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Ferry passengers know this young man. Brandon Maas is Captain Randall's shadow these days and rides over sometimes 'just for the ride'. He really misses going to school. We all watch out for him. He wasn't bored though this week, as we had to call the deputies twice and Brandon got teddy bears both times. He would have loved a plastic badge but they were out. Here he is on the beach with a small shark, (which he then returned to the sea).

FROM SANDY McHENRY, Chair

Beach Trust News



It was grand to be able to open the South Venice Ferry again! We are practicing social distancing and wearing masks to provide the safest operation possible. Some of the "regulars" are back riding as well as some new pass-holders. The beach looks

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FROM DUKE DOOGUE

President's Message



My fellow SVCA members, I hope that you are well and adapting to the new reality under Covid 19.

I recently gave a speech to my Toastmasters club members on the topic of Beyond Covid 19, and I thought I would share some of the ideas and thoughts from that speech with you today.

I researched the speech very thoroughly, and drew on a wide range of opinions, from groups as diverse as the Harvard Business Review, BBC News, and through scholarly publications around the world.

The world as we knew it, died in mid-March of this year. The cause of death was the Covid 19 virus. The Covid 19 virus assaulted the world, and has changed the way we will live now, and well into the future. The most immediate impact of Covid 19, of course, was our forced incarceration in our homes.

Most people found this very difficult, as it was so different to their normal patterns of life, and thus they had to discipline themselves to working within the constraints indicated by the CDC.

We have all learned to adapt, and change our behavior patterns quite dramatically: here are some examples, which will further impact us in the future.

Shopping and restaurants:

We have all learned, periodically, if we hadn't already, to place our lunch or dinner orders for pickup or delivery, from our favorite restaurants, to take care of our daily needs. Food delivery services such as Grub Hub, have boomed during this period, as many people prefer to order and have their meal delivered to them, without the inconvenience of getting in the car, traveling to the location, and potentially

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All upcoming meetings and events at the Civic Association are cancelled or postponed for now. We'll keep in touch by email as and if circumstances change. Also, the SVCA Board and the SVBET Trustees meetings will be online.

BOTH THE SVCA AND TRUST OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO WALK IN TRAFFIC AT PRESENT. You can still contact us by email or phone

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To protect, preserve and improve our community's character, conditions and quality of life, to bring South Venice together and to promote the civic, social, intellectual and recreational interests of South Venice

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Beach Trust News *continued*

wonderful to us all! As expected, Captain Randall shepherded the boat and the other Captains through a flawless five-year Coast Guard Inspection. Congratulations to our Captains Randall, Jerry and Ted!

As you know, after Memorial Day, we returned to a one-half hour schedule that includes two sunset trips. The Captains are working very hard to adhere to the CDC guidelines while maximizing ridership, length of beach stay and provision of a sunset opportunity. Thank you all for your understanding during this "different" time.

Sadly, we still have an issue with kayaks, paddle boards and canoes using the boat ramp although it is clearly marked that the ramp is for key holders only. We continue to inform them of this. We also ask that boat ramp key holders please lock the chain. There is an increase in individuals using the ramp without a key. They are relying on YOU to open the lock for them!! The more we are able to enforce the locking, the less abuse we will have.

Finally, we have reported to the Sheriff's Office an individual with a large dark color big truck with an extended cab that was pulling a Mako boat with a center console T-top, recently did approximately \$1000 worth of damage at the boat ramp. If you have any information about this vehicle or boat, please notify the Trust Office. There is surveillance video but any additional information would be appreciated. By the time this "goes to press", the boat ramp repairs should have been completed as well as the installation of a fence at the old crab dock site. (photos on page 8)

The water is now great for swimming! Some days are crystal clear for snorkeling! And we can always look for shark teeth..... Happy Summer to you all!

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President's Message *Continued*

exposing themselves to possible contamination along the way. This habit will be hard to break, as much as, we as human beings are social animals, we have got used to that quality, convenience and speed of this pattern, to assist us in our daily lives.

I feel very sorry for Restaurateurs, as I am not sure, how many will be able to survive, two months of complete lockdown, followed by only 25%, or 50% occupancy, as necessarily dictated by the governor.

