



# VENICE CITY E-NEWS

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## Reconstructed Fishing Pier reopens

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The City of Venice Fishing Pier reopened to the public on Aug. 23.

Rehabilitation of the pier got underway May 13 with demolition seaward from the bait shop. During this initial phase, public access was limited to the section of the pier between the entrance and the bait shop. Once demolition was complete in the initial phase, in early June, the remainder of the pier was closed completely until reconstruction was finished. The project cost \$738,769.

Rehabilitation included removal and replacement of all the pier's deck and railing material with longer-lasting, legally sourced ipe (pronounced "ee-pay") wood and replacement of pole lighting fixtures with sea turtle-friendly, under-handrail lights. New fish-cleaning stations, benches and trash receptacles have also been added. More benches are on order and will be installed in the near future.

The pier bait shop is currently being retrofitted and should reopen in about 4 weeks. Bait shop items, including bait, are available at the retail center near Fins at Sharky's.



The Venice Fishing Pier has reopened to the public.

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**Pier, from page 1**

Visitors and residents are reminded that the pier, owned by the City of Venice, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with free admission. No fishing license is required; however, a no-cost, annual, shore-based permit is required for shark fishing. To take the educational course, which must be

completed before getting the permit, visit [www.MyFWC.com/SharkCourse](http://www.MyFWC.com/SharkCourse).

Glass containers, alcohol, tobacco products, tents, rollerblades, and bicycles are prohibited on the pier.

The pier, which was originally built in 1966, is 720 feet long, 22 feet wide, and 20 feet high. Water depth at the end averages 16 ½ feet.



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	5	6	7
8	5:01 pm <b>City Council</b> Budget Public Hearing  GRANDPARENTS DAY	9 am <b>City Council</b>	3:30 pm Public Art Advisory Board  PATRIOT DAY	9 am Architectural Review Board	13	14
15	16	1:30 pm Planning Commission	3:30 pm Economic Development Advisory Board	19	9 am Historic Preservation Board	21
22	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN  23	9 am <b>City Council</b>  5:01 pm <b>City Council</b> Budget Public Hearing	24	25	26	27
29	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.				
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## City negotiates lease for circus property

City of Venice staff has successfully negotiated a long-term, non-aeronautical lease for the 12.36-acre parcel of Venice Municipal Airport property located at 1401 Ringling Drive, commonly referred to as the “circus property.” The proposed lessee of the property is a group led by Michigan developer Kent Jacoby. Mr. Jacoby has ties to the Venice area and has expressed a serious interest in the property, the former Venice Circus Arena site, for a number of years. The City received written notification of Federal Aviation Administration approval of the lease on Aug. 2.

The basic terms of the lease give control of the property to the Jacoby group for 75 years in return for a rental rate of 8% of the fair market value of the land as determined by an appraisal. An appraisal of the parcel was prepared by Bass & Associates in July, placing the value of the property at \$3,900,000 and making the ultimate annual rent to be paid to the airport \$312,000. According to the terms of the lease, following the development of construction plans and acquisition of permits, lease payments will initiate to the City and graduate in increments at 2, 3 and 5 years, with full payment at the 5-year mark. The rent will be adjusted every five years commensurate with the prevailing Consumer Price Index and be adjusted based on a reappraisal of the land at years 30 and 60. For approximately 20 years, the 12 acres has been largely unproductive for the Airport.

The developer’s conceptual site plan includes three principal uses to enhance the southern gateway to the City. They propose to construct a +/-130-room hotel, offices catering to medical specialists and possibly a 24-hour urgent care facility as well as a restaurant on the property. The restaurant will have outdoor seating and be bike-friendly for those traveling along the adjacent Venetian Waterway Trail. The proposed investment in the property will be for more than \$27,000,000 and will be referred to as Ringling Brothers Memorial Park in recognition of the property’s history.



Pending City Council approval on the lease, staff is looking forward to working with the developer on this exciting project and creating a predictable long-term revenue stream for the Airport fund. The City gratefully acknowledges the support of Bart Vernace and his staff at the FAA for their consideration and approval of the terms of this lease. Approval of the 75-year lease term is indicative of the FAA’s confidence in the management and operation of the Venice Municipal Airport.

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## CIRCUS PROPERTY LEASE



An aerial view of the circus property at 1401 Ringling Drive. City of Venice staff has successfully negotiated a long-term lease for the 12.36-acre Venice Municipal Airport parcel with a group led by Michigan developer Kent Jacoby. The developer's conceptual site plan includes a 130-room hotel, as well as offices catering to medical specialists and possibly a 24-hour urgent care facility as well as a restaurant. Airport officials have spoken with the owners of the trapeze school on the property, which will have to relocate.

## Specified residents urged to choose new trash cart size



The fourth and final phase of residential automated trash collection is coming to the City of Venice.

Residents who have not previously received a cart from the City — which include a number of residents in Bay Indies — can visit [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com) and click on a link at the top of the homepage to choose the size trash cart (garbage only) they would like — 35 gallon, 65 gallon or 95 gallon. **Cart sizes must be chosen by Oct. 15, 2019.** After that date, residents will automatically receive a 65-gallon cart.

