your Civic Association.

See you at the SVCA!

John Bowne

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
A few weeks ago, my friend Betty and myself were walking back to where I had left my backpack and my Venice jacket, to get ready to return home. Now, I never leave my things far up the beach, but that day it was packed, so I left my back pack by the bank along with my jacket. We wandered further up North when Lo and Behold, just as we were almost there (about 15 feet away) an Osprey flew over our heads and beat me to my back pack and swiped up my jacket and took off with it, my arms waving in the wind. I never did find it, but I’ll hope it made its way back to the nest to keep their babies warm.

Simone Simmons

PS: The white jacket is the very one that’s in this picture that ran in last month’s issue of The Wave!
1. What is the Purpose of the SVCA – what do you think it should be?

2. What are some of your concerns about the neighborhood?

3. What issues would you like the SVCA to pursue with the County?

4. The SVCA currently has 258 member households. There are approximately 7,500 eligible households. How can we increase membership?

5. Due to cost constraints – mailing our message to all residents has become an issue. How can we get our message out to everyone in the community – rather than just SVCA members thru e-mail?

6. What would make you come here more often?

7. Do you know why some people don’t want to join the SVCA?

8. Do you know why some people don’t like to come to the SVCA?

9. We met with a contractor to decide if building was worth saving – the recommendation was to repair and possibly upgrade thru a long-range plan. Start with the roof.
   
   **Maybe for the Future:**
   Upgrade electric? Add dollars to budget for maintenance and future repairs? What else?

10. What would you like the hall to look like in the future?

11. How to increase hall rentals?

12. What kinds of clubs would you be interested in attending?

13. What kinds of classes would you be interested in taking?

14. What types of events would you like to have?

15. Ideas for fund raising events

16. What kind of speakers at general meetings would you like to hear from? What kind of topics would you like discussed at general meetings?

17. What would you like to see in the WAVE on a regular basis?

18. What would you be willing to volunteer to do here?
Ferry House Beautification Ongoing

By Cherry Giovinazzo, FOB Chair and Beach Trust Liaison

Many of our members are back up North for the summer now so there won’t be a full meeting of the Friends until September. But the work at the ferry and beach never stops completely.

Just look at these pictures of all the improvements.
We installed sprinkler heads in the beautiful new plant beds and will soon install a timer for the system. A lot of work has gone into our beautification projects and we’ll make sure they stay beautiful.

We did more planting around the pavers including the new donated palm trees. And more bricks will be going in soon—the engraver does them in batches of 30. Thanks again to Chuck Yalowitz and Jack Benson for the new bulletin board; it looks great! We installed a new bench to replace the old one which was rotted. Rick Curwood made it and stained it; so thanks Rick! It looks great with the new plantings around it. Also, we put pavers around the side of the ferry house under the hose everyone uses to get the sand off. We have asked the Trustees to approve the installation of pilings around the parking areas and concrete curbing around the plant beds to keep cars from running into them. Stay well and have a wonderful summer everyone!

South Venice Beach
June’s ‘Old Faithful’

We lost a long time Beach Old Faithful in June. Joan Gannon will be greatly missed. Here she is with her regular group of beachcombers, ‘Florida snow shovels’ at the ready! Joan is in the center, back row with her twin, June Vollreide at her left.

Ilona Wilson, Walt Ernst, and Carol Jiga joined the volunteers at the Venetian Waterway cleanup on June 7. The work crew reported that the park was in excellent condition—they only found cigarette butts, bottle tops, wrappers (and, oddly enough, a pair of metal scissors). The work is really paying off!

BY LUANNE RHOTEN, President

At the May meeting of the South Venice Garden Club, President LuAnne Rhoten presented the Club’s annual Golden Trowel Award to Jeanne White.
The Golden Trowel is given to the Club member who has been instrumental in creating a club we can all enjoy. Jeanne has been a long time member and an active volunteer at monthly meetings.
Jeanne has been the chair of the rummage sale at the Annual Plant, Bake and Rummage Sale for the past few years and also serves on the Board of Directors of the SVCA. The club is fortunate to have such a dedicated hard working member. Congrats to Jeanne!
Please note: We’re on hiatus thru August but look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting September 8. Meanwhile, keep on gardening!

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In the office
In 2001, recognizing that South Venice Beach could be vulnerable to a ‘takeover’ by an outside entity (the County, the State), the Board of Directors of the SVCA acted to provide full legal protection for it and other commonly-owned properties. They proposed the creation of a separate corporation, the South Venice Beach Endowment Trust, to be a permanent non-profit 501(c)(3) Foundation, to hold the beach and the other properties. At the June 2001 general meeting, by vote of the membership, the proposed By-Law Amendment was approved.

Among those common properties was an eight-acre parcel where the ‘north beach’ footbridge had been, which were no longer used and had become ‘orphan’ acres. They were not saleable in the normal sense, since development was prohibited by virtue of the original deed. In fact, it seems that in the years following the beach deal with the County, that property had simply been forgotten. In those years, the County had created Shamrock Park in South Venice and, as it happened, the Park adjoined those eight acres. So in 2008, the Trust was able to sell it to the county with

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I have many memories from my early childhood of talking into my Grandpa's pocket, so his body-aid would pick up my voice. Both my grandfather, Howard and my Mom, MaryEllen, were profoundly hard of hearing.

