



# VENICE CITY E-NEWS

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## Downtown Project lauded with ribbon cutting

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City Engineer Kathleen Weeden and Mayor John Holic cut a ribbon July 8 at Nassau Street and West Venice Avenue celebrating the completion of the year-long Downtown Venice Beautification Project. They are joined by City Manager Ed Lavallee; City Council Members Helen Moore, Rich Cautero, Bob Daniels and Mitzie Fiedler; representatives from Venice MainStreet and the Venice Area Chamber; and reps from project principals Quality Enterprises USA, CDM Smith and Atkins, among others.

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# Celebration kicks off ‘Summer of Beauty’ downtown

A July 8 ribbon-cutting ceremony in Centennial Park celebrated the completion of the year-long Downtown Venice Beautification Project. Around 200 people crowded under a tent near the Gazebo or stood on the sidelines as an intermittent rain fell.

The Downtown Project, which got underway in July 2018, reconstructed 14 blocks in downtown Venice. Improvements included constructing major underground stormwater and drainage improvements, replacing sidewalks, installing new streetscape elements such as benches and bike racks, and rebuilding the roadways.

New landscaping installed with the project provides a breathtaking view upon entering downtown Venice, with myriad new palms and other tropical, Florida-friendly plantings in the W. Venice Ave. median and bordering the sidewalks. New flower basket poles were installed that include automatic watering.

The City also added new, enhanced mid-block crossings with in-pavement lighting on W. Venice, Tampa, and Miami avenues to enhance safety for the numerous pedestrians in the downtown area. Additional safety improvements include new four-way stops and updated ADA features. The total cost was \$9.2 million with added stormwater improvements such as ramps on all crosswalks.

“The project started with the design by Engineer of Record, Richard Uptegraff from Atkins North America,” said City Engineer and Project Manager Kathleen Weeden. “Hiring the right contractor is always a challenge, and we hit the jackpot with Quality Enterprises USA. President Lou Gaudio and Superintendent Mitch Tourino and their many highly qualified and dedicated workers went above and beyond to accommodate



Above, an aerial shot of West Venice Avenue. At left, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden thanks everyone involved in the project. Below, business owner Mark Andes, aka “The Hammock Dude,” said, “We knew that after the storms the rainbows would come out.”



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Above, the Venezio Trio strike up another tune. Right, around 200 attended the ceremony in Centennial Park. ***More photos, page 4***



### ***Celebration, from page 2***

all of our wine walks, holiday walk, Halloween children's parade and dozens of other events while producing a high-quality project. QE along with their main subcontractor Hazeltine Landscaping, Tincher Concrete and MSB Services made this project a huge success. CDM Smith provided construction engineering inspection services, with Tom Green overseeing the day-to-day operations with a multitude of inspectors, and Chris Pecor providing his guidance."

At times, Weeden added, it felt as if "the whole world" worked on the project, which replaced some infrastructure dating back to the 1920s. The original streets were poured concrete.

The downtown business community was also praised for its resilience and patience.

Said Mayor John Holic: "You guys put up with a lot, and we thank you an awful lot."

City Manager Ed Lavalley called Weeden "the leader of the pack" in making the Downtown Project a reality and also thanked the Mayor and Venice City Council Members, saying they have "never turned away from a capital challenge." Weeden said Council made the restoration of the downtown area a priority.

City of Venice residents voted to pass an \$18 million road bond in November 2016 and support 1-cent sales taxes that helped fund this project. The Florida Department of Transportation provided \$775,000 through the Sarasota/Manatee Metro-

politan Planning Organization. The City also received \$1.3 million in grant funds from the state.

Now-U.S. Rep. Greg Steube's support through the State Senate process was key to Venice receiving the funding, Weeden said. Former state Rep. Julio Gonzalez, state Senator Joe Gruters, state Rep. James Buchanan, and U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney and Rep. Vern Buchanan were also recognized for their assistance.

Those attending the ceremony enjoyed live music by the Venezio Trio and refreshments provided by Venice Island Publix, Upper Crust Café & Bakery, and Venice Island Coffee Café, and were encouraged to go downtown after the event and enjoy the "Summer of Beauty."



## SUMMER OF BEAUTY



Features of the Downtown Beautification Project include flower baskets with an automated watering system, above, and patterned crosswalks, below, with in-pavement lighting that flashes when pedestrians cross. Volunteers with Venice Area Beautification, Keep Venice Beautiful and the Bloom Team also assisted with the landscaping.



At right, Mayor John Holic asks the crowd to envision holiday lights on all the new palms downtown. Below, Quality Enterprises President Lou Gaudio and Superintendent Mitch Tourino with City Engineer Kathleen Weeden.



Above, the crowd at the ribbon-cutting ceremony; at left, City Manager Ed Lavallee recognizes the City departments involved in the project, including Engineering, Public Works and Utilities.

# AUGUST 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FAST FACT</b> The City Utilities Department produces about 2.3 million gallons of drinking water daily by treating groundwater with a Reverse-Osmosis process. The water reclamation facility utilizes advanced treatment technologies to transform wastewater into clean, reusable water for irrigation — about 2.4 million gallons a day.				10 am Code Enforcement Board 1	2	3
4	5	1:30 pm Planning Commission 6	7	9 am Architectural Review Board 8	9	10
11	12	<b>City Council on Break</b> 13	14	15	9 am Historic Preservation Board 16	17
18	3 pm Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 19	1:30 pm Planning Commission 20	21	9 am Architectural Review Board 22	23	24
25	26	9 am <b>City Council</b> 27	1 pm Environmental Advisory Board 28	29	30	31



<h1>SEPTEMBER 2019</h1> 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	<b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> Garbage, yard waste, recycleables collected on next pickup day  LABOR DAY	1:30 pm Planning Commission	4	10 am Code Enforcement Board	6	7
8	5:01 pm <b>City Council</b> Budget Public Hearing  GRANDPARENTS DAY	9 am <b>City Council</b>	11 3:30 pm Public Art Advisory Board  PATRIOT DAY	12 9 am Architectural Review Board	13	14
15	3 pm Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	17 1:30 pm Planning Commission	18 3:30 pm Economic Development Advisory Board	19	20 9 am Historic Preservation Board	21
22	23  FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	24 9 am <b>City Council</b>  5:01 pm <b>City Council</b> Budget Public Hearing	25	26 9 am Architectural Review Board	27	28
29  ROSH HASHANAH	30	<b>FAST FACT</b> Patriots Park was created by the Leadership Sarasota County Class of 2002 to remember those who perished on 9/11, as well as the heroes who saved other lives that day, and those who have made sacrifices in the name of freedom in all wars. A 2-ton steel beam from the World Trade Center wreckage is displayed at this Venice memorial.				