Twice-weekly trash collection will continue. Pictures and dimensions of each cart size are at left. They can also be viewed online or at Venice City Hall near the Information Desk. Residents are asked to consider choosing the 65- or 95-gallon cart, since all trash must be inside the cart for collection. Residents should fill out the online form with their name, address, contact information and cart size choice, then click submit.

For more information, please call Venice Public Works at 941-486-2422.

## Take the Downtown Venice 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 here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DowntownVeniceParking2019>

A link is also available on the City's website, [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com) under "News" on the homepage, and on the City's Facebook page: Venice, Florida Municipal Government.



# Mote Marine: Record-breaking year for sea turtle nests

Sea turtle nesting season is not yet over, but Mote Marine Laboratory's Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program (STCRP) has already recorded a 38-year-record number of nests in the Sarasota area, according to information provided by Mote. STCRP monitors sea turtle nesting on the 35-mile stretch of beaches from Longboat Key through Venice. Sea turtles nest along Southwest Florida beaches from May through October.

On Aug. 4, Mote's STCRP documented a total of 5,063 nests across all sea turtle species – 4,888 logger-head nests, 170 green turtle nests and five other nests, Mote officials say. As female sea turtles nest every two to three years, many of them are expected to be returners from 2016, the previous total nest record, which had a total count of 4,588 nests. For the first time in the program's history, there are at least two green sea turtle nests on every key/region in Mote's area of monitoring.

In addition to record nesting numbers, STCRP has also been busy tagging a record number of nesting females. The team applies flipper tags and passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags (similar to a pet micro-chip) to nesting females, allowing researchers to estimate the number of individual females nesting on local beaches. As of July 31, STCRP tagged 468 turtles, compared to 2016's record of 451 turtles tagged. The team also logged a record number of turtle encounters, 719. For each encounter, the team records the individual, date, location and what the female is doing during the encounter.

The increase in green sea turtle nesting this year has also presented researchers the opportunity to learn more about this threatened species through satellite tagging. STCRP applied satellite transmitters to seven green sea turtle females this past year, more than ever before, which the public can follow at [mote.org/seaturtletracking](http://mote.org/seaturtletracking).

As of Aug. 24, Mote has recorded 645 nests on Venice beaches since the start of nesting season on May 1. Sea turtles laid a total of 480 nests on Venice beaches in 2018. Updated numbers also show a total of 5,108 nests have been reported this year as of Aug. 24 on Sarasota County beaches.

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 6,990 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. Problematic lights can also be replaced with turtle-friendly fixtures designed to direct light where you need it and away from the beach, with red or amber LED bulbs. You should also avoid using flashlights, lanterns or flash photography while on the beach at night.

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 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.



# Qualified candidates for City of Venice election

According to City Clerk Lori Stelzer, the following individuals have qualified to run for the City of Venice election:

## **Council Member (Seat No. 5)**

Nick Pachota

Debbie Sanacore

## **Council Member (Seat No. 6)**

Tim Brady

Joe Neunder

## **Mayor (Seat No. 7)**

Frankie Abbruzzino

Bob Daniels

Ron Feinsod

The 2019 election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5 for City Council Seats 5, 6 and 7, which are currently held by Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels and Mayor John Holic, respectively. Voting for these seats is open only to registered voters residing within Venice city limits. The last date that people will be able to register to vote in the Nov. 5 General Election is Monday, Oct. 7.

A term on City Council is for three years. Each Council member may serve three consecutive terms. City Council candidates must be residents who have been registered to vote in the City of Venice for 12 consecutive months prior to the first day of qualifying, Monday, Aug. 19. The deadline to file was Friday, Aug. 23 at noon.

Campaign finance reports for candidates and other election information can be found on the City website by going to: [www.venicegov.com/government/city-clerk/election-original](http://www.venicegov.com/government/city-clerk/election-original).

Early voting will be at the Supervisor of Elections Office, Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. The early voting schedule for the City of Venice election will begin on Monday, Oct. 28 and continue through Friday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot, which can be done by mail, phone, or online, is Saturday, Oct. 26 by 5 p.m.

On election day, you must vote in your precinct. For additional voter information, including a precinct finder and how to register, visit the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections Office website at: [www.sarasotavotes.com](http://www.sarasotavotes.com).

Election offices are open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, Monday-Friday.

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## **SARASOTA**

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101 S. Washington Blvd.  
Sarasota 34236  
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## PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY UPDATE

At right is an aerial photo of the new Venice Public Safety Facility under construction off East Venice Avenue taken Aug. 21. Despite recent rains, the project is on schedule with the pad being prepped for the slab pours.

As a municipality the City is utilizing an owner “direct material purchase” on the project to reduce the cost of taxes — the City is exempt from paying sales tax — and overhead normally incurred on material purchases by the contractor. The City is currently just above \$100,000 in savings, and is on track to save \$160,000, according to Detective Sgt. Rob Goodson, Venice Police Department representative for the project.

Construction manager Ajax/Tandem Construction began initial clearing for the new Public Safety Facility on April 8, with a ground-breaking held on May 17. The site is located on 10 acres along East Venice Avenue. 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. Dewberry is the project’s architectural firm.

The facility will be 31,421 square feet and 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.