My Mom's hearing was due to surgical procedure. She had been wearing hearing aids for years before I came into the industry 14 years ago. The first time I fit her with aids she was startled by how much better she heard. I knew the technology had not improved dramatically so it wasn't until I realized she had been using moderate technology levels. That experience showed me how much it had cost her in connecting with others and being part of the group by wearing aids not fit for her busy lifestyle.

She didn't have to buy a moderate set, I just don't think she knew how much benefit and ease of listening a higher level of technology would provide for her challenging hearing and busy lifestyle.

I do understand that there are times when you have to compromise due to financial strains. If you have to compromise do so knowingly. Be aware of what you are choosing between.

Having my life, my family so directly affected by hearing loss I am truly passionate about helping others hear their best.

I help people with a hearing loss participate in their family moments. I have sought out additional training to ensure I have the ability to help.

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- Movies: Frank Cinemas 941-408-0011
- Venice Theatre 941-488-1115
- BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 941-861-5000
- FEMA Emergency 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-427-5593)

History of the Trust (Continued)

the provision that it be preserved as parkland for common enjoyment of the community.

That property sale provided a stable capital fund for the Endowment Trust, which is, by its Articles of Incorporation, dedicated to the preservation and protection of South Venice Beach and other commonly-owned properties in perpetuity.
Can you find the South Venice C.E.R.T. members?

Quite a few of your neighbors were among the first graduates of Sarasota County's C.E.R.T. training program

This was April 4, 2005. Among that ‘graduating class’ were SVCA members Larry Theis, David Clarkson, Bessie Kofsky, Bob Matherne, Laraine Jansen, Barbara Duchene, Don Jansen, Dennis Duchene, and Laura Benson.

Everyone is invited come learn about CERT at our meetings. Upcoming meetings are Thursday July 24 at 7:00pm at the Venice Gardens Community Building and Thursday August 28 at 7:00pm at the SVCA Community Building.

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FINANCING AVAILABLE
Sierra Waterway is in Bloom! On Saturday, June 21, a large enthusiastic group of volunteers weeded, planted flowers and picked up trash along the Sierra Waterway. Along with our South Venice crew were another group of volunteers from Englewood and Boca Grande: ReAnna Montwheeler, a marine biologist and former teacher, brought several children from her SEA Team to help with the planting. The SEA Team is comprised of middle school through high school kids and their families working together with community members to provide services during coastal cleanups, juvenile tarpon tagging, trail maintenance, native plant distribution, fishing tournaments and much more.

Ernesto Lasso de la Vega and Rita Maiss, from Lee County, came to video tape a demonstration of our method of cleaning out the waterway as well as the planting. The video will eventually be on the SouthVeniceBeach.org website.

Volunteers from South Venice were Harrison Fox, Lynn Fox, Don Jansen, Laraine Jansen, Ilo­na Wilson, Julia Nagell, Laurie Hartman, Steve Suau, James McFadden, Stephen Brown, and John Bowne.

From Englewood and Boca Grande were ReAnna Montwheeler, Angela Hernandez and Beckianne Par­ker who brought the kids from the SEA Team— Tivon Emidy, Hailee Roderick, Bethany Couto, Grayce Robertson, Airieana Brown, Sabrina Lefebvre and Abigall Parker.

We also had help from North Port City Commission­er Cheryl Cook and John Ryan from the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Department.

They were all amazing. After a couple of hours of hard work in the summer heat, several of the volun­teers asked when we were going to do this again!

We put 167 plants put in the ground that day. They included white beach buttercup, coreopsis, lantana, liatris, salvia, porter weed, calamint, blanket flower and red penta. Within an hour of planting these items there were butterflies all over the area.

Two neighbors have stepped up and volunteered to water the plants through the month of July. Thank you Helene and Ray.

Be sure to drive by and see the all the plants in bloom. This area has been transformed—it was once a muck-covered stream full of trash with over grown banks but now it’s a beautiful clear free-flowing stream full of wildlife. Go take a look. You can park your car and walk to the stream now and you might even see an otter or a turtle or some fish!
Do you want to get down in the dirt with your neighbors and make South Venice a more beautiful place? It's fun and it makes a difference.

Contact LaraineJansen777@gmail.com

There is still work to be done. In fact, there will probably be another weeding session in August. If you would like to help, send Laraine an email and ask to be put on the email reminder list for the Siesta Waterway.

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For more information or to reserve a date, call or email SVCA Administrator Karen Lewis
info@southvenicebeach.org

Together, we are a community. And together, we make a difference.
## South Venice Home Sales

**MAY 14, 2014 through JUNE 13, 2014**

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Around Town This Summer!

We all know it's quiet here in the summer, so just in time to liven things up some good old-time Rock & Roll comes to Venice Theatre. It's time for the Annual Summer Oldies Concert Series at Venice Theatre. All shows are at 8:00 pm and tickets are only $20. Get them at the box office, by phone at 941-488-1115 or online at www.venicestage.com. Summer box office hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and one hour before all performances.

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