## City receives \$188K Curbside Recycling Cart Grant

The City of Venice Public Works Department was notified on July 11 that it has been selected as a 2019 Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grant recipient from The Recycling Partnership. As part of this grant, Venice will receive direct financial assistance from The Recycling Partnership in the projected amount of \$188,512. In addition to this grant funding, Venice will also receive a wide range of technical assistance and in-kind support from the Partnership as it works to support the City's implementation of cart-based curbside recycling.

"This grant will be very important in assisting financially as we switch to single-stream recycling operations next year," said Public Works Director James Clinch. "This group will also provide us with technical expertise and educational materials as we make the transition."

"By accepting this grant, Venice will join a select group of communities to be awarded funding from The Recycling Partnership that is intended to grow public recycling, reduce litter, and improve conditions in our country's waterways and coastal environments," Rob Taylor, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist with The Recycling Partnership, wrote in his award letter to Clinch. "At The Recycling Partnership, we work hand in hand with communities to transform recycling for good, and the close partnerships that we develop with our grantees are living examples of this collaborative approach. We couldn't be more excited to work with the City of Venice over the coming months as your community makes important investments in recycling and works to improve the quality of your coastal environment."

## Venice Police Officer wins statewide award for photo

On July 12, Master Police Officer Paul Joyce of the VPD Marine Unit won a third-place statewide award from the Florida Press Association for Spot News Photo for his photograph, "Rescuing Manatee," pictured at right. The picture was entered on MPO Joyce's behalf by the Venice Gondolier newspaper.

On Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, the Venice Police Marine Unit responded to a manatee in distress from red tide. The manatee was found in the area of the Intracoastal Waterway south near the Venice Ave. boat ramp. MPO Joyce found it with obvious signs of distress and having difficulty breathing. Once on scene, MPO Joyce recruited a few vacationers that were in the area to help. These Good Samaritans didn't hesitate to jump into the water to keep the manatee calm and its head above water to help it breathe. Once MPO Joyce had the situation under control he notified the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Mote Marine Laboratory. When FWC and Mote arrived, the group was able to safely bring the manatee to the boat ramp for FWC Manatee Rescue truck to take it to Sea World in Orlando for rehab.

MPO Joyce's image helped draw attention to the plight of manatees, dolphins and other sea life affected by this red tide event. Congrats!





## VENICE PIER REHABILITATION

Venice Municipal Fishing Pier rehabilitation got underway May 13. The pier is currently closed completely until reconstruction is complete. Work is being conducted Monday through Saturday from approximately 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an estimated 90 days, until approximately mid-August.

The rehabilitation includes removal and replacement of all the deck and railing material with longer-lasting IPE wood, replacement of pole lighting fixtures with sea turtle-friendly under handrail lights, and related improvements.

For more information, please contact City Engineer Kathleen Weeden at 941-882-7409 or [kweeden@venicegov.com](mailto:kweeden@venicegov.com), or Stormwater Engineer Steve Berens at 941-882-7413 or [sberens@venicegov.com](mailto:sberens@venicegov.com).





# It's hurricane season — have you signed up for CodeRED?



Hurricane season is underway — have you signed up for CodeRED notifications yet?

City of Venice uses CodeRED to send emergency notifications by phone, email, text and social media to keep citizens informed of emergencies such as evacuation notices, utility outages, water main breaks, fire or floods, chemical spills, or other emergency situations. Many residents found the free service extremely useful before, during and after Hurricane Irma in September 2017, when multiple CodeREDs were sent out. Hurricane season runs from June 1-Nov. 30 in Florida.

The city also uses CodeRED Weather Warning, a unique service that automatically notifies citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. The CodeRED Weather Warning is also available to city residents at no cost.

The city may also activate CodeRED to send general notifications to registered subscribers to communicate non-life safety matters, such as planned road closures, water main repairs, and water and power service interruptions. By selecting the box for general alerts, you will also receive these types of notifications. Registering for CodeRED is quick and easy: Sign up online at [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com). At the top of the homepage, click on "CodeRed" (above the Search bar). Click on the link to sign up and select the second option, "NO, I would like to review and submit my information," and fill in the fields. Then add the following numbers to your caller ID or contacts: 866-419-5000, Emergency Calls; 855-969-4636, General Calls; and 800-566-9780, Weather Warnings.

## Things to know about CodeRED

CodeRED delivers notifications by phone calls to landlines and cell phones, emails, texts, social media, and/or mobile alerts. It is compatible with TDD/TTY devices for those with hearing impairments. Individuals and businesses may add as many phone numbers, emails and text numbers as desired.

Residents and visitors alike can receive enhanced public safety alerts no matter where you are located via the CodeRED Mobile Alert app, a free public safety app for both Android and iPhone users. The CodeRED Mobile Alert app delivers community and emergency alerts to individuals targeted within an impacted geographical area so that you may also receive timely notifications when you're on the road, or away from home.

If you are currently a CodeRED subscriber who has already registered your cellphone to receive notifications from the City of Venice, you will continue to receive calls. However, if you download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app, you will also receive alerts via your smartphone anywhere in the country, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska. To download the free CodeRED Mobile Alert app, visit the Google Play or iTunes store.

For more information about the CodeRED service, or to sign up by phone, call 941-882-7401.

## Overnight water rescue saves man's life



At 1:07 a.m. Thursday, July 18, the Venice Fire Department's Rescue Boat 51 was dispatched to the waters off Longboat Key for a vessel in distress, according to VFD Battalion Chief Steve Worobel.

Along with Venice's boat, the U.S. Coast Guard and Longboat's Rescue Boat 9 searched the waters looking for the missing vessel. In the overnight hours, Venice's rescue team found the 16-foot Hobie Cat with boat owner Jay Connelly sitting on the capsized hull. The vessel was located 5.8 miles from shore, between Longboat Key and Siesta Key Beach.

Connelly was brought aboard Venice's boat and checked medically. He said the waters became extremely rough after the severe evening thunderstorms rolled in on him. The vessel was towed to shore to prevent further accidents from occurring.



Top photo: In the white shirt to the far right is Venice Fire Lt. Derek Lowery; on his right, Firefighter Colton Schuchert, and Firefighter Eric Putnal. In front of Derek is Firefighter Jeremy Dowd and boat owner Jay Connelly. Below: The capsized Hobie Cat after being towed to shore by Venice's crew.