# Evacuation Center (Hurricane Shelter) Information for Residents

**In the event of a hurricane watch, Sarasota County will open all identified evacuation centers (hurricane shelters) at the same time.**

- \* All evacuation centers will be pet friendly. Your dog or cat must be kept in a carrier.
- \* Hurricane evacuation centers are not hotels and will not be able to provide any conveniences or luxuries. You will have no privacy, limited space approximately 20 square feet per person in a public classroom or hallway, and meal service may be delayed. Evacuation centers cannot provide bedding, cots or blankets.
- \* Going to an evacuation center should always be considered a last-resort measure.
- \* Never go to an evacuation center until local officials announce it is open.
- \* Evacuation center information will be updated on the county and city websites (scgov.net and venicegov.com), on local radio and television stations and on the county and city Facebook and Twitter accounts.

HURRICANE EVACUATION CENTERS	ADDRESS
North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Heron Creek Middle School	6501 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Woodland Middle School	2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port
Atwater Elementary School	4701 Huntsville Ave., North Port
Fruitville Elementary School	601 Honore Ave., Sarasota
Brookside Middle School	3636 S. Shade Ave., Sarasota
Southside Elementary School	1901 Webber St., Sarasota
Riverview High School	1 Ram Way, Sarasota
Booker High School	3201 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota
Phillippi Shores Elementary School	4747 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

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# Evacuation Center (Hurricane Shelter) Information for Residents

## What to Bring to an Evacuation Center

Flashlight (in case your center loses power).

Drinking water.

Your insurance, Medicare or Medicaid cards, driver license or photo I.D.

Snacks or special foods.

Your children's immunization and other important health and insurance records.

Bedding and pillows.

Each family member's medications, along with dosage information and physician's contact information.

Book or electronic entertainment items with headphones and chargers.

Change of clothing.

**NOTE:** There are currently no evacuation centers (hurricane shelters) in the City of Venice, only **rally points**, where residents can go to be transported to shelters.

## Transportation Plan for Hurricane Evacuation Centers

### If you cannot drive to an evacuation center:

Sarasota County will provide bus transportation for you and your pets (along with a limited amount of supplies) to and from a general population evacuation center. This program is activated only when Sarasota County has a declared county emergency, an activation is ordered, and evacuation centers are opened. Transportation will be offered at designated **rally points** throughout the county.

### Keep in mind ...

- Transportation will be provided by Sarasota County Area Transit and school district buses.

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# Evacuation Center (Hurricane Shelter) Information for Residents

## Transportation Plan for Hurricane Evacuation Centers (con't)

- Space on buses will be limited.
- Baggage is limited to two carry-on sized bags per person that can be stored under a seat or held in lap.
- Pets must be in a crate or carrier, and you must bring all pet supplies.
- Passengers cannot specify what shelter they will be transported to. Your return home could be delayed.

**Important:** All transportation will cease when landfall is expected within eight hours.

**Venice area rally points include:** Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice; Garden Elementary School, 700 Center Road; Venice; Taylor Ranch Elementary, 2500 Taylor Ranch Trail, South Venice (off U.S. 41); Laurel Park, 509 Collins Road, Nokomis; and Pine View School, 1 Python Path, Osprey. Go to [scgov.net](http://scgov.net) for a full list.

### If you are able to drive to a rally point:

- Drive locally to a rally point and park vehicle.
- Receive transportation to an evacuation center.

No registration needed. Information/instruction will be provided at rally point.

### Bus route:

Pick-up transportation to a rally point and center via Sarasota County Area Transit disaster bus route (SCAT's modified Sunday bus route). Visit [scgov.net](http://scgov.net) for schedules.

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# Evacuation Center (Hurricane Shelter) Information for Residents

## Transportation Plan for Hurricane Evacuation Centers (con't)

### Register for public transportation:

- For those who cannot drive or otherwise be transported by family, friends or neighbors, Sarasota County will provide last-resort, free bus transportation for you and your pets (along with a limited amount of supplies) to and from a general population, evacuation center. Transportation will be offered at designated rally points throughout the county.
- Complete the online registration form at [scgov.net](http://scgov.net) (Under "I Want To," or keywords transportation plan). All county libraries are available to help with online registration for those without a computer. You can also call 941-861-5000.
- The form will include guidance for those who cannot drive or walk to a designated rally point.

### Rally points may change depending on the severity of a storm.

Residents who preregister will receive an automated telephone message with information about the location of rally points and when they will be picked up.

**Important: The online registration process will cease when landfall is expected within 60 hours.**

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**If you have special medical needs** (require a lift assist from a wheelchair, need a caregiver's help for other activities of daily living, use an oxygen tank, etc.), you must register separately as a medically dependent person along with your caregiver. This can be done now at [scgov.net](http://scgov.net), or call 941-861-5000.

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



It's Florida's peak hurricane season — 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.

## SOUTH JETTY UNDERWATER CLEANUP

The SunCoast Reef Rovers (Venice Dive Club) held an underwater cleanup on Sunday, Aug. 18, in partnership with Sarasota Bay Watch, Venice Police, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and Sea Tow. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help clean the inlet!

