INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY

Local Scouts and South Venice volunteers working together

By Laraine Jansen

SVCA along with Boy Scout Troops 26 and 311 participated in the International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 19, through Keep Sarasota County Beautiful. Everyone gathered at the Boat Ramp at the Ferry Field at 8:30am and got right to work. The Boy Scouts launched their canoes into Lemon Bay where they picked up over 500 pounds of trash, mostly from the mangrove areas along the Intracoastal Waterway just north of the South Venice ferry building. They worked on the water for over three hours.

Meanwhile, landlubber volunteers cleared the trash around the boat dock, ferry building and mangroves, as well as on the Beach. And since Saturday was also SVCA’s regular Alligator Drive clean up, three trash buddies worked on that project— from the SVCA building up to US41.

After the Scouts counted and weighed all the trash, they were...
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15 MEMBERS MEETING

The September 2015 meeting of the SVCA general membership was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Elaine Jaffe, SVCA President. She called for a moment of reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The minutes from the June 2015 meeting (published in the September South Venice Beach WAVE newsletter) were approved.

Elaine called for committee reports.

- Gail Parker reported for the membership committee. A plan for the 2016 membership mailing has been developed.
- Harriet Phillips reported for the events committee. There is a covered dish/dance on Saturday, September 26. The committee is working on a mechanism whereby a person can donate money to the SVCA in honor or memory of others.
- Elaine announced that the pancake breakfast originally scheduled for October 10 will be on October 17. There will be lasagna on October 24 to welcome back our northerners. She reminded everyone of the Bandana dance on November 7; the yoga class on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; and the ballroom dance class held on Thursday evenings at 7:00.
- Maureen Holland announced that the new website has been published, however it is incomplete. By November 1, people should be able to pay for their membership online.
- Laraine Jansen reported on the success of the International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 19. Laraine announced the Community Emergency Response Team meeting being held on Thursday, September 24. And, she gave an update of the Siesta Waterway Project.

Elaine then introduced the speaker for the evening, John Ryan, Sarasota County Storm water Utility. John presented a slide show about the Lemon Bay Watershed, Alligator Creek, as well as historic and present day maps of South Venice. He discussed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) which is a regulatory term in the U.S. Clean Water Act, describing a value of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards.

John discussed the Sarasota Water Atlas (can be found on the County website at http://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu/). The Briarwood Storm water Treatment Center, which is supposed to help the quality of the lakes in Venice Gardens; and fish harvesting.

John talked about the South Venice Water Quality Task Force (WQTF) and how the organization is helping to change the way the county maintains the waterway and ditch banks. He said the WQTF has been instrumental in helping interested residents in South Gate in Sarasota and the Bobby Jones Golf Club, the largest park in the county.

John asked for comments and questions from the audience:

- There was a comment about the runoff from the Jacaranda Golf Course polluting Alligator Creek and Lemon Bay.
- It was suggested that more work be done on Alligator Creek.
- Also suggested was development of an environmental education program by the SVCA.
- It was suggested that more monitoring be done in Woodmere Creek and that it be included in the discussion.

Winner of the evening’s 50/50 was John Bowne who donated his winning back to the SVCA. Everyone enjoyed the snacks and coffee during the meeting. It was adjourned about 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Laraine Jansen, SVCA Board Secretary
From the President

Is summer really over? I am ready for blue skies, white billowy clouds and cooler temperatures. You, too? Our seasonal friends are arriving during October and November and SVCA is ready to welcome them as well as full time residents with great activities.

Pancake breakfasts begin on October 17. Our Welcome Back Lasagna dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 24. It’s a BYOB affair. And don’t miss the fabulous Bandana Bash on Saturday, November 7. You can buy your tickets at the office or from any Board member.

It is our loss that Kathy Bolam decided to resign from the SVCA Board to pursue her other activities. Kathy has been a hard-working Board member and her skills will be missed. Thank you, Kathy, for your years of service.

Please welcome Rita Reinoso who agreed to fulfill Kathy’s term on the Board. Rita has been working on SVCA’s Governmental Affairs Committee representing the residents of the area of South Venice designated for sewers by the Englewood Water District. She will be a valuable addition to the Board.

Check out our new website—it’s full of information and you can see everything that’s happening at SVCA and learn how to get involved. It’s a great way to participate in our community.

Pancake Breakfasts are back!

Starting OCTOBER 17
8:00 to 10:30am
JUST $6.00 at the door

PANCAKES      SCRAMBLED EGGS
SAUSAGE      COFFEE AND JUICE

SVCA Fall Yard Sale

Saturday, Nov. 21
9:00am to 2:00pm

Time to start cleaning out your closets and straightening up that garage. Furniture and kitchen tools, small appliances, books, music, linens, house and yard tools, clothes (decent please), bric-a-brac, china and glassware, pots and pans—we’d love to have them all!