## Resident donates Little Free Library to City

A new Venice resident is already leaving her mark in the community: Keeley Rickles and her family recently moved to the City in November, and the mother of two has wasted no time in establishing a Little Free Library for the public to enjoy. The structure is just one of many in the country, and is linked to a worldwide network that encourages people to borrow and/or exchange books at their own pace. The idea is to “take a book,” but also “share a book.”

Located in the north Fishing Pier parking lot, this library is the sixth of its kind within Venice City limits and conveniently placed adjacent to the beach for those who enjoy reading by the Gulf. When asked why she chose the location, Keeley explained that she frequently visits that area, along with her husband and 2 daughters, and hoped to encourage other families to do the same, perhaps with a few books in tow.

The structure itself, which cost roughly \$450, was donated entirely by the Rickles family and installed by Public Works’ Ron Bednar (pictured below at far right) in early July. With the help of her husband, Anthony, and their two daughters, Imara, 5, and Scarlett, 2, on July 15, Keeley stocked the library with numerous classics, as well as her own family’s favorites, including “The Invention of Wings,” “The Chronicles of Narnia” and “The Giving Tree.”

According to Keeley, the Little Free Library organization was founded with the intent of “building community and inspiring a love of reading.” For more information, go to [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).

— Provided by Madison Tilton



## Reclaimed water information for citizens

The City of Venice Utilities Department reported a 1,500 gallon spill of highly disinfected reclaimed water in the Bird Bay area on Thursday, July 18. The spill was caused by an air release valve (ARV) on the reclaimed main that broke due to old age. The spill was approximately 1,500 gallons. A City Utilities crew responded quickly and was able to recover 500 gallons from the storm drain and road with a vac truck. Most of the reclaimed water absorbed into the ground. The break was plugged and service restored.

The report of this spill apparently was misunderstood by some, so for purposes of clarifying the circumstances, the following is a summary of relevant terms explaining what was essentially a spill of irrigation water – that is, water you might use to irrigate your lawn.

1. Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) – Advanced treatment technology (wastewater) refers to processes capable of reducing specific constituents in wastewater not normally achieved by other traditional treatment options. Advanced wastewater treatment is used for organic, suspended solids, nitrogen and phosphorous removal. Additionally, wastewater treatment at the City's AWT facility includes a high-level disinfection process. The disinfection of wastewater provides a degree of protection from contact with pathogenic organisms. After treatment at a wastewater treatment plant, the cleansed water can be safely discharged into a nearby stream, wetland or ocean, or this water source may be distributed to our communities for reuse.
2. The City's reclaimed water actually meets most drinking water standards as established by state and federal regulatory agencies.
3. Reclaimed water is used for irrigation purposes at golf courses, parks, residential properties, medians, industrial purposes (i.e. cooling towers), and aesthetic purposes (i.e. decorative lakes, ponds and fountains).
4. The term ARV, air release valve or air relief valve, is a device used in the utilities industry designed to release air pockets that collect at each high point of a full-pressured pipeline such as the City's reclaimed water distribution system.

Finally, the City of Venice Utilities Department would like to invite residents to tour the City's state-of-the-art treatment plant to learn step-by-step what happens at each stage of the treatment process and how pollutants are removed to produce the highest quality reclaimed water. For more information, please call 941-882-7292 or 941-882-7291.



New employees with the City of Venice take a tour of the Water Reclamation Facility off Laurel Road on June 24.



# Residential property tree protection

Through an interlocal agreement between the City of Venice and Sarasota County, all tree regulations are currently under the jurisdiction of the



**JIM YELVERTON**  
CITY ARBORIST

Sarasota County Environmental Department. City Planning staff, along with the City's consultant, is drafting a Tree Ordinance in preparation of the City assuming responsibility for tree protection later this year. Until then, all tree-related permits are being issued by Sarasota County Environmental Protection.

They can be reached at 941-861-5000 or by going to <https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/environmental-protection/environmental-permitting-and-projects>.

At this time, the draft is expected to be complete and ready for adoption by Oct 1. To see a copy of the current draft, please contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 941-882-7445 or 941-882-7433, or by email at [jyelverton@venicegov.com](mailto:jyelverton@venicegov.com).

Generally trees proposed for regulation in Venice fall into 3 categories: **Protected**, **Heritage** and **Venetian trees**. Some important regulations being proposed that will affect trees on residential prop-

erty are:

**Protected trees** are any native species of tree that have a trunk diameter of 4 inches or greater measured 4 ½ feet above ground (DBH). Unless exempt (see **Exemptions** below), a permit will be required to remove a protected tree.

**Heritage trees** (Sarasota County's Grand tree equivalent) are large native species of tree that have a trunk diameter of 30 inches or greater measured 4 ½ feet above ground for a single trunk tree or 45 inches cumulative diameter for a multi-trunk tree. The City Arborist will evaluate the condition and risk potential to determine if a tree is suitable for Heritage tree protection. Unless exempt, a permit will be required to remove a Heritage tree and for certain pruning practices. (see **Pruning** below)

**Venetian trees** are nominated by the property owner where the tree is located as having a historic or cultural significance to the community. The application is directed to the City Arborist with documentation that the tree has a historic or cultural significance to the community. Written consent to the nomination by all property owners underneath the canopy of the tree must also be provided. The City Arborist will evaluate the condition and risk potential of the nominated tree and prepare a report for City Council to consider the tree.

Council will then determine if a designation of Venetian tree is appropriate. Once designated by Council as a Venetian tree, the tree will be afforded special protection by the City and a permit will be required for removal and certain pruning practices.

**Pruning:** For Heritage and Venetian trees, a permit will be required to remove a branch 10 inches in diameter or larger measured 12 inches from the point of branch attachment. Topping, flush cut branch removal, lions tailing and other harmful pruning practices not consistent with accepted pruning standards (ANSI A300 Standards for Tree Care) will also be made illegal for **all** trees in the City. The City Arborist will impose fines for any pruning determined to be harmful that could compromise the long-term safety of a tree.

**Exemptions:** Florida Statutes 163.045 states that residential property owners are exempt from these permit requirements if the property owner first obtains documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree or branch presents a danger to persons or property.

*Questions about the new ordinance may be directed to City Arborist Jim Yelverton at 941-882-7433 or [jyelveton@venicegov.com](mailto:jyelveton@venicegov.com).*

## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



As his family and Venice Police Chief Tom Mattmuller look on, new VPD Capt. Charlie Thorpe is sworn in by Mayor John Holic during the July 9 City Council meeting.