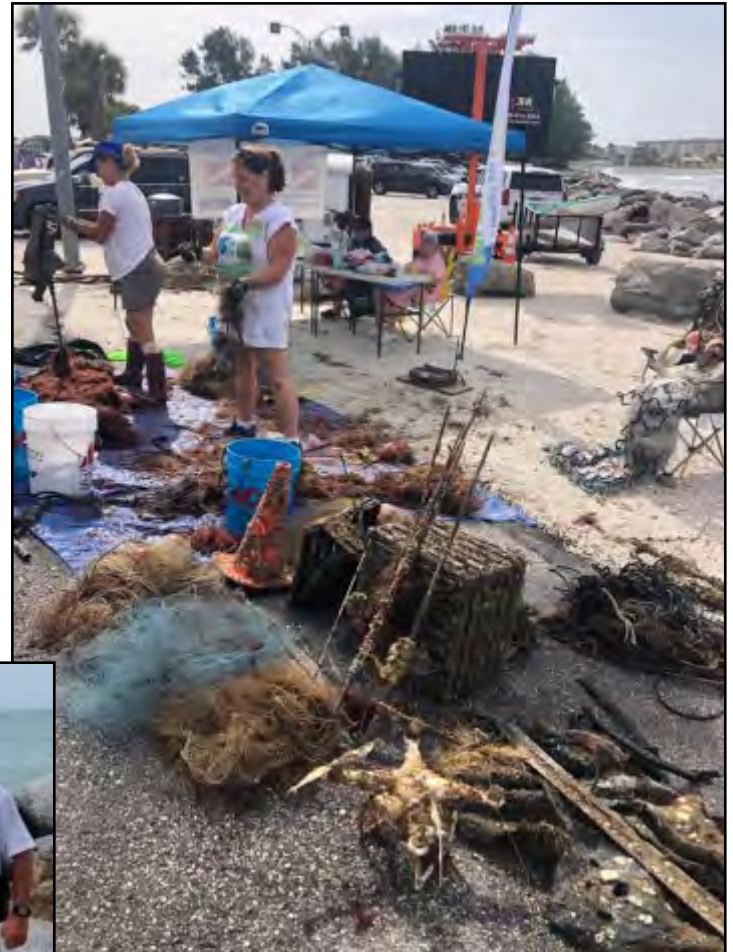


*Photo credit*

*At left: Dan Morgan*

*Below left and below  
right: Greg Vine*

*At right and below:  
Sarasota County  
Sheriff's Office*



## FOUNTAIN PARK

Work continues at Fountain Park at Miami Avenue and Ponce De Leon, where the park's old cast-iron fountain was replaced with an aluminum replica. Stones and bonded aggregate have gone in; tiles for the fountain bowl are next.



## Species Spotlight: Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)

A native of Madagascar, the Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*) tree is considered by some to be the most beautiful flowering tree in the world. While that may be debatable, Royal Poinciana is quite spectacular in bloom.



**JIM YELVERTON**  
CITY ARBORIST

When in full bloom, the canopy is completely covered with brightly colored clusters of flowers ranging from orange to deep red. The blooms appear from May to July and usually persist for nearly a month. A close inspection of the flowers reveals four 3-inch long spoon-shaped petals and one slightly larger petal resembling orchid flowers. The tree normally grows wider than tall, reaching heights of 40 feet and widths from 40 to 60 feet. The wide umbrella-shaped canopy of very fine textured foliage provides welcome dappled shade on a hot summer day. The trunk and branches are thick with smooth gray bark and a fairly open branch structure.

Royal Poinciana may not be for every homeowner. The wood is weak and easily breaks in storms, so early pruning is important to ensure good tree structure and firmly attached branches. Branches that are near half the size of the trunk should be pruned to develop a stronger more durable tree. As the tree ages the branches tend to sag, so it is best to prune as the tree grows with a goal of the lowest branches at maturity being 8 to 10 high on the trunk. This should allow ample space for easy access under the canopy of a mature tree. The trunk can grow to 50 inches in diameter, although usually much smaller, and will have large, very shallow buttress roots. These large surface roots will damage sidewalks and pavement, so it is best planted no closer than 12-15 feet from any paved surface. The large 18-inch long by 2-inch wide seed pods that develop after flowering, hang on the tree through the winter where they dry out, then fall to the ground in the spring. These large seed pods can be a nuisance so the tree is best planted where the seed pods fall on the ground and not on sidewalks or patios. The Royal Poinciana tolerates a wide range of soils including urban soil conditions, so it grows pretty well in cities. It performs best in full sun and with ample growing space. Frost or extended cold periods will damage foliage, smaller twigs and branches, but the tree will usually recover quickly. A newly planted tree will need regular watering for a year or two until it



A Royal Poinciana in full bloom.

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## RIALTO/SAN MARCO STORMWATER WORK



On Aug. 5, the City of Venice began excavating the intersection of San Marco Boulevard at The Rialto to replace a failing stormwater system, closing the intersection to traffic. The Venice Regional Bayfront Health Emergency Room and parking garage were available from U.S. 41 Business just north of the San Marco intersection while contractor Quality Enterprises USA completed the work. The intersection (pictured at left) was reopened to motorists on Aug. 14.

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### *Poinciana, from page 18*

is well established. It may be 5 to 10 years before a newly planted tree blooms to the fullest but well worth the wait. There are a few of these trees scattered around Venice so if you do not have a good spot for one at least you can enjoy your neighbors trees. If you do have an appropriate spot the beauty of the Royal Poinciana is well worth tolerating a few minor nuisances.