I feel particularly sorry, for the retail businesses, in downtown Venice, who for the third year, have had an external force, dramatically affect their ability to do business, and thus to make money and to survive. Please try and patronize these retailers, to allow them to survive!

We have also all learned, to organize our shopping trips, and make out detailed shopping lists, if we had not previously done so, to make a productive, once or twice a week trip to the food store.

Retailing the two-month closure, has severely impacted the retailing industry, and will continue to do so, as people slowly return to a new pattern of behavior in the post Covid 19 world. Many of us have, by necessity, had to go online to view and purchase items. The only issue, given that I was unable to try on a garment, and which I experienced personally, was that the sizing differs quite dramatically, from US sizing to that available in Hong Kong, from whence I ordered some shirts. The shirts were too small and were sent back.

The two month closure, has also significantly increased the use of Amazon, which is growing from strength to strength, and also offers, amazing delivery, of the product, which generally arrives the next day after you ordered, or the day thereafter. We have become reliant, on this quick delivery.

However, I ordered a web camera from Amazon back in mid-February, and learned only a week ago, that the product hadn't even yet shipped from China., Despite being told,

by Amazon, when I checked, that it was out for delivery to my home, two weeks ago.

The product was very reasonably priced, and hence was completely out of stock locally, and of course, more expensive web cameras were available in the \$800 and above range but were too expensive for my purposes.

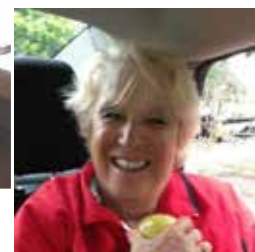
Post Covid 19, we will all continue to rely, on these large multinational companies such as Amazon and Walmart, given the wide range of choice, their pricing, convenience and speed of delivery offered by these giant retailers

Banking Post Covid 19 I believe we will see an acceleration of and growth of virtual banking, when you can deposit your check remotely, go online and transfer funds, print out bank statements, and other than occasionally having to visit the bank, everything else will be done online. I expect to see banks will reduce their number of branches, and branch size, and the need for "sticks and bricks" locations, as they find centralization of their services, more profitable, and more productive, given our growing patterns of behavior to preferring to do our banking online.

MEMBERS STEPPING UP

Back in March, when the call for face masks first went out, three of our members stepped right up. Kudos to Donna Pietras who made dozens for the County Sheriff's office and went on to make masks for the ferry captains and for the SVCA. Donna and her husband Bob are long time SVCA members and Bob is a Beach Trustee. She's someone who's always there to help whenever the South Venice community or the SVCA has a need. Thank you, Donna.

Kudos to Betty Ann Rigg, longtime SVCA member and volunteer here, who made masks for several of the offices at the Sarasota Medical Building in Nokomis. Thanks again, Betty Ann. Finally, kudos to Roseann Heath, Donna's neighbor, who also jumped in and made masks for all the detectives in the County Sheriff's office. Thanks you, Roseann!



Above, from top:
Roseann Heath
Donna Pietras
Betty Ann Rigg

THESE EVENTS ARE CANCELLED:

JULY 4 2nd Annual BBQ with Bandana

THESE ARE STILL ON THE CALENDAR—for now:

AUGUST tba MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 21 Public Meeting

OCTOBER 10 Pancake Breakfast/First Responders

OCTOBER 19 Public Meeting

NOVEMBER 14 Pancake Breakfast

NOVEMBER 16 Public Meeting

DECEMBER tba **Annual Arts & Crafts Show**

DECEMBER 21 Public Meeting

DECEMBER 12 **Breakfast with Santa**

DECEMBER 31 **New Year's Eve Gala**

The Zoom Revolution - has introduced us to the convenience and efficiency of communicating locally, nationally and internationally, using the zoom platforms. I have friends, who now have zoom social hours, and who meet for conversations, and cocktail parties on the platform.

People like catching up with friends and relatives all over the country, using zoom and other platform. This platform has been especially helpful, for visiting those with relatives who are in hospitals and care facilities and are not allowed to have visitors.

As social animals, I feel this is a fantastic development, particularly for seniors, who may be in long-term care facilities but can still communicate with family and friends, and continue to enrich their lives through that social contact.