New VPD Officer Joshua Rowell shakes hands with Mayor Holic after being sworn in at the July 9 Council meeting.

With his family by his side, new VPD Officer Colin Stalker thanks City Council and the Police Department after being sworn in by Mayor Holic during the July 9 Council meeting.



As his parents look on, new VPD Officer Andrew Nelson is sworn in by Mayor Holic during the July 9 Council meeting.



## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

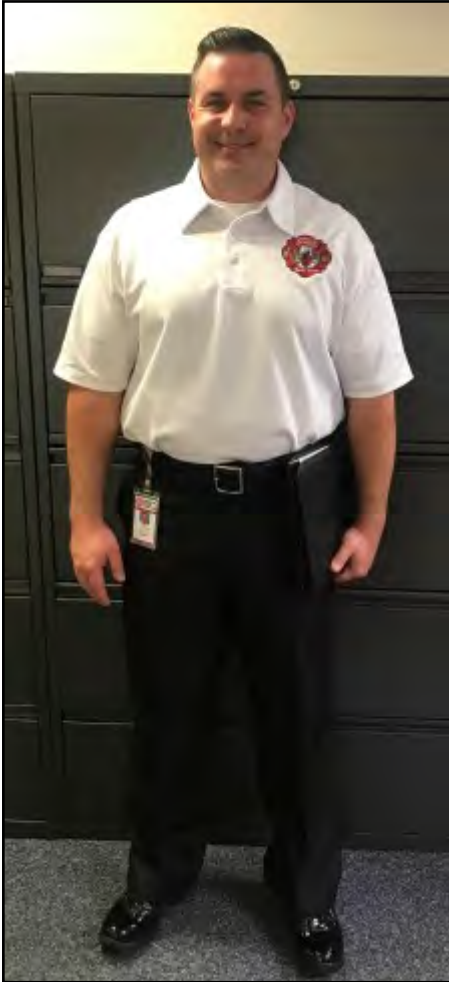
As members of his family look on, new VPD Officer Rhett Dinka is sworn in by Mayor John Holic during the July 9 City Council meeting.



At left, new VPD Officer Zachary Evans is sworn in by Mayor Holic during the July 9 Council meeting. Right, City Planning Coordinator Christina Rimes receives her 5-year Service Award from Mayor Holic as Planning Manager Roger Clark, right, looks on.



## Fire Department hires EMS Division Chief



**MCMANUS**

The Venice Fire Department has hired Nathan McManus as its first Division Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS.) McManus started with the City on July 8.

McManus will have total oversight of the EMS program as the City transitions into taking over EMS from Sarasota County. Venice City Council voted April 23, 2019, to give notice to Sarasota County that the City intends to terminate the interlocal agreement with the County for the provision of EMS. The interlocal agreement specifies that termination may occur one year from the date of notification.

Said Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, "(McManus) will handle training firefighters and paramedics on protocol and operations, and work with the County medical director to establish criteria for response."

McManus' most recent post was Training Captain for Charlotte County Fire/EMS, which he held since March 2014. His duties included the coordination, development and conducting of continuing education training for 240 members. He conducted both Fire and EMS training with a specialty of EMS. He also developed multiple programs and trained both Charlotte County and surrounding agencies. Those programs included the SAVE program in response to an active shooter event, Pit Crew CPR to increase overall outcomes in cardiac arrest victims, and the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Firefighter Program, which won the 2019 National Association of Counties recognition award. In 2015, he received the Charlotte County Public Safety Chief's Award, the highest honor given at Charlotte County Fire/EMS. From November 2009 to March 2014 he was Special Operations Firemedic with Charlotte County, where he developed and instructed specialized medical training for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

Since January of this year, he served as an instructor for the Englewood Fire Training Center, assessing, developing and updating curriculum as it relates to minimum fire standards and adult students, and evaluating the accomplishments of students. Since 2009, McManus has been an adjunct instructor for the EMS Program at South Florida State College. He's also worked previously as a firefighter and/or paramedic for DeSoto County, Sarasota County, Lehigh Acres and Highlands County.

"From his energy, to the programs he's established in Charlotte County, to working with outside agencies — what he has accomplished speaks for itself," Carvey said. "We heard from all sorts of people, 'Man, you've got a great guy.' You can tell he's dedicated to the EMS portion of fire service."

"I hope to bring a highly professional and cutting-edge advanced life support program to Venice," McManus said. "Our goal will be to set the standard to follow for other EMS systems in Florida."

McManus and his wife Jennifer have been married for 13 years and live in Punta Gorda. He has 4 children and 1 grandchild.

"One of my most favorite things in Venice is the beach," he said. "Our family enjoys beautiful views as our children look for shells and sharks' teeth."



# Two large utility improvement projects in bidding phase

## Venetian Parkway Water and Sanitary Sewer Relocation

The majority of residents within the Venetian Parkway project limits have water and sanitary sewer mains located in the rear of their lots, away from the road right of way. Many of the water and sewer mains are beyond their useful life, resulting in decreased water pressure and constricted sewer flow.

Maintaining the mains, appurtenances and meters requires City staff to enter and potentially disturb residents' side and back yards. Properties within the project limits are located along Venetian Parkway, Barbara Drive, Roberta Street, Hope Street, Lillian Street, Elaine Street and Karen Drive. Approximately 156 properties have been identified for replacement of water or sanitary sewer, with many requiring both. Pictured to the right is a photo of the proposed area.

**Project schedule:** This project is currently out to bid, submittals are due August 27, 2019.

**Boil water notices:** Some water shutdowns will be necessary to perform the work. As a precautionary measure, boil water advisories are required when an interruption in service causes customers to have low or no water pressure. Advisories are provided via a door hanger to affected properties. Notices are posted on the City's website and entered into the CodeRed emergency notification system; additional information about CodeRed can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

For additional information specific to your property, contact Cynthia Fitzpatrick, Utilities Project Coordinator, at 941-882-7290.

*Continue to page 18 to read about the second project.*







## IN TRAINING

Public Works and Airport staff participated in bucket truck training at the Venice Community Center June 27 with Kyle Milligan from Altec in Birmingham, Ala. Workers from North Port and Sarasota County also came for the instruction. Tony Rosen, Jay Pollard, Marc Pohl, John Parrish, Don Pemberton and Al Schudel participated from Venice.