You can drop stuff at the SVCA starting Monday, November 16. If the building is open, leave contributions in the back room; if not they can be put by the back door behind the building.

LASAGNA AND DANCING

Time to welcome back our northern friends

We had a great time in May saying ‘goodbye’ - so let’s have a party and welcome them back.

Saturday, OCTOBER 24 at 6:00pm
MEMBERS $10 NON-MEMBERS $13 BYOB
Meat or veggie lasagna, gluten-free pasta with meatballs, salad, bread, coffee and dessert
Dance music by our own DJ, Doyle Phillips
PLEASE: So we know many people to prepare for, we ask that you call or email reservations into the office.

Rock and dine with Under The Stars with Venice’s favorite band!

BANDANA
Venice’s favorite rock band!
SATURDAY, Nov. 7 at 6:00pm
Come have some fun while supporting the work of your civic association and your community
MEMBERS $12 NON-MEMBERS $15
Sandwiches, snacks, coffee and dessert
CASH BAR with beer and wine
TICKETS: Credit card or cash at the SVCA
OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKER
Learn what C.E.R.T. does and what SVCA’s team does!

SVCA’s chapter of CERT - the Community Emergency Response Team – has been in place for many years, training to be there when emergencies arise. Now, at our October members meeting, we’ll meet Anne Miller, the Emergency Management Officer and Logistics Section Chief—she is the person who would direct their efforts during an activation. A long-standing member of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA), Miller received her professional certification in 2003 and international certification in 2010. She is a past President of the Executive Board for FEPA, and is a member of the FEPA Certification Commission.

Miller is a Sarasota native—as such a Florida expert! - and we welcome her to the SVCA! The meeting begins at 7pm—you’re invited to enjoy coffee and desserts, which will be available before, during and after the meeting.

As a member of CERT in South Venice, it is my pleasure to invite all SVCA members and the South Venice community to this October membership meeting on October 19 to hear Anne Miller from the Sarasota County Emergency Management. Anne is enthusiastic and knowledgeable and is dedicated to assuring the safety and preparedness in Sarasota County. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

At the meeting, SVCA’s CERT—partnered with the Venice Gardens Team—will display their emergency packs, discuss their education experiences and workshops that the County provides for eligible participants.

South Venice CERT has been active since 2005 and welcomes the community to join its current members for an educational and informative experience coordinating with Sarasota County Emergency Management in order to serve the needs of neighbors during an emergency. There will be a Q&A after the program.

WHEN YOU NEED TO CALL:
FPL Emergency 800-468-8243
Verizon Emergency 800-483-1000
FEMA Emergency 800-621-3362
County Sheriff (non-emergency) 941-951-5800

The CERT program creates unity and provides training so that when an emergency situation does occur, we are able to coordinate with the county, state and other emergency agencies and teams.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT
Update: sewers in southern area

BY STEVE SUAU, CHAIR
The SVCA once again hosted the South Venice Homeowners Affected by Sewer Expansion (SVHASE) meeting on September 15 at the Community Center. Rita Reinoso, the group’s Chair and new SVCA Board member, provided the following update to the attendees:
1. Citing their Resolution, the Englewood Water District did not approve the waivers from hooking up to sewer submitted by almost 100 residents in the affected area. However, it should be noted that the EWD has apparently granted a waiver to Lemon Bay Estates residents.
2. State Representative Julio Gonzales has indicated a willingness to advocate for a State appropriation to offset the cost of the EWD sewers on behalf of affected South Venice residents.
3. The Englewood Water District voted unanimously at their September 10 meeting to pursue and accept funding assistance for the South Venice V9C project.

A South Venice resident, outside the affected area, announced her intention to file a petition in opposition to the construction permit for the project. Concerns were expressed about this approach that could jeopardize the apparent willingness of the local legislature and EWD to pursue and accept funding assistance as well as delay the project and increase project cost.

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

CHECK OUT THESE CLASSES AT THE SVCA!

NEW—Wednesdays at 10:00. Begins October 7
Stay Strong Chair Exercises
A multidisciplinary approach to leg strengthening, balance and fall prevention exercises, chair yoga, chair Tai Chi and relaxation all packaged in a class you’ll sure to enjoy and benefit from. You can pre-register with Phyllis at staystrongbyphyllis@gmail.com or (203)676-5312 (or register prior to class). Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers and bring water.

First class: no charge Each class: $10.00

YOGA—Tuesdays at 9:30
An all-levels Hatha yoga class that is accessible to everyone. Stretch, bend, build strength and experience deep relaxation. Wear comfortable lose clothing. Yoga is practiced barefoot. Mats will be provided. Beginners may contact Kay at yogavenice@gmail.com or 410-251-4683.