I belong to a Toastmasters club, and I go on line, at 8:30 PM on a Saturday night and have a Toastmasters meeting with 30 fellow Toastmasters in New Zealand, Australia, India, Bangladesh, China, Kazakhstan ,Hong Kong as well as folks in the United States ,British Virgin Islands, and Canada. I would never have thought of doing that, even though it was available, prior to the Covid 19 situation.

Impact On Office Space "the zoom revolution", will have a dramatic impact, on office space, as corporations see how cost-effective, and simple and productive it is, for staff to meet and converse with staff around the state, country, and the world, by merely going online. So many people, under the Covid 19 situation, were forced to work from

UPCOMING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

August 15 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy
 November 7 The Grove at Seminole & Quincy

NOTICE: The Keep Sarasota County Beautiful organization has asked us to curtail all clean up efforts until further notice. Our CERT Team is getting daily updates from the county with statistics and remain available to respond if a need should arise (hopefully not!). However, no training is being conducted at this time.



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home, and businesses have discovered, that they are just as efficient, if not more efficient, than if they were to be in a physical office. I expect to see companies cutting back, on their need for physical offices, and at a minimum reducing the size of those offices, until they have a small office presence, and put the majority of their efforts behind online meetings, for conducting their business.

Doctors' Visits welcome to "the New World", in which, you will increasingly visit your doctor or doctor's assistant, by merely dialing in, "being seen", from the comfort of your own home, and discussing your situation online.

This will be a significant departure from the old method of driving to, and then sitting in the waiting room, often for an hour wait, beyond your appointment time, waiting for the doctor, to consult with you. So, this will result in savings all the way around, savings of your time, your efforts, and reduction of gas and depreciation of your vehicle. In driving to the doctor's office and replacing it with the efficiency of a face-to-face meeting online.

Reliance on China I expect to see, an increasing sentiment from US businesses to manufacture in the US, and thus reduce the reliance, on China as a supplier of so many items, to consumers in the United States.

China manufactures and exports to the USA items as diverse as drugs, clothing, drywall, all manner of equipment and products, and even heavy equipment. The dollar stores, for example, get a predominance of their merchandise, from China.

I cited, the experience I had with ordering the Web Cam from Amazon, as an example of an item that in the future, I expect to be made in the US.

We may find however that that causes the cost of a number of these items to go up. China has been a very efficient, and profitable source for goods, that were previously made more expensively in the US. I expect that will change dramatically, as Americans desire to have more of their products, and their dollars, remain in the United States, to support the US economy, and to ensure easy accessibility to manufacturers, and thus to inventory.

Recreation during the two months, of the shutdown, I noticed, a large increase in the number of people enjoying the environment, by walking, and exercising outdoors. Once we are allowed to more freely exit our homes, I fully expect to see a dramatic increase in the number of people using our beach, boat ramp and our hall for gatherings and parties.

Human beings, are the most adaptable specie on the planet, and I expected we will take all these changes, in our stride, and adapt to and profit from them, quickly, in the near future.

We are very lucky to live in paradise, and I fully expect even more people, in the future, to take advantage of all that the South Venice Civic Association, and South Venice Beach Endowment trust, have to offer our South Venice residents!

We look forward to having you back, while practicing social distancing, and abiding by the advice from the CDC and Gov. DeSantis! Be well, be safe, until we see you soon!

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2020-21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Current Nominees

The Nominations Committee here publishes the names of the nominees for the 2020-21 Board of Directors of the SVCA. Two current Board members have stepped down and one new person has been put forward. The Board thanks Eric Barnes and Chuck Bauman who are leaving the Board this year. As Board terms are for one year only, all current board members are up for re-election.

The nominees are:

Jerry Bannan	Dianne Brannan
Rick Curwood	Bernard "Duke" Doogue
Walt Ernst	Maureen Holland
Joan Giovinazzo	Gail Parker
Sandy Tulenko	

If no objections are registered, these named will by default become the 2020-2021 Board and take their seats on July 1, 2020. At that time, the newly configured Board will elect its officers.

