JUNE 2014

Waterway Clean-up at Shamrock Park  
(meet in front of the tennis courts)  
JUNE 7 at 8:00 am  
JULY 12 at 8:00 am  
AUGUST 2 at 8:00 am  
Friends of the Beach Meeting  
JUNE 2 at 7:00 pm  
SVCA Board of Directors Meeting  
JUNE 9 at 7:00 pm  
Beautiful Neighborhoods  
JUNE 21, 9 am at 4260 Conus Rd.  
SVCA General Members Meeting  
JUNE 16 at 7:00 pm  
BYOB POTLUCK and BRAINSTORM  
Don’t miss this one!  
(We will not meet in July or August—General meetings resume in September)

Every Sunday at the SVCA building:  
Fellowship Bible Church  
Services at 10:00 am  
Bible Study at 11:15 am

SVCA Book Club  
On hiatus until October  
South Venice Garden Club  
On hiatus until October  
SVBET Trustees Meeting  
JUNE 23 at 7:00 pm  
Water Quality Task Force meeting  
JUNE 25 at 7:00 pm  
South Venice CERT—at SVCA  
(This is a change from Venice Gardens)  
JUNE 26 at 7:00 pm  
South Venice Yacht Club Dances  
Taking the summer off—see you in the fall!

SOUTH VENICE BEACH ENDOWMENT TRUST  
At right: the Trustees of the Beach Endowment Trust finally posed for a picture! Seen here are Sandy McHenry, Doyle Phillips, Ilsa Ahrens and Beach Trust Chair John Semple. (Steve Suau was absent.)  
Below: it was a full table at the April Trust meeting. At the table besides the Trustees were all four Advisors to the Trust as well as representatives from the affiliated committee, Friends of the Beach.

From the President:  
And . . . the featured speaker at the June Meeting is . . . You!  
That’s right - you. And your neighbors. And your friends. And that old secret family recipe.  
It was encouraging to see so many of you at our May meeting voicing your opinions on what can, could and should be done with both the SVCA as an organization and out building itself. I don’t think we’ve had 75 people at a general meeting in three years. Thank you.  
Now it’s time to see if we can maintain some of that momentum.  
The June 16 General Meeting will be a Potluck Dinner along with A Community Brainstorming session - your chance to bring your ideas, your passions, your skills and your time to the table and share them with your neighbors. Want to organize a Neighborhood Watch? A Poker Night? Kayak outings? Swing Dance Night? Karaoke Fridays? Kids Movie Night? Bring a dish, an idea, a friend and a commitment to the community on Monday the 16th.  

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Got your License Plate yet?  
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General Meeting  
JUNE 16, 2014  
7:00 pm  
Pot Luck Dinner
Great turn-out at the May meeting!

Tito Gaona and Orlando Bevington of the Venice Circus Arts Foundation drew a large crowd at our May General Meeting. Then a very lively business meeting was followed by coffee and cookies and other wonderful treats!

SVCA President John Bowne opened the meeting and asked for brief committee reports prior to the presentation by the Venice Circus Arts Foundation.

- Laraine Jansen reported on the many clean-up projects underway in South Venice. She thanked the SVCA and the SVBET for their very welcome assistance in getting these projects up and running. (See page 7 for details and contact information)
- Membership: Gail Parker, committee chair reported and invited members to join the committee.
- Siesta Waterway: Harrison Fox reported on grant applications
- Friends of Beach: Harriet Phillips updated on the ‘Hit the Bricks’ campaign. Cherry Giovinazzo gave a report on the ongoing improvements at the Ferry House and property.

John Bowne then introduced the evening’s program (see next page) and afterwards addressed the meeting about the mission of the SVCA and its future, saying that both are dependent on the membership and that input was welcome. There was then a good deal of discussion. He said the building had just been inspected and—other than the roof which we all know about—basically everything is quite sound and only minor fixes are necessary. Before closing John made it clear to the members that no recommendations have actually been made and no decisions have been made.

Message from the President

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to want more of a social aspect to the SVCA. Harriet Phillips has volunteered to coordinate activities and has hit the ground running - thank you, Harriet - we need 20 of you.

May’s meeting was a starting point. While we continue to explore options for repairing/replacing the roof and other upgrades to the hall, we need all of you to generate and maintain reasons to come to the hall. We’re counting on you.

See you on the 16th.

John
A rendering by the Circus Arts Foundation of what could be.