*City Arborist Jim Yelveton can be contacted at 941-882-7433 or [jyelveton@venicegov.com](mailto:jyelveton@venicegov.com).*



Royal Poinciana flowers, leaves and seed pod.

## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



At left, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden stands with Venice Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Kathy Lehner after being presented with a Downtown Beautification Project Award on behalf of the Chamber during the Aug. 27 City Council meeting. Also pictured are Andrea Arnold and Char Myers with the Chamber and Mayor John Holic. The year-long Beautification Project reconstructed 14 blocks in downtown Venice. Improvements included major underground stormwater and drainage, replacing sidewalks, median landscaping, and rebuilding the roadways.



Council Member Helen Moore shakes hands with Mayor John Holic Aug. 27 after receiving her Certificate of Completion of the 2019 Institute for Elected Municipal Officials.



As his wife Jennifer and Venice Fire Chief Shawn Carvey look on, Nathan McManus is sworn in by Mayor John Holic as the Fire Department's first Division Chief of EMS during the Aug. 27 Council meeting.

## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



As his wife Wendy and fellow VPD officers and staff look on, Venice Police Capt. Mike Rose, who has been with the department for nearly 30 years, receives his retirement certificate from Mayor John Holic during the Aug. 27 City Council meeting. Police Chief Tom Mattmuller also presented Capt. Rose with the U.S. flag flown over the Police Department.



Solid Waste Equipment Operator Scott Hemp is presented with his 5-year Service Award and pin from Mayor John Holic during the Aug. 27 Council meeting, as Public Works Director James Clinch and Solid Waste Superintendent Bob Moroni look on.



# Oasis emerging with creation of Venice Urban Forest

The Venice Urban Forest is a project of Venice Area Beautification Inc. VABI is a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 1990 whose mission is to enrich the quality of life for every resident of our community by nurturing and developing enhancement projects throughout the greater Venice area. VABI's mission is to make Venice a more beautiful place to live, work and play.

While enjoying strong City support for this project, the actual funding is provided by private financing from individuals and grants. VABI is equally appreciative of its dedicated volunteers whose labor plants and maintains this emerging forest. The Venice Urban Forest commenced on April 12, 2018. The Venice Urban Forest's mission statement is: "In the spirit of the John Nolen Plan, VABI resolves to create the Urban Forest, an oasis for all generations to enjoy."

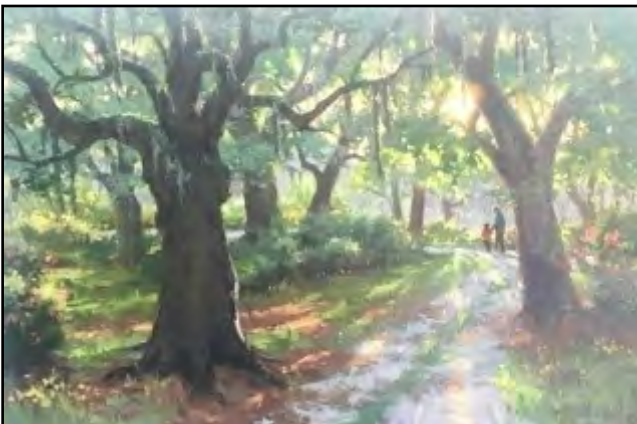
The Venice Urban Forest was approved by Sarasota County, and is located on about 32 acres of land between the eastern leg of the Venetian Waterway Trail and the Seaboard industrial section, extending between Venice Avenue and Center Road. The proposed corridor will extend about 1.75 miles (32 acres).

The purpose of the Urban Forest project is to plant thousands of trees and understory plants to provide shelter for birds and animals, cooling and much needed carbon sequestration, oxygen generation and stormwater absorption.

The Venice Urban Forest is a critical component in enhancing the City of Venice's urban design that was introduced by John Nolen in 1926 and remains its principle planning document. Adding this "green belt"

corridor will complement Nolen's "city garden" concept and serve to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. Once completed, the Urban Forest will provide sanctuary for migratory birds as well as enhance stormwater management and improve the community's water resources. It will provide an environmental buffer between the Intracoastal Waterway and the light industrial area adjacent to the corridor. It will provide a strategic step in rejoining the two sections of the City that were divided upon completion of the Intracoastal.

For more information about the Venice Urban Forest, visit [www.veniceurbanforest.com](http://www.veniceurbanforest.com) for updates and pictures. To inquire on how to donate to the Urban Forest, or to volunteer, please contact the VABI office at 941-207-8224 or visit [www.vabi.org](http://www.vabi.org). — *Provided by Mary Schwass, VABI Office Manager*



# Water Main Replacement Program Phase 6

Properties within the Venice Utilities Department's Water Main Replacement Phase 6 project limits have water mains that are located in rear or side lots away from the road right of way. Many of the water mains are beyond their useful life, resulting in decreased water pressure. Maintaining the water mains, appurtenances and meters requires City staff to enter and potentially disturb residents' side and back yards.