FROM TERESA GOOD, Shamrock Park

What's up at the Park

The County is still closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources (PRNR) is in regular communication with the Sarasota County Health Department and we continue to receive updates related to our operations. To help slow the spread of COVID-19, PRNR has closed many facilities including the Shamrock Park Nature Center and Classroom until further notice.

As of now, basketball courts and playgrounds at Shamrock Park are closed and all events, programs and reservations at county facilities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

The good news is Shamrock Park remains open for visitors to get outside and enjoy activities such as running, walking, bicycling, birding, fishing and dog-walking, and the

R.I.P.

Linda Fisher

We are so sad to report that Linda Fisher, our long-time office administrator, passed away in early May.

Linda was well known to many of you and had deep roots in South Venice. She visited her grandparents here as a child and moved here as an adult.

The SVCA was a very natural habitat for Linda and she often shared stories of earlier days in South Venice.

Linda had been dealing with numerous health problems in recent years. She was only 61 but had stopped working just a few months ago. We'll miss her greatly. Go on angel's wings, Linda.



restrooms are open until 7pm daily. And the best news: the tennis courts are also open now. So come on out and enjoy the park!

Captain's Corner:

By CAPTAIN RANDALL PATTERSON

We recently completed our Coast Guard inspection. This year was our Certificate of Inspection (COI) examination, which is typically a thorough one since it occurs every five years and is required to recertify the boat. While most annual safety inspections can be scheduled within a 90 day window of the deadline, the COI must be completed on or before the deadline. Typically, you attempt to get the exam done as close to the deadline as possible in order to avoid moving the next deadline up. A lot of people were asking why we didn't do the exam while we were closed

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due to Covid-19. Had we done so, our next COI would occur in March or April of 2025, right in the middle of what we hope will be our busy season. So far, May has not been a busy month.

As for the inspection itself, all went well. You'll be happy to know that Captains Jerry and Ted and I passed our man overboard, fire, and first aid drills, and the boat received no deficiencies. The inspector was particularly impressed with our new life vest bags (Thanks Ilse and Vicky). So we're good for another 5 years of operation.

The only thing left to do this year is a hull inspection. We will do that this summer when it's quiet, as it will involve pulling the ferry out of the water. And we'll have the bottom cleaned and painted while we're at it.

Damage at Boat Ramp



This is the vehicle, with Mako boat in tow, that caused extensive damage at the boat ramp during off hours. The image was captured by our surveillance video cameras. If anyone can help identify the driver, please contact the Trust office at 941-493-0006 or email karren@southvenicebeach.org.

FROM YVONNE SCHULER, President

Garden Club News

As they have since 2016, the South Venice Garden Club awarded a scholarship. This year's recipient of the \$1000 scholarship was Sierra Smith.

The scholarship goes to a Venice High School senior who will be attending college in Florida and whose chosen major is related to environmental studies.

Usually the Club invites the student to a Club event and has an award ceremony, but that was not possible this year. The check went by mail with good wishes and congratulations from everyone at the Garden Club.



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Ahead of the Curve

During the quarantine, we have all learned a new way to live, our new normal. Now connecting with family and friends takes place remotely on video chats or zoom meetings.

Before social distancing, when we could get together without regulations, a couple of hearing aid manufacturers were already leveraging these remote meeting technologies.

ReSound and Phonak each have a line of hearing aids that can be programmed remotely. How this works is really quite interesting.

Let's take a ReSound Quattro as an example. You were fitted with these hearing aids and they were set to your preferences. Then your situation changed. Imagine you are living in a new location with new sounds. Or, think about if you had to take steroids, high dosage antibiotics, prescription pain medication or chemotherapy for a long time. Any of these situations can affect your hearing and alter how well you hear.

Usually, a slow shift in conversations is a first indicator that your hearing has declined. Whether you are misunderstanding words, you ask people to repeat themselves or you feel like everyone is yelling at you, these are all indicators that your hearing aids are not performing to your current loss.

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ReSound and Phonak have had these smartphone remote programmable hearing aids available for over six months. These companies were ahead of the curve. With social distancing we have noticed a rush to market from the other main manufacturers. So now, we can offer remote programming for certain hearing aid models from Oticon and Widex.