## Speed limit lowered to 20 mph on Miami, Tampa avenues



In order to increase pedestrian safety and improve the walkability of the Venice Downtown district, the vehicular speed limit has been lowered to 20 mph on Tampa and Miami avenues between Harbor Drive and U.S. 41 Business. The speed limit was previously 25 mph on these roadways.

This will provide a consistent 20 mph speed limit for the entire Downtown Venice district. Motorists are advised to be aware of this speed limit change when traveling through and visiting the Historic Downtown Venice area.

New 20 mph speed limit signs have been installed on Tampa Ave. (far left) and Miami Ave. between Harbor Dr. and U.S. 41 Business.

## Underground utilities improvements at Park Blvd., Cadiz/Parkdale

Beginning Monday, Aug. 5, rehabilitation and replacement work by DeJonge Excavating Contractors will occur in the area of the intersection of Park Boulevard North and Cadiz Road/Parkdale Drive in the City of Venice.

Sanitary sewer improvements include removing and replacing a section of 4-inch PVC force main and a manhole. Stormwater improvements include the installation of two stormwater catch basins, elliptical reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), and connection to an existing stormwater catch basin. The work also includes pavement restoration for the full intersection and the installation of a concrete valve collar for an existing potable water valve.

Motorists should expect temporary closure of the Park Blvd. N./Cadiz Road-Parkdale Drive intersection with detours and access to local traffic only during this work. Project completion is estimated to be within 90 days. Your patience is appreciated as this work is completed.



# Report city issues with just a few clicks

The City of Venice uses SeeClickFix platform, Venice Connect, which allows citizens to quickly report various issues to City officials like potholes, roadside junk, code violations, and traffic signal/sign problems, to name a few.



SeeClickFix will assign your issue to the appropriate department. Registered SeeClickFix users will receive an email when there is an update and can also come back to check the status of a submitted ticket at any time. *It's as easy as that!* With the free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, citizens are able to provide City staff with a picture of the area and enter specific descriptions about the issue which is valuable in getting the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides City officials with a centralized issue management system to monitor progress of submitted issues from creation to resolution and also allows us to engage citizens throughout the process.

The City has been using SeeClickFix since 2016 and has processed over 1,955 issues. During the past few years, issues submitted on SeeClickFix have helped the City handle exposed wires that needed immediate attention, roadside junk needing to be picked up, code violations, awareness of speeders in residential areas, and having street lights fixed and/or replaced. You are our eyes and ears and we value your assistance with maintaining the safety and beauty of Venice.

## Did you know?

**When a ticket is submitted to SeeClickFix, it captures the location you are in at the time of submission.** As a result, please make sure that you are providing the specific location of the issue being reported by either submitting the issue at that exact location OR by entering the location address in the description of issue.

**You can attach a photo when submitting your issue.** Photos are incredibly helpful to us here at the City. It allows us to quickly identify the problem area being reported and ensure that work crews are safely being sent to the right location.

**The City works closely with the Sarasota County Contact Center, Florida Power & Light (FPL) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).**

Many times the City receives issues that fall under the jurisdiction of one of these agencies. We can forward the issue submitted to us directly to Sarasota County using the SeeClickFix app OR we personally reach out to FDOT and/or FPL with matters that fall under their jurisdiction. Having effective communication with these agencies is key in making sure we continue to maintain the safety of our citizens and guests in the City of Venice. In addition, we continue to monitor and do follow ups with our counterparts to ensure these issues are handled in a timely manner.

## Important side note information

We do our best here at the City to ensure we handle all tickets promptly; however, there are times that we may need sufficient time to complete certain requests. In addition, we do receive tickets that are "recommendations" rather than something that needs to be fixed. Although we do value your recommendations, we are unable to keep the ticket open but have noted them and have forwarded them to the appropriate department for their review. City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and we can be reached at 941-486-2626.

If you have questions or need further assistance with the SeeClickFix website, please contact Shirley Gibson at 941-882-7439 or by email at [sgibson@venicegov.com](mailto:sgibson@venicegov.com)

**Law enforcement issues** are considered an emergency nature and need to be reported directly to the Venice Police Department by calling 911. The non-emergency number is 941-486-2444. **After-hours Utilities emergencies** can be reported at 941-486-2770. **Animal concerns** such as raccoons or coyotes should NOT be entered into SeeClickFix. For more information on these issues, call the Wildlife Center of Venice at 941-484-9657 or Sarasota County Sheriff's Animal Services at 941-861-9500.

## Sign me up!

SeeClickFix is available as an app for Android or iPhone. Select SeeClickFix from your app store on your device. There is also a link to the program at the top of the homepage on the City's website, [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com) (above the search bar), or go directly to SeeClickFix at <http://www.seeclickfix.com/venice>

— Provided by Shirley Gibson

## KEEPING VENICE BEAUTIFUL



Team Keep Venice Beautiful, a volunteer arm of Venice Area Beautification Inc., in partnership with the City's Public Works Department, recently tackled the removal of invasive plants at the Granada Nolen Green pocket park. At left is a before shot of the Granada Nolen Green area. Below left, Team KVB cut back overgrown brush around the park sign explaining the vision of the John Nolen Plan pocket parks: Small parks accessible to the public and built on single vacant lots or irregular pieces of land in the City. Below, Team KVB members pile more than 20 truckloads of plant debris for the City's clamp truck to haul away. The City of Venice appreciates all the efforts of these hard-working volunteers! *Photos: Team KVB*





# Over 600 sea turtle nests reported on Venice beaches

Mote Marine Laboratory has recorded 639 nests on Venice beaches since the start of nesting season on May 1.

A total of 4,974 nests have been reported as of July 27 on Sarasota County beaches from Longboat Key to Venice, an increase of more than 1,800 nests over 2018.

Along with loggerhead nests, green and extremely rare leatherback sea turtle nests have also been discovered in the County, Mote officials say. Sea turtles laid 184 nests the week of July 21-27, according to the most recent Mote data, with 23 in Venice.

Sea turtles appear well on their way to a record-breaking year for nests. A total of 3,151 nests — 3,142 from loggerhead sea turtles and 9 from green sea turtles — were documented in 2018 by Mote's Sea Turtle Conservation & Research Program, which patrols the 35-mile stretch of beaches each day of nesting season, May 1-Oct. 31 on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Mote scientists have monitored this stretch of nesting beaches for 37 years. Sea turtles laid a total of 480 nests on Venice beaches in 2018, a number they've already well surpassed this year.