First class: No charge Drop in single class: $14
5 Class card: $60 (2 month expiration)
NOMINATIONS continued from Pg. 1

ker, and from the SVCA membership Sandy Turlenko, Pat Wellington and Bonnie Hurley.

Of the 11 current Board members, 10 indicated that they wished to continue in 2016. The other, Kathy Bolam, resigned from the Board “to pursue Constitutional solutions to local problems”. To fulfill Kathy’s term, the Board appointed Rita Reinoso, who has also indicated that she would like to return to the Board.

So, the Nominations Committee’s full slate for the 2016 SVCA Board of Directors is as follows:

Rick Curwood  Gail Parker
Margaret Diefenderfer  Harriet Phillips
Walter Ernst  Rita Reinoso
Maureen Holland  Steve Suau
Elaine Jaffe  Jean White
Laraine Jansen

Anyone interested in challenging for a seat on the Board, needs to submit a petition signed by five (5) voting members of the SVCA within 10 days of the publication of the October WAVE. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the October Meeting.

If no additional petitions or nominations are received, nominations will be considered closed and the slate will be declared elected at the November Board meeting. If additional nominations have been received, the names of all nominees will be printed, in alphabetical order, on a ballot in the November WAVE. Votes will be tallied by the Board at their December meeting and the 11 candidates with the greatest number of votes will be declared elected.

The SVCA Board is also tasked with electing the new member of the Beach Endowment Trust (SVBET) at its December meeting. There are five 5-year seats on the Trust, with one seat turning over each year. Interested candidates should submit a letter of intent and brief resume to the SVCA Board before its November 9 meeting. The Board will briefly interview each candidate and vote by secret ballot.

Submit questions to me at jsb1952@gmail.com, or any Board or Nominating Committee member.

What we’re reading

South Venice Book Club

By GAIL PARKER

The SVCA Book Club is starting up again in October. Our first read will be “When We Were the Kennedys: A Memoir from Mexico, Maine” by Monica Wood. We will meet at 3:00, Tuesday afternoon, October 13, at the community center. Please join our group for lively discussion and a fun time with friends, old and new. We welcome new members; invite friends who might like to share in our love of reading.

Top 40 Professionals 2015

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Looping Programs

Quite a few years back at Venice Isle’s clubhouse, looping equipment was installed. We have worked with this looping equipment company over the years to provide education for the hearing aid wearers. It was during this event that I bumped into my first awareness of under-programmed t-coil settings. (T-coil is the program setting to receive the looping transmission.)

A couple came up to me and mentioned that they weren’t hearing much different whether they put on the t-coil setting or put it on the first program of their hearing aids. They wondered what the purpose of the looping equipment was if there wasn’t much difference.

You should hear whatever is being broadcasted much cleaner, crisper and without distortion. There should be a noticeable difference when hearing the broadcast sounds without t-coil to hearing with t-coil.

I asked if they had the t-coil programmed. They weren’t sure. I suggested they come into my office to have the t-coil program reviewed. They came in and sure enough their t-coil was active and under programmed. This is a problem I run into too often. While many aids have the technology to connect to t-coil, many are not correctly programmed to give the listener clarity.

I was able to help this couple by using the looping equipment in my office to adjust his program settings which enabled him to hear the crisper sounds that are provided through the looping equipment both at his clubhouse and when he went to the Venice Theatre.

If you want to know if your hearing aids can connect to t-coil or feel like you’re not getting clarity from the program, I invite you to stop by my office for a checkup.
The dog days of summer are over and there are two scheduled Siesta Waterway workdays coming up: Saturday, October 10 and Saturday, November 14. Come any time after 8:00 a.m. on either or both of those mornings. There will be planting, weeding and picking up trash. We all look forward to the cooler temperatures and lower humidity of the Fall and Winter.

The county has selected the lowest contract bid for the Siesta Waterway bank restoration. A memo is being prepared by county staff recommending the Board of County Commissions approve the bid so the contract can be signed. We hope to get approval at the November 11 County Commission meeting. Once the bid is approved and the contract is signed, we will have a much better idea of when the work will begin, and we will schedule another meeting with the residents who live along the Siesta and Briarwood Waterways as we did in July.

Of course, even after the restoration work is complete, we will still have planting and weeding to do on the flat banks adjacent to the waterway. And there are other waterways and lakes we want to beautify in the future.