May General Meeting . . .

Guest speaker Orlando Bevington told us that the Venice Circus Arts Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of the former winter home of the Ringling Brothers Circus. They propose converting it into a state of the art performance facility. It’s a 4500 seat arena which would be the largest in southwest Florida. The group hopes to forestall the demolition of the arena and create a vibrant place for activities besides circus and other performances that could include a museum, dining areas and a movie soundstage. It could host conventions, auto shows, garden shows, concerts. To learn more, volunteer or contribute, visit their website venicecircusarts.com.

Former chair of the Beach Trust, Ellen Hillstrom with Lourdes Ramirez, who is running for the County Commission.

John Meyer of Friendship Bible Church with two of SVCA’s Beautiful Neighborhoods volunteers.

What about the airport?

A public workshop was held recently at the Venice Community Center for the purpose of gathering questions and comments regarding the so-called runway protection zone improvement project at the Venice Airport.

What I took away from this workshop was that only the northern end of runway 13-31 is being provided with protection, and residents at that end are not all satisfied with the proposal. Very few residents from the south end of the runway attended due to lack of news of the workshop. Yet, the south end, which encompasses much of South Venice, was not taken into consideration in the planning. No concern was shown for the noise and air pollution being experienced there, nor the safety issue of low flying airplanes over rooftops. The project was coordinated with many Federal agencies, and Florida state agencies.

Why weren’t our Sarasota County commissioners, who should have been concerned with Sarasota County’s residents and tax payers and their welfare, included in this planning? At election time they are quite visible, but invisible to south County the rest of the time.

Marion and Bob Mendelson
Palmetto Drive, South Venice Beach

Anyone wishing to contact Marion is welcome to call her at 941-492-5091 or email her at marionm8@juno.com

Letters to the Editor

The South Venice Beach Wave invites you to submit Letters to the Editor and to submit news and photos for publication, especially about any SVCA related events. Both will be subject to review of course but if you have something South Venice should know, we’d like to hear from you.

Do you have news to share? Community events to announce? Send them to The Wave and we'll try to include them.

SEND YOUR LETTERS AND NEWS TO: wave@southvenicebeach.org

Welcome to our newest members!

RESIDENTIAL
Boda Sandor, K.R. Anderson,
Linda Lunn, Katy Burke, Tom Aimar and
David Sheppard, Margaret Dieffenderfer

BUSINESS MEMBER
Dr. Gary Bolen at Venice Village Chiropractic
News from:
Friends of the Beach

By Cherry Giovannazzo, FOB Chair and Beach Trust Liaison

We’ve sure been busy! With all plants and materials (all donated!), we’ve completed these projects:
• new plantings and palm trees at the Ferry House.
• more new plantings around our South Venice Beach sign Lemon Bay Road.
• a new “Community Bulletin Board” built and installed by FOB Chuck Yalowitz (that’s Chuck below)
• the restroom is painted with new vanity, new mirror and wall paintings

We are proud that FOB Harriet Phillips has been named Events Chair for the Civic Association. We know her energy will be a great benefit. Kudos Harriet! We’re with you all the way.

And another FOB, Doyle Phillips, has been appointed as a Trustee on the Beach Endowment Trust. Congratulations Doyle - we have no doubt that your polite southern style polite and business savvy will serve the Trust well. Good Luck.

The new Bulletin Board is installed, replacing the tired, rotting old one. FOB Chuck Yalowitz built it and installed it with the help of two other FOBs (thanks to you two, you know who you are!) On the board, we’ll provide sections for posting: SVBET, FOB, SVCA, Community Vendors etc.

I’m sad to announce that we lost one of our own last month. Harry Bishop joined the ‘Friends’ over a year ago. He was the best pancake flipper ever—at the Pancake Breakfasts, he could do 24 at a time! Several of us were on a cruise with Harry and Pat in November and had a wonderful time. He will be missed by me and all the Friends.

Hit The Bricks!
The first installation of Bricks at the ferry house is complete and already another 17 bricks are ready to be added.
Please consider purchasing a Brick—in your own name or to honor a family member or friend.
Order forms are outside the ferry house—there’s a plastic box hanging on the fence. On the Beach Side there’s another box hanging on the wood railing on the left side of the walkway to our beautiful Beach.