Phase 6 includes the installation of approximately 7,500 linear feet (lf) of new water main, 2 fire hydrants, 28 valves, various appurtenances, property service connections, and the abandonment of rear lot water mains. The Phase 6 area is roughly bounded by Narvaezi Street to the north, Park Boulevard (North and South) to the west, Armada Road to the south, and Nassau Street to the east. Additionally, there is a section south of the main area from Shore Road to Ringling Drive S., between Base and Airport Avenues (west and east). Approximately 189 properties have been identified for relocation of the rear or side water service line to a new or existing water main located in the right of way.

**Project schedule:** A successful bid opening was held on Aug. 21, 2019. Upon receipt of required paperwork from the apparent low bidder, the project will be placed on the City Council agenda in September, and pre-construction activities would likely commence in October.

**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 the CodeRed system can be found on page 15 of this newsletter.

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

Pictured at right is a photo showing the old existing water mains and meters in rear and side easements. The new water main will be installed along Barcelona Avenue within the right of way.



## 9/11 Memorial Ceremony set for Patriots Park



The 7th Annual Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony in Venice will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Patriots Park, 800 Venetia Bay Blvd.

The public is welcome to attend; please bring chairs.

There will be a presentation of the colors by Venice American Legion Post 159, patriotic music by the Lion Rampant Pipe and Drum Band of Sarasota, the national anthem sung by Collin Thompson, recognition of Gold Star Families, bell ringing for 9/11 victims and fallen heroes by Venice Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, and the playing of taps and "Amazing Grace." Guest speaker will be Matthew Besheer, retired from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey detective.

This ceremony is presented by Salt of the Earth USA and Gene Sweeney. Venice resident Barbara Miller-Vaughn, retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant, will serve as host of the event. Venice Mayor John Holic will attend and present a proclamation.

Patriots Park includes a 2-ton steel beam from the World Trade Center wreckage on 9/11 (pictured at top left) and a piece of rubble from the attack on the Pentagon.

The park was created by the Leadership Sarasota County Class of 2002 to remember those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as the heroes who saved lives that day, and those who have made sacrifices in the name of freedom in all wars.



# 2020 City of Venice State Legislative Priorities

*Editor's note: These State Legislative Priorities were approved by Venice City Council on Aug. 27, 2019. They will be presented to legislators in this format.*

The City of Venice wishes to express its gratitude to the Florida State Legislature for its work to provide the best and highest quality of life for residents of the state and especially, residents of Venice. We are greatly thankful for previous support of road reconstruction, beach renourishment, and other actions for the benefit of our citizens. The following needs have been identified by Venice City Council. The City of Venice requests your help with these important projects:

## **Stormwater Outfall Monitoring and Water Quality Treatment**

This multi-year project was funded in 2019 to initiate the first phase – pilot testing of water quality from two selected stormwater outfalls in the City of Venice. The project goal is to identify potential sources of pollutants entering the Gulf of Mexico from outfalls along the Venice shoreline and implement strategies to mitigate the pollutant risk. The project methodology is to systematically collect and analyze water samples from the defined stormwater outfalls to determine pollutant levels. For those outfalls determined to discharge potentially harmful nutrient loads that may adversely affect water quality in the Gulf and support the proliferation of red tide or other harmful organic growth, the next step would be to backtrack the water source and institute corrective actions to reduce or eliminate the pollutant discharge at its point of origin.

The City respectfully requests support of phase 2, which will include expanding outfall testing to include automatic sampling equipment that will measure discharge flow rate and concentration analysis at priority outfalls, additional comprehensive testing and preliminary design of construction projects to provide additional water quality treatment prior to discharge. Phase 2 is the continuation of a seven-year program to implement water quality improvement projects to reduce pollutant loading from nutrients and bacteria discharge into the Gulf of Mexico as a mitigation to red tide and beach closure. This project is dedicated to improving important water resources and protecting the beaches as the No. 1 economic driver of Venice and surrounding areas.

## **Wastewater Management**

**Septic System Eliminations** – This project is directed at environmental improvement through a plan to eliminate the use of private septic systems in the City of Venice. The project is multi-phased and incorporates the following steps:

1. Identify all private septic systems within the jurisdictional boundaries of Venice. Currently, there are an estimated 50 known private septic systems.
2. Through a program of voluntary compliance, provide septic system testing to assess the functional capabilities and performance of each system.
3. Provide funding for the expansion of the municipal wastewater infrastructure system: Support the engineering of a wastewater infrastructure design determined necessary to provide access to residential, business and industrial locations currently operating with septic systems. Support the construction of wastewater infrastructure expansion.

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## 2020 City of Venice State Legislative Priorities (con't)

4. Provide funding to subsidize the lateral line installation and connection of private septic system users to the municipal wastewater collection system.

For phase 1 of this project, the City requests \$500,000 to support voluntary private system testing and initiate engineering design for infrastructure expansion of the municipal wastewater collection system.

**Vacuum Sewer Collection System** – The City supplies water and wastewater to a large manufactured home community. The sewer system, installed in the 1960s, has a very high level of inflow and infiltration (I&I) of stormwater into the system during rain events. I&I is very expensive to manage and sometimes results in wastewater overflows. The City is going to upgrade the sewer system and remove 8 lift stations and use one central vacuum station, conveying it to an existing master force main.

The City requests legislative support for this project that will significantly reduce sewer inflows, eliminate wastewater spills due to inflow and help with overall sewer system operation and maintenance cost.