Sea turtles emerge at night and follow dim, natural light to return to the Gulf waters. Artificial lights that shine onto a nesting beach can draw turtle hatchlings away from the water and off the beach, where they have a slim chance of survival, according to information provided by the Sea Turtle Conservancy. These lights can lead them into roads, swimming pools and other danger zones, while causing them to exhaust their energy stores. Beach lights can also scare away females crawling ashore to nest, known as a "false crawl." So far this season, there have been 6,853 false crawls countywide.

Like many of Florida's coastal communities, the City of Venice has a lighting ordinance requiring residents to turn off beachfront lights during sea turtle nesting season. You should also avoid using flashlights, lanterns or flash photography while on the beach at night. Residents should go out to the beach at night and identify what lights on their property are visible from the beach. If the lights are not needed for safety, simply turn them off. If the lights cannot be turned off, shield, redirect or lower the height of the lights so they are no longer visible from the beach. Replace problematic lights with turtle-friendly fixtures designed to direct light where you need it and away from the beach, with red or amber LED bulbs.

City of Venice Code Enforcement Officer George Nixon is on the lookout for any potential lighting violators. Nixon also reminds residents and visitors to our beaches to make sure to remove all items such as beach chairs and trash — in which sea turtles can become entangled — from the beach at night. People should also fill in holes and knock down sand castles to make the beach safer for sea turtles.

If you encounter a nesting turtle or hatchlings on the beach, remain quiet and observe from a distance. Never encourage a turtle to move while nesting or pick up hatchlings that have emerged and are heading for the water. If you see lights shining on Venice beaches during nesting season, contact George Nixon in Code Enforcement at 941-882-7436. If you see a sea turtle or hatchling in danger, call the Mote Marine Sea Turtle Program at 941-388-4331 or the Venice Police Department at 941-486-2444.



Two sea turtle nests are marked near the Venice Fishing Pier.

# Stormwater work to close San Marco/Rialto intersection

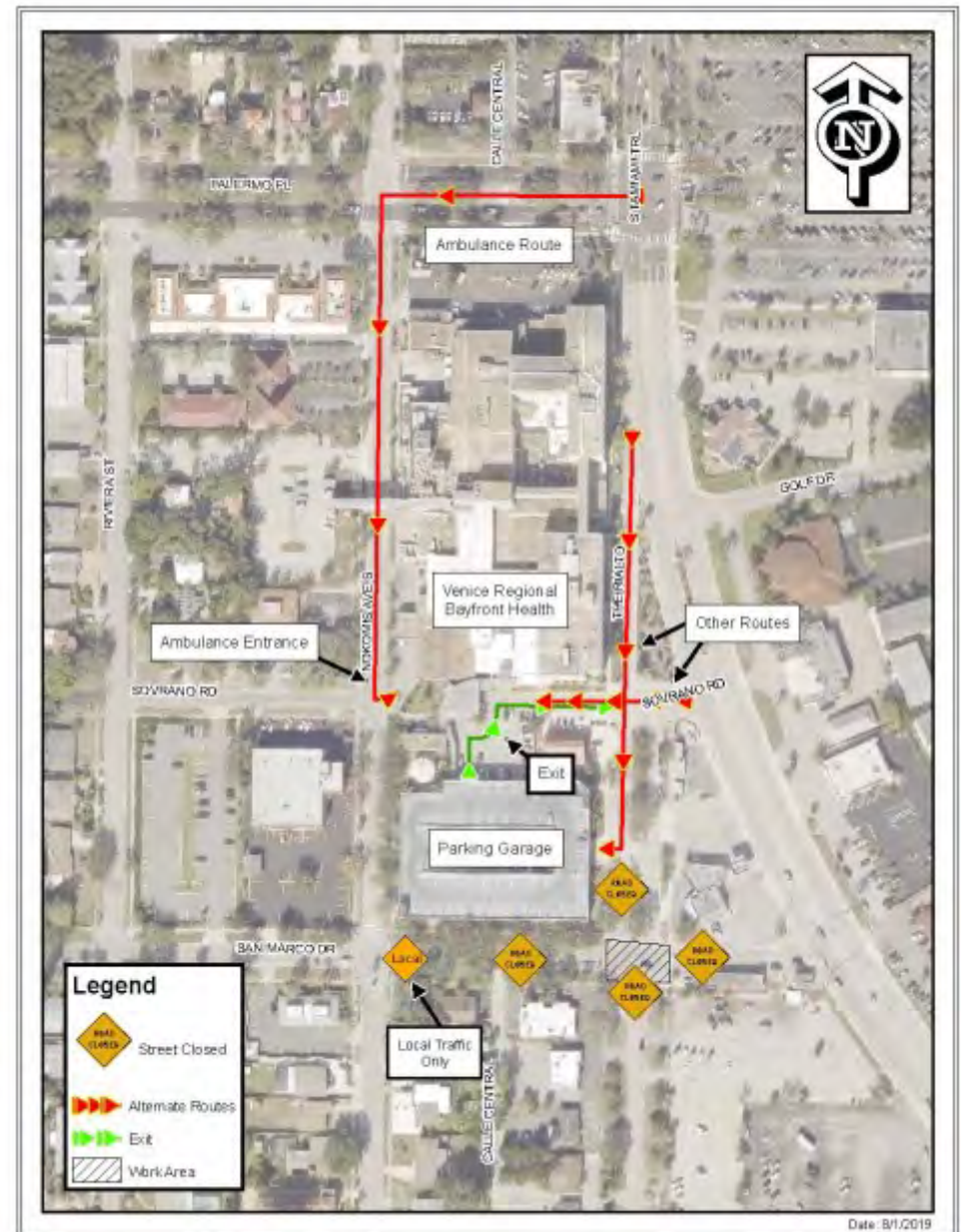
On Monday, Aug. 5, the City of Venice will begin excavating the intersection of San Marco Boulevard at The Rialto to replace a failing stormwater system. The San Marco/Rialto intersection will be closed for an estimated 2 weeks. All traffic will be required to detour with the exception of limited local traffic. The primary detour will be Palermo Place located north of the intersection.

**Please see map at right of street closures and alternate hospital routes.**

The Venice Regional Bayfront Health Emergency Room and parking garage will be available from U.S. 41 Business just north of the San Marco intersection. Ambulances and other emergency vehicles will access the Nokomis Avenue S. entry via Palermo Place by turning west from U.S. 41 Business. The Venice Car Wash will be accessible from the south.

This schedule is subject to change due to weather and unforeseen underground conditions.

For more information on this project, please contact Steve Berens, Stormwater Engineer, at 941-882-7413 or [sberens@venicegov.com](mailto:sberens@venicegov.com).