South Venice Beach

June’s ‘Old Faithful’
Bob Moody and his wife Alice have been part of the South Venice community for over 30 years. He is a true “Old Faithful” and can be found at the Beach every day, twice a day! You’ve probably seen him cycling to the beach along Lemon Bay Drive with his trusty beach chair mounted on the back of his bike.

A WWII vet, Bob was an Air Force pilot stationed in Italy and flew 64 combat missions in the European Theatre. He’s very proud of his grandson Jason, who is an Army Captain currently serving his third tour in Afghanistan.

Our beach has such beautiful views plus it’s not crowded like others... I love it!
A few years after residents created the South Venice Civic Association in 1959, and built their ‘community house’ as it was then called, they organized the South Venice Volunteer Fire Department, which served the area until 1999.

At that time, the beach—as platted by the original developers— was actually two separate beaches. ‘North Beach’ and ‘South Beach’ were interrupted by a length of county-owned beach. North Beach was on the Gulf side of where Shamrock Park is today and South Beach was off Lemon Bay Drive at the current location of the South Venice Beach ferry. Both beaches were accessible by foot over wooden bridges from the mainland to Manasota Key.

But by 1965, the Army Corps of Engineers’ decade-long construction of the Intracoastal Waterway on the west coast of Florida was finally approaching South Venice. The new waterway would incorporate Lemon Bay, which up until then had been a shallow body of water. The Corps planned to dredge a deep channel right through the Bay to allow boat traffic.

For South Venice, that meant their footbridges had to go. Residents organized

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A new client was taking advantage of my compare manufacturer demonstration. He was very skeptical that hearing aids would benefit his life. His loss was not affecting him; his loss was affecting those around him, especially his wife. It is always those who want to engage in conversations with you that are affected by your hearing loss.

He finally came in. No, I don’t know how long his wife had encouraged him to come in to have a hearing test. I performed his hearing test. He has a moderate loss.

They come down from up north for the social season in our Venice area. Part of their social life includes restaurants and group social experiences at their community clubhouse and visits with their friends. His wife enjoys going to family owned restaurants. When they are in our area, they actively spend time with friends.

While wearing demo hearing aids, they went out to restaurants and he mentioned the devices were working well. He was able to understand in the restaurants without having to change the programs too often.

He mentioned that the sounds were tinny, not his preferred sound quality but he did hear better.

This is exactly why we offer a demo comparison. His brain was looking for a different sound quality. I invited him to try another manufacturer since we won’t know if it helps until he tries.

He came back after his second week with just one question, “why doesn’t everyone help like this?” He said I really listened to what he was saying and not just telling him how wonderful hearing aids are.

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South Venice History
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and launched a vigorous campaign to get the waterway re-routed and save their bridges. They even staged a sit-in and tried to face down the barges as they moved south on the bay. But they were no match for what had been designated a national security project and the Army Corps of Engineers continued construction.

Finally, a deal was struck. To preserve beach access for the residents, the Corps compensated South Venice and provided the funds for the purchase of a ferry and the construction of docks. The footbridges came down and the new ferry, “Miss South Venice”, began her now 45 years of service carrying generations of local residents to their beach. Actually, it was still their ‘beaches’, North and South, interrupted by the county beach; the single ferry serviced both. An effort was launched to join the beaches and the County proposed a straight trade - simply a title switch - giving their beach to South Venice and taking ownership of South Venice’s North Beach. It was a rare no-brainer and the deal was made. The old North Beach is now part of Casperson Beach. (In her book “Our Little Corner of Florida”, Vida Davis Hoffacker said “parts from the Ringling Circus RR cars were actually made into seats for the ferry!”)

Residents tour off-the-grid modern house on Seneca Road in South Venice
Owners/architects Linda Searl and Joe Vaalerio recently led a group of South Venetians on a tour of their unique home. Seen here: Laraine Jansen, the owners, Don Jansen, Harrison Fox and Elaine Jaffe
Community Commitment
Cleaning up our streets, our parks and our beach

Report from Laraine Jansen
What an amazing number of clean up projects we have going on here in South Venice. And what an amazing number of volunteers have stepped forward to be part of the effort. Thanks to all of you who show up on a regular basis—or just when you can—and make it all happen. Thanks too to the SVCA and the Beach Trust for their welcome assistance. This is community in action.