### Water Production

**Water Booster Station** – The City of Venice needs to improve the ability to boost water pressure to the northeast portion of the City to improve fire protection requirements and pressure for peak demands. The northeast part of the City has seen substantial economic growth, and the current booster pumping facility is located several miles from this area. As a result, the City is planning a new water booster station, ground storage tank and emergency interconnection with Sarasota County for the northeast portion of the City. The new emergency interconnect with Sarasota County would allow water to flow in the event of a major failure in the City's water system.

The City requests legislative support for this project, which would provide water to an area that is seeing substantial economic growth along with protecting the City in the event of a major failure in the City's water system.

**Second Stage RO Unit** – The City is also investing in water conservation by developing a more efficient water treatment system. The environmental benefit will be that less water needs to be withdrawn from the coastal aquifer to meet potable water demands in the City. Adding a second stage membrane to the existing reverse-osmosis water treatment facility will increase the recovery rate from the current 50% to 75%. Thus, in order to produce 75 gallons of potable water, the City would only need to withdraw 100 gallons from the brackish groundwater source.

The City requests legislative support for this continued effort in Venice's water conservation program.

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# 2020 City of Venice State Legislative Priorities (con't)

## Beach Renourishment

Renourishing the beach serves to protect the safety and welfare of this Florida coastal community. Renourishment is important for storm protection, marine turtle nesting and as a tourism/economic driver. The City of Venice appreciates the funding that has been received to date, including FY18 monitoring that is currently funded under an active state grant agreement.

The City requests ongoing legislative support for the statewide beach renourishment and inlet management program, as this will provide funding availability as we move toward our next renourishment event in 2025. The City also continues to support the state as it seeks new methods to resolve erosion issues.

## Affordable Housing

Area businesses including critical service providers like the local hospital have conveyed to the City that they have difficulty in hiring and retaining employees due to a lack of affordable housing. Additionally, local land and construction costs preclude developers from creating residential units at affordable prices for low- and moderate-income workers. It should be possible for working families and our more vulnerable citizens to afford housing and still have enough money for basic expenses like groceries and gas. Further, it has been reported that more than \$2 billion has been diverted from the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the last 10 years alone – some on tax breaks, some on balancing the budget, some on pet projects. The City believes this money should be returned to the Trust and spent on affordable workforce housing.

The City of Venice respectfully requests state appropriations for programs that support acquisition of property and construction of housing units that are affordable to low- and middle-income residents (lower strata income workers). The City also requests an increase in funding for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and HOME partnership programs to assist in these endeavors.

## Support Home Rule

The City of Venice requests the support of legislation that provides for Home Rule authority for cities and counties to make decisions that reflect the unique needs of the community and the wishes of its citizens.

1. It is imperative that the state **not impose unfunded mandates or reduce the revenue of local governments** by reducing taxes, such as the Communication Services Tax and the Business Tax, or through the \$50,000 Homestead Exemption, that affect local government.

2. Provide further **relief from the current requirements in funding 175 and 185 pension plans**, which can only be used for enhancements to existing con-

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# 2020 City of Venice State Legislative Priorities (con't)

3. **Repeal of the state law that prohibits Home Rule in regard to new short-term rental ordinances or amending existing ordinances.**

## **Increase Programs to Help Homeless, Mental Illness and Addiction, Especially for Veterans**

Because a lack of social services increases problems for society, especially for the homeless, those with mental illness, and those with alcohol and drug addictions, the Florida Legislature is encouraged to find means of helping these citizens – with a focus on veterans – in dire need of services. Having homelessness in a community undermines the welfare of all residents.

Developing jobs, reinstating state mental health treatment facilities, and increasing opportunities for veterans and others to receive help to be able to become independent and self-sufficient are examples of ways to improve society now and in the future.

## **Transportation Funding**

Support legislation that preserves local control of transportation planning, provides equitable transportation funding among municipalities and counties, and provides opportunities for additional options for municipal transportation infrastructure projects.

## **Incentives for Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation and Efficiency Improvements**

The City of Venice encourages the Florida Legislature to provide any incentives possible to encourage citizens to retrofit their homes and businesses with energy efficient and alternative energy products; and to provide funding opportunities for local governments to use alternative energy products.

## **No Oil or Gas Drilling**

The City of Venice is opposed to any drilling for gas or oil in the Gulf of Mexico within 10 miles of its shoreline, as well as hydrologic fracking in the City limits. The beaches are a natural and economic asset to the area. The City of Venice and other local government entities have joined in a commitment to preserve the ecological balance and natural beauty of the area, which such drilling activities threaten.

**The City of Venice Supports the Florida League of Cities' Legislative Priorities for 2020.**

## KEEPING VENICE BEAUTIFUL

In early August, 16 members of Team KVB (Keep Venice Beautiful) removed invasive Brazilian peppers from Pinebrook Park, hauling away 10 truckloads of cuttings (below and at right).