## Citizens asked to take Downtown Parking Survey

The City of Venice has launched a brief survey to determine the adequacy of parking in the downtown Venice business district. This survey will gather information on user attitudes concerning the sufficiency, location and type of parking available. Please consider taking it; your input is valuable for this data collection.

The survey can be found by going to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DowntownVeniceParking2019>.

A link is also available on the City's website, [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com), and Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your participation!



## PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY



All building foundations have been completed for the 31,421-square-foot Venice Public Safety Facility project on East Venice Avenue with Ajax Building Corporation, Tandem Construction and Dewberry Architects. The project, currently budgeted at \$17.6 million, is mostly funded through a \$16 million public safety bond approved by City voters in November 2016. The facility will be hardened to withstand a Category 5 hurricane with winds in excess of 157 mph. In the event of a hurricane, it will turn into an Emergency Operations Center for City staff. Expected completion is August 2020.

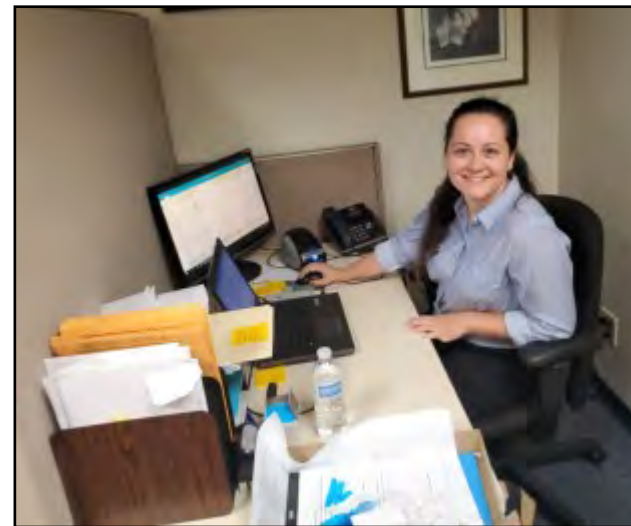
## AROUND TOWN



At 6:46 p.m. July 16, Venice, Nokomis and Sarasota County Fire units responded to a structure fire at 157 Medici Terrace. Upon arrival, firefighters found smoke and fire emitting from the roof of a single-story residence. A neighbor approached personnel on scene and said she witnessed lightning strike the home's roof. Crews were able to quickly gain access to the home's interior and extinguish the attic fire before it spread to the rest of the structure. The homeowner was not at the house during the blaze. No one was injured.



Florida Floodplain Managers Association Elevation Certificate Training was held at City Hall on July 10; participants came from around the region.



Meet Madison Tilton, a volunteer summer intern in the City Manager's Office. Madison, a rising high school senior, has been attending special event meetings, taking photos, making phone calls, doing website and social media work, stuffing envelopes, filing, and creating brochures. Thank you Madison for all your hard work!



## AROUND TOWN



VPD said goodbye July 22 to Capt. Mike Rose, who is retiring after nearly 30 years with the department. Mike's first day was in October 1989. He was promoted to sergeant in 2004, lieutenant in 2006 and captain in 2016. Here, Chief Tom Mattmuller presents Mike with a shadowbox of badges, pins, patches and other items from his service. We wish you calm waters, Mike -- you'll be missed!

The Suncoast Reef Rovers (Venice Dive Club) held another Underwater Cleanup on July 21 at the North Jetty. Master Police Officer Paul Joyce with the VPD Marine Unit and his wife Tabitha assisted and are pictured with their haul. Overall, 947 pounds of debris were removed from the Jetty waters.



Venice Firemedics Jeremy Dowd and Eric Putnal provided a ride for Santa during Venice MainStreet's annual Christmas in July event downtown on July 20.



### Venice Theatre

140 Tampa Ave. W.  
941-488-1115  
[www.venicestage.com](http://www.venicestage.com)

#### "Urinetown"

July 26-Aug. 11

#### "Eric Watters Presents: 1961"

Aug 1 & 4

#### "Two of a Kind"

Aug 2-3

#### "Alana Opie: Patsy Cline Live"

Aug 8 & 11

#### "Swanky Soiree"

Aug. 9-10

#### "Liz Pascoe-Broome: Raindrops on Roses"

Aug. 10 & 24

#### "Berry Ayers: An Evening on Beneva"

Aug. 15 & 17

#### "Stephen Ditchfield"

Aug. 18 & 25



### Venice Art Center

390 Nokomis Ave. S.  
941-485-7136  
[www.veniceartcenter.com](http://www.veniceartcenter.com)

#### "Totally Natural"

June 28-Aug. 9

#### "Welcome Back to Paradise"

Sept. 13-Oct. 4

#### "Fall Members Show"

Oct. 11-Nov. 8

#### "Cornucopia"

Nov. 15-Dec. 6



### Venice Performing Arts Center

1 Indian Ave.  
941-480-3191  
[www.veniceperformingartscenter.com](http://www.veniceperformingartscenter.com)

#### "The Reflections"

Aug. 9

#### "Sandy Toes Standup"

Aug. 10

#### "Majesty of Rock: Ultimate Journey Tribute"

Aug. 31

#### "The Boss Project: Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band"

Sept. 7

#### "Nightbird: Ultimate Tribute to Stevie Nicks"

Sept. 21

#### "The Music and Friendship of Aretha Franklin and Smokey Robinson"

Oct. 4

#### "Journey Through the Music of the Eagles"

Oct. 12



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# Yard Waste and Debris can cause health hazards and create no swim advisories



## "NO SWIM" ADVISORY

Bacteria levels are currently outside acceptable limits.

**Swimming is NOT recommended.**

Increased risk of illness if water is swallowed or gets in eyes, nose, ears.  
Cuts or sores in skin may become infected.

This advisory will be lifted when the results of water testing return to an acceptable range.

For more information on the Healthy Beaches Program:

[www.OurGulfEnvironment.net](http://www.OurGulfEnvironment.net)

(Click on Water Monitoring, then Bacterial Testing)



Statewide: [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov)

Questions: (941) 861-6133

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# Building Responsibly can minimize your flood risk




- Check if a permit is required before construction or altering grades
- Report un-permitted construction
- For more information about City Permits visit [Venicegov.com](http://Venicegov.com)





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**JOIN TEAM KVB**  
Keep Venice Beautiful



Team KVB  
Pepper Removal on VWP Trail  
February 2017

**TEAM KVB** helps to maintain the parks and trails in the Venice area. We meet Thursday mornings to trim, weed, de-litter and mulch our beautiful green spaces.