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Thanks to Chuck and Nancy Bauman, left, who donated the five gallons of paint. Chuck, a former board member, agreed it needed to be done!

Thanks especially to Sam Cimilluca, above, long-time South Venice resident who did the job. He prepped, painted and cleaned up and we thank him so much. Sam is a general contractor in Tennessee and was a very active volunteer with the Friends of the Beach. You're the best, Sam!



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207 ABALONE RD	1,009	2	2	1988	None	2	16	\$90,000	\$120,750
1398 DEVON RD	1,236	2	2	1988	None		3	\$129,900	\$125,000
908 ROYAL RD	848	2	2	1984	None	1	163	\$169,000	\$150,000
1401 HORIZON RD	1,078	3	2	1962	None	1	103	\$159,000	\$153,000
4751 POMPAÑO RD	1,580	2	2	1970	None	1	12	\$155,900	\$155,900
5871 PLOVER RD	884	2	2	1981	None	1	29	\$169,000	\$163,500
5750 ORCHIS RD	1,042	2	1	1956	None		1	\$169,000	\$164,500
551 ZEPHYR RD	1,332	2	2	1976	None	2	1	\$179,900	\$170,000
235 W SEMINOLE DR	1,020	2	1	1962	None		172	\$175,000	\$175,000
2580 CARMINE RD	1,196	2	2	1986	None	1	2	\$190,000	\$189,800
1050 PONDEROSA RD	1,151	2	2	1993	None	2	2	\$214,900	\$205,000
535 E SEMINOLE DR	1,352	3	2	1963	None		44	\$209,900	\$206,000
3381 SHAMROCK DR	1,214	2	2	1992	None	3	5	\$225,000	\$210,000
5928 REGENT RD	1,276	3	2	1997	None	2	7	\$225,000	\$212,000
305 SHELL RD	1,203	2	2	1973	None	1	67	\$214,900	\$214,000
3171 CONCORD RD	1,361	2	2	1980	Private	1	50	\$230,000	\$220,000
1215 PALMETTO DR	1,247	3	2	1998	None	2	46	\$227,000	\$224,550
785 AZURE RD	2,304	4	3	1978	Private		48	\$275,000	\$252,000
1044 DEVON RD	1,841	3	2	1976	None	2	8	\$269,000	\$265,000
461 BRADENTON RD	1,672	3	2	2004	None	2	49	\$277,500	\$272,000
233 PERIWINKLE RD	1,550	3	2	2005	None	4	127	\$289,999	\$283,000
1125 LEEWARD RD	1,979	3	2	1981	None	2	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
1207 COLUMBINE RD	1,704	3	2	1983	Private		4	\$300,000	\$305,000
985 JAMAICA RD	1,867	3	2	1989	Private	2	71	\$349,900	\$320,000
481 YALE RD	1,900	4	2	1988	Private	2	9	\$349,900	\$335,000



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State of the Market

KELLEY ANN AYERS, Ayers Team, Exit King Realty



My sister and I hope all of you are doing well and staying healthy!

Our market has heated back up! We sold one the other day before we could even get it into MLS! The buyers saw the sign, called and bought it! There were 24 SALES IN LAST 30 DAY PERIOD.

As expected the number of sales was a little lighter than normal because of the global shut-down. The highest sale in the last period was for \$344,000 and was a very nicely updated 13 year old home on Baffin. Altogether, there were four homes that sold for over 300K and only one was new construction. While twelve sold in the 200's and eight closed between \$100K and \$200K. The average "sold price per square foot" was \$162.39 and the average sale price this period was \$227,950—both numbers are holding steady and very strong. Also the Average Days On Market was 48, again very good news for homeowners of South Venice Beach! Inventory is very low dropping to 94 Active listings at the time of this article! Lastly forty-eight homes are currently Under Contract at the time of this article (May19), the number of Pending sales is getting back to normal and we are expecting a strong third and fourth quarter! My sister Katheren and I are experts in South Venice and have sold eleven homes here in South Venice this year

alone. As we all know this is a very desirable area and people from the northeast are going to be looking for better places to live! We know this market and know that it's a good time to put your home on the market! If you are thinking of selling or buying Please call for a confidential free market analysis!

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