Neighborhood Workdays and Clean-ups
Siesta workdays are confirmed by mail and changes to any scheduled days are also announced by email. If you would like to be on the email list for any of these neighborhood projects, contact Laraine at 941-493-3176 or LaraineJansen777@gmail.com

October 10     Siesta Waterway 8:00am
October 17     Venetian Waterway Park 8am meet in parking lot by tennis courts at Shamrock Park
November 14    Siesta Waterway 8:00am
November 21    Beautiful Neighborhoods Location TBA
December 19    Alligator Drive Adopt-A-Road Clean-up

NOTE: All dates are subject to change

WHAT’S NEW & UPCOMING EVENTS

FROM BROOKE ELIAS, PARK NATURALIST, SHAMROCK PARK

DEMONSTRATION GARDEN TOURS with Master Gardeners. Meet in front of the Nature Center in the Park’s Demo Garden. First Thursday of each month at 9:00am.

BLACK SPINYTAIL IGUANA – Exotic reptiles are invading public lands across the state. While the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission holds python hunts in the Everglades, the park will have a permitted professional reptile remover to reduce the black spinytail iguana population at Shamrock. This breeding population is increasing, after being purposely or accidently released. They are omnivorous and can climb trees, and consume or destroy everything—from plantings and caterpillars/butterflies in the Demo & Butterfly Gardens to tortoise burrows, bird eggs and any small babies or hatchlings they come upon.

EXPLORE THE SEASONS—Join us for a walk around the Park on the Fourth Thursday every month at 9:00am to explore the seasons. (Yes, we do have ‘em!) Next walk is on October 22 – meet outside the Nature Center.

‘PANTHERS: BACK FROM THE BRINK’ on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00pm
Join Bill Samuels, founder of the Florida Panther Project, Inc. for an update on the recovery of this endangered species. Full slide presentation with Q & A and free goodies. T-shirts available! Meet in the Classroom; seating is limited so please call 539-4083 in advance to reserve your place.
There’s always something happening at the SVCA—something for you

- Monthly meetings with interesting speakers
- Exercise classes
- Pancake breakfasts
- Camera Club
- Book Club
- Pot luck dinners and meetings
- Dinner and dances with area entertainers and bands (even under the stars!)
- Socials of all sorts

MEMBER DISCOUNTS AT ALL DINNERS/DANCES

Together, we work to keep South Venice Beach a community to be proud of!

Beautiful Neighborhoods Initiative • Water Quality Task Force • Siesta Waterway Clean-up • Shamrock Park Clean-up • Community Emergency Response Team • International Coastal Cleanup • Government Affairs Committee liaises with Sarasota County on issues that affect our community.

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FULL DAY: full hall $450 or half hall $300
HALF DAY: full hall $250 or half hall $150
Taxes and deposits apply

ASK ABOUT HOURLY RATES

For more information contact the office info@southvenicebeach.org or 941-493-0006
Coastal Clean-up (continued from Page 1)

A fine day!

John Ryan, Sarasota County Environmental Manager

As someone involved in many of the County’s environmental and water quality projects, I was again impressed when I came down to South Venice to join the volunteers and Boy Scouts of Troops 311 and 26 for the annual Coastal Clean-Up Day. I was also encouraged to see the continued support of these efforts from the South Venice Civic Association. The Scouts and volunteers pulled all sorts of trash from the Bay—even climbing through the muck onto the shore and wedging themselves between the mangroves. Some even got into trouble with shoes stuck in the mud! It was a gorgeous day; Deena and Rick Lonzo and I went up Alligator Creek to enjoy its peace and beauty and onto the Bay to see manatees, dolphins, fish and birds.

SVCA WANTS YOU! SVCA NEEDS YOU! WHY VOLUNTEER?

Because you can make a difference, meet new people and neighbors who share your interests—we are your voice in the County. So join us and have some fun doing it!

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ABOVE: SVCA’s Kathy Watson, Cherry Giovannazzo, Harriet Phillips and Betty Ann Rigg served up the hot dogs!

BELOW: Laraine Jansen of the SVCA Board organized the local volunteers.

And speaking of hot dogs: Aaron Schemenauer (left) managed to eat five, but Scott Martin (right) beat him, wolfing down seven dogs!

A fine day!
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Chuck O’Leary: Socia’s Painting
Margaret Kramford: Jones & Sons Plumbing
Ann Tindall: Heller’s Mobile Home Washing
Cecile Turner: Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.
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State of the Market  BY KELLEY ANN AYERS, EXIT Realty

36 Sales in this last 30 day period! The big news is that the average Selling Price per square foot went up to $121.87. This is up significantly from $100 per square foot which is what we have been staying at. The low sale 105K & the high was 285K! There are currently only 54 Active listings at the time of this article, that’s Again Down from the previous period. The inventory is now seriously low and it is a Seller’s Market once again in our area! It is a very good time to sell!!

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