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**941-207-8224**

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1927 Historic Venice Train Depot  
Venice Area Historical Society



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## Fertilize Less

## Enjoy Florida More!

Summer June 1 – September 30



**No to N:** Fertilizers containing Nitrogen and Phosphorous are prohibited in the Summer

**Pump Iron:** Use products containing iron and micronutrients to stay green in the summer.

**Keep Clippings:** Only rain down the drain, keep those grass clippings on the lawn.

**Create Compost:** Use your clippings and veggie waste to give your garden a boost.

**Floridify your yard:** Florida plants require little care, fertilizer and water. They were made for paradise!

**Mow high for less stress:** Mowing short stresses grass and makes it vulnerable to disease, pests and drought.

For more information visit:

[www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com)


## Fertilize Less

## Enjoy Florida More!

Winter October 1 – May 31



**Watch the Weather:** Don't fertilize before a storm it won't help your plants... it'll go down the drain.

**Grow with Slow:** Use at least 50% slow release Nitrogen. It releases nutrients when the plants need it so you don't waste it.

**Keep the Water Blue:** Keep fertilizer 10 feet away from lakes, ponds and rivers.

**Skip the P:** Phosphorous is already naturally found in our soil, no need to add more.

**Keep on the Grass:** Spread the fertilizer on the grass with a deflector shield or edge guard. You don't want to help the weeds grow on the sidewalk. Do you?

**Test your Turf:** Fertilizer won't help your lawn if it has a disease, pest invasion or pH imbalance

For more information visit:

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**SEE ART. FEEL ART. CREATE ART.**

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No experience is necessary.

Bring your own beverages and snacks. Alcoholic beverages are allowed for artists over 21.

Reserve private parties...from birthday and bachelorette celebrations to date nights. Parties are booked in advance, on request.

**Summer 2019 Dates:**  
 Thursdays, 6:30-9:00pm  
 June 13: Francesco Agresti  
 June 27: Gary Maria  
 July 18: Susan Wilcox  
 August 8: Julie Buckler

Visit [VeniceArtCenter.com](http://VeniceArtCenter.com) to see the project for each class.

**\$35/Members**  
**\$40/Nonmembers**

Register at: 390 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice  
 Or call 941-485-7136



**VENICE ART CENTER**

# Kids Night Out

**Kids..... Leave your Parents at home!**

Bring a small snack and we will get creative with fun art projects!

**Ages 6 and up. 6-9pm**  
**Cost: \$30 for Members**  
**\$35 for Nonmembers**

**Dates:**  
 May 30: Tie Dye  
 June 13: Watercolor/Salt and Oil Pastel  
 July 11: Night Light House  
 August 8: Full Body Self Portrait

Sign up at the Venice Art Center or by calling 941-485-7136

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## Guest Bartender Night

August 12, 5-8pm

### Café Venice

101 W. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285

Join the Venice Cultural Campus for a Great Cause!

- ★ Venice Art Center
- ★ Venice Community Center
- ★ Venice Library
- ★ Venice Museum and Archives

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★ Please bring donations of peanut butter and jelly for children's programs.

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The bottom of the poster features logos for 'ENDING HUNGER ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK', 'Venice Cultural Campus', and 'Café Venice Restaurant & Bar'. There is also an illustration of three children carrying backpacks.



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Next ride is Aug. 14!

## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE VENICE SYMPHONY FOR



August 14 at 6 pm

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Email name and # on team to  
[friends@thevenicesymphony.org](mailto:friends@thevenicesymphony.org) or call 941-303-5737

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Day of :  
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**September 1st**  
**Sunday**  
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## Parkinson's Moving Day Venice, FL

### A Walk for Parkinson's

**Register Now!**



### Moving Day Venice

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 Contact Lena Brennan at 813-616-6517  
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The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience and passion of our global Parkinson's community.





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Six Decades: From *Goldfinger* to *Skyfall*

**February 28-29, 2020**

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*"A tribute to the marvels of the natural world and the human imagination"*

## Volunteers Needed

The Chalk Festival is a nonprofit organization that brings renowned pavement artists from around the world to our community.

We are seeking volunteers for the November Chalk Festival in Venice. Some positions require less time while others may require more.

Volunteers are needed to set-up before the festival, tear-down after the festival and during the festival.

**We need a lot of volunteers to make our "Garden of Wonders" spectacular.**

For additional information, visit us at **[chalkfestival.org](http://chalkfestival.org)**

To volunteer visit our signup at **[chalkfestival.org/join-us/volunteer](http://chalkfestival.org/join-us/volunteer)**

*The Chalk Festival is a 100% volunteer staff, management, leaders and directors.*

Chalk Festival Office  
 200 Base Ave E.  
 Venice 34285  
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 "I was bored with retirement and being a docent is a perfect fit"  
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**For an application... call (941) 486-2487**  
 email [vmuseum@venicegov.com](mailto:vmuseum@venicegov.com)  
[www.venicemuseum.org](http://www.venicemuseum.org)  
 or visit 351 Nassau St. South (Mon-Wed, 10-4)



## WATERING RULES

City of Venice residents are permitted to irrigate lawns **one day** per week:

**Even addresses on Tuesdays**

**Odd addresses on Thursdays**

Before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. for properties under 2 acres. For properties 2 acres or greater, watering is allowed before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Hand watering hot spots and micro-irrigation of other plants is allowed on any day, at any time.

New and replaced lawns get a 60-day exemption. Irrigation can occur any time of day on the day of installation, and during the restricted hours on any day thereafter for up to 60 days.

There are no restrictions on car washing, pressure washing, use of fountains or use of reuse or reclaimed water. A shut-off nozzle on hoses should be used for car washing and hand watering of garden plants. Conservation is encouraged.

## Watch city meetings

To access meeting agendas, visit [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com).

In the middle of the homepage at left, click on the Meetings button, find the meeting you want to view, look to the right of it and click on Agenda, click open and view. To watch City meetings, instead of clicking on Agenda, click on Video or "In progress" to stream live. They are also rebroadcast the week after the meeting on Access 19 (Comcast Channel 19; Frontier Channel 32).

## Venice Museum closed in August



The Venice Museum & Archives will be closed for the month of August for annual maintenance and repairs. Museum staff will be available onsite weekdays by appointment by calling 941-486-2487.



Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Starting on that date, the museum, at 351 Nassau St. S., Venice, will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the first and third Saturdays of the month from October through April, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the museum is always free; donations are gratefully accepted.