



September 2026

The heart of South Venice since 1955

Upcoming Events:



Music Bingo

Friday, 9/18 6:00pm

Doors open 5:30pm



Garden Club

Monday, 10/19 12:30pm



General Meeting

Medicare Presentation

Monday, 10/19 7:00pm



Book Club

Tuesday, 10/27 1:00pm



Fish Fry

Friday, 11/6 5:30pm

Doors open 5:00pm



Art/Craft Fair

Saturday, 12/5

9:00am-1:00pm

Welcome to the Digital Wave!

Each month the WAVE will be coming directly to your email inbox. The digital WAVE will contain the same SVCA information minus the ads. Some of the columns will direct you to your website for more detailed information.

If you miss a particular feature you have enjoyed or something else you would like to see included in this new version, please email Jodie at SVCA@southvenice.org.

We will be experimenting with different formats so your input can be very helpful.

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born...and the day you find out why." Mark Twain

The SVCA is seeking volunteers to set-up/tear down events, bake for general meeting snacks, work concessions or door at various events, general maintenance or hurricane prep for our building, or willing to serve on our Board of Directors. If you have thought about meeting new people, getting to know your neighbors, or becoming involved with your community, now would be the time to act. Please email Jodie at SVCA@southvenice.org with your interest.



Check out our updated website: southvenice.org

According to Matt Devitt Weather, Florida received 90,000 lightning strikes in 24 hours 9/19/26, bringing the total for 2026 to 2.3 MILLION for Florida. No wonder we're the leader for lightning strikes the US, and second only to Africa in the world!

Anytime you're outside, but particularly on the beach, lightning strikes are not only dangerous, but can be deadly! Sand and water make **YOU** the tallest object around. Water conducts electricity and spreads a strike's current across the surface – get out of the water! Metal objects attract lightning (umbrellas, beach chairs, rails on the ferry boat).



If you are at South Venice Beach, there is ***NO SAFE PLACE TO SHELTER***. Pay attention to thunder as thunder is caused by lightning. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. When you **SEE** a storm approaching or you hear thunder, move to the boat dock immediately, don't wait for the Captain to arrive and blow the horn. Please be courteous of everyone's safety.



Intro to Line Dance will be held for 6 weeks, beginning on Tuesday, 9/22, 7-8pm for \$60.00.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact John Rude at dance.rude5678@gmail.com.



Book Club will resume the last Tuesday of October at 1:00pm. We will be discussing the book *Eleanor Oliphant is Perfectly Fine* by Gail Honeyman.

A 25th Anniversary 9/11 remembrance ceremony will be held at Patriots Park in Venice on Friday, September 11 at 9:00am.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." ~ Audrey Hepburn

Garden Notes:



New shrubs (arboricola) have been planted along the pickleball fence line. They were donations from Stacy and Mario Fiorentino who were changing their home landscape and thought we might be able to use them. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and the work of Susan Juranek, Lisa Therien, Yvonne Schular, and Helene Singer who cleared, planted, and mulched the area. Our thanks also to Julie McLaren for her recent donation and planting inside the pickleball courts.

This team of gardeners recently took a trip to Sanibel to look at plantings at their municipal buildings and other developments, as that community has been embraced using native plants as they rebuild from past hurricanes.

Susan Juranek is heading up a group of volunteers focused on beautifying the front of the building and around the outside of the pickleball courts using Florida native and friendly plants, taking into consideration salt and drought tolerance. Florida native plants provide food and shelter for our birds, bees, and butterflies. She will be looking for volunteers to help with his project when the weather cools a bit.



September is time for edible garden planting in Florida.

It's a great time to seed beans, carrots, cucumbers, okra, peas, squash, turnips and bunching onions.

It's also a good time to plant Chinese cabbage, sale, lettuce, petters, tomatoes, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, broccoli, brussels sprouts, and radishes.

SVCA Exercise Classes:

Line Dancing

Mondays 7-9:00pm

\$10/class

Tai Chi

Tuesdays 10-11am

\$10/class

Yoga

Wednesdays 9-10am

\$10/class

Zumba (resumes October)

Mon/Fri 8:15-9am

\$10/class or \$50/10 class card

Sarasota County Community Clean-up: South Venice; October 17, 2026 at the South County Fleet Facility, 4571 Englewood Rd (776).

Depending on weather and other events, dates are subject to change.

Scheduled date may be verified by calling Code Enforcement at 941-861-6403.