Regular ongoing activities:

**Venetian Waterway Park Clean-ups**
Next clean-up: Saturday June 7, 8:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot in front of the tennis courts at Shamrock Park

**Beautiful Neighborhood Clean-ups** here in our neighborhoods
Next clean-up: Saturday, June 21. Meet at the SVCA at 8:30 am. The clean-up area will be Alligator Drive from the SVCA building up to US41.

**The Siesta Waterway Restoration** (now including Faun Lake)
The regular **Beach Clean-ups** (thanks Friends of the Beach)
**Water Debris Clean-ups**— some of our neighbors do this job from their own kayaks and canoes
Next: The County Clean-up after the fireworks on July 5.

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If you want to take part, just contact me at: larainejansen777@gmail.com or call me at 941-493-3176

Carol Jiga, Ilona Wilson and Laraine Jansen with the trash (2 13-gallon bags and a toilet seat) they found May 17, walking Pandora, Mercury, and Blossom Roads. They went on to do Southland Road from Rt. 776 to Pompano.
Siesta Waterway Cleanup Taskforce

Dozens have volunteered and the results are stunning. Thank you all!

By Laraine Jansen

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, six volunteers climbed down the embankment into the Siesta Waterway to clean out overgrowth. It has been about three years since the original cleanout of the waterway. Raking the overgrowth onto the banks, the crew found a 5'x2' piece of plywood down in the waterway, left behind by someone (kids?), perhaps attempting to make a bridge. Unfortunately, the results of their attempt was a blockage of the water flow. Once the piece of plywood and the debris were removed and the overgrowth put on the banks, the waterway was once again flowing free and strong.

The first thing I noticed while taking pictures of the volunteers in the waterway was the surprising odor—or should I say scent—from the stream. When the waterway was cleaned out the first time, the smell was pungent sulfur and putrid rotting organic material. This time it was a crisp, sweet citrus, an extremely pleasant odor.

It took about two hours for six volunteers to clean out the overgrowth along the area we are calling "The Groves." By the time we were packing up to leave, the water was totally clean and running free.

While the stream work was being done, two volunteers walked the whole area picking up trash (there was very little). And, they spent almost two hours weeding the meadow area on the west side of the waterway. Additionally, one volunteer pulled down dead brush hanging off some of the many trees on the east side of Siesta Waterway.

Thanks to Elaine Jaffe who donated three banana trees which we planted along the west bank of the waterway. Those three trees will spread into a lovely tropical grove of banana trees.

Our volunteers are the hardest working group I have ever worked with. Never a complaint, they always ask what else can be done. They rock!

Working down in the waterway were (pictured above), Ate Hunik, Joe Knowles, Stephen Brown, John Bowne (SVCA President), and Rick Eaton. Also there was Harrison Fox, and on the adjacent banks were Ilona Wilson, Nancy Morgan, and Steve Suau.

Want to get down in the dirt with them?

If you'd like join your neighbors and become part of South Venice's Waterway Taskforce:

Email Laraine at larainejansen777@gmail.com
The volunteers of South Venice’s Water Quality Task Force has been working on restoration of Siesta Creek for the last few years. And on April 28, they brought their message of clean local waterways to another South Venice neighborhood, meeting with residents of the area around Faun Lake on Scenic Drive. Here, Harrison Fox presents journalist Steve Bauman with a copy of the May issue of the South Venice Beach WAVE. Steve, on the Editorial Board of Sun Herald Newspapers, published an opinion piece about the Task Force project last month (the entire editorial appeared in the April WAVE), saying:

“An environmental project in South Venice could establish a model for intelligent waterway restoration in Southwest Florida.”

“... these members of the SVCA are an extraordinary example of neighborhoods working with governments to solve environmental problems in their own backyards. It’s a laudable effort...”

What a difference we can make!

At left, Rick Eaton gets ready to plant the new donated banana trees on the banks of Siesta Creek.

Clear water now runs in Siesta Creek thanks to the commitment from so many volunteers.

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

**APRIL 14, 2014 through MAY 14, 2014**

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SVCA member and former SVCA Board President Kelley Ann Ayers at EXIT King Realty provides this list to *The Wave* every month, so you can see the real estate trends in South Venice.
In case you ever wondered:

South Venice and South (of) Venice are not the same thing. Lately, many local officials and the press use the phrase South Venice to include areas like Jacaranda and US41. That’s quite understandable especially since the area has grown so much.

But we are a unique and defined community. This map describes the ‘real’ South Venice Beach; these borders haven’t changed since the development was subdivided and chartered in 1952.

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