Later in the month, Team KVB members attacked weeds along Harbor Drive, replacing them with native

plants (shown in before and after photos at right). Members also weeded and cleaned up the lateral park on the east Venetian Waterway Trail (at left). Nineteen KVBers removed 10 truckloads of debris. The City of Venice appreciates all the efforts of these hard-working volunteers! *Photos: Team KVB*



## KEEPING VENICE BEAUTIFUL



Congratulations to Team Keep Venice Beautiful for their 600th debris truckload for 2019! Team KVB members stopped by the VABI trailhead last week to spruce it up. By the end of the day, they had 609 loads total for the year. Thank you Team KVB for all you do for Venice!  
*Photos: Team KVB*



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## AT YOUR SERVICE

The following individuals have been reappointed to City of Venice advisory boards:

**Ruth Ann Dearybury**, reappointed to the Architectural Review Board to serve a term from Sept. 1, 2019, until Aug. 31, 2022.

**Candice Roberts**, reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to serve a term from Sept. 1, 2019, until Aug. 31, 2022.

**Mark Beebe**, reappointed to the Architectural Review Board to serve a term from Sept. 1, 2019, until Aug. 31, 2022.

**Reagan Leonard**, reappointed to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, to serve a term from Sept. 1, 2019, until Aug. 31, 2022.

# 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 2,148 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

## AROUND TOWN



City staff are featured in Venice Theatre's production of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book," running Sept. 6-15! Pictured in rehearsal with Director Kristofer Geddie at left are Utilities GIS Analyst Will Smith (Baloo), Public Works Director James Clinch (Akela), and his son Eli (Taak). Purchase tickets at [venicetheatre.org](http://venicetheatre.org).

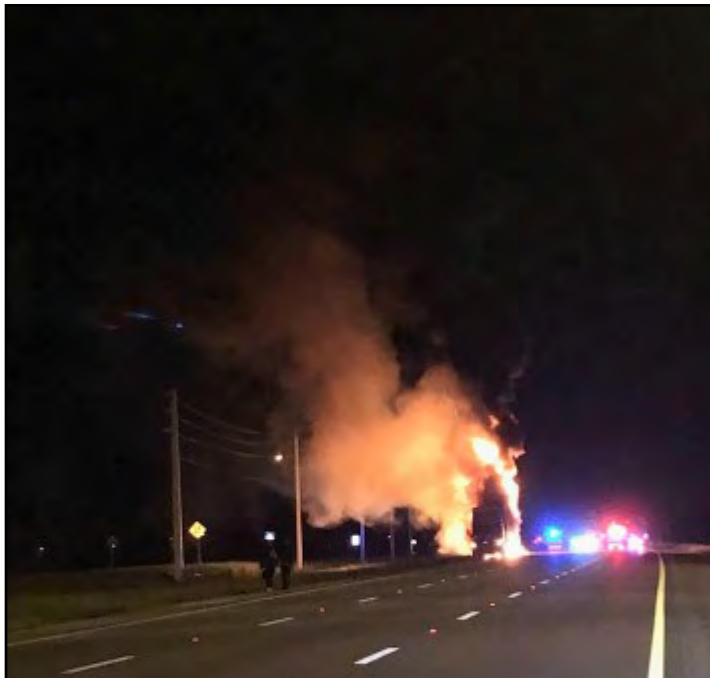


The City of Venice partnered with Hands Along the Water Aug. 24 to install drain markers around the city. It is important to put these labels down because it reminds everyone who passes by these storm drains that this water does not go to the wastewater treatment plant. It is up to all of us to help keep our waters clean and healthy. Eleven volunteers helped finish labeling storm drain zones 1 thru 10. That is more than 1,200 storm drains labeled since 2018. Thank you all for spending your Saturday morning protecting our environment and water!



*Photos: Dawn Champiny*

## AROUND TOWN



Around 4:30 a.m. Aug. 23, Venice Police Department, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, and Venice, Nokomis, and Sarasota County Fire Departments responded to a semi truck on fire on I-75 SB near mile marker 194. The trailer was destroyed, but the truck was saved. The driver was grateful to VPD units who were in the area when the blaze started and were able to quickly call for Fire units to respond. No one was hurt.



Representatives of the Venice Cultural Campus served as guest bartenders Aug. 12 at Café Venice, collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly for All Faiths Food Bank. From left, Venice Community Center Program Coordinator Dorian Hardy, Venice Art Center Executive Director Mary Moscatelli, City Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, and Venice Library Manager Ann Hall.

## AROUND TOWN



VPD Night Shift officers Lt. Andy Leisenring and Victor Montanez delivered pizza recently to their partners at the Sarasota County Public Safety Communications Center. Thank you for all the work you do to support our police!



Sea Tow brought in this derelict boat Aug. 21 with assistance from VPD and City Public Works staff at the Marina Park Boat Ramp.



## AROUND TOWN



Eastside Water Reclamation Facility Operators Kurt Krug and John Clark working at the wastewater plant off Laurel Road, then doing some field testing outside on Aug. 14.



Above, City Special Events and Marketing Coordinator Shirley Gibson and Public Information Officer Lorraine Anderson in a productive Aug. 8 meeting with Andrea Arnold, Kathy Lehner and Char Myers of the Venice Chamber. At left, Rob Bonduant with Public Works found this sea turtle hatchling going the wrong way in the Venice Beach parking lot and turned him toward the Gulf. Nice job!



## AROUND TOWN



The City's new Archives & Research Center is gearing up for an October ribbon-cutting at 224 Milan Ave. W., across the street from the Venice Museum & Archives. The City's Historical Resources Department is looking forward to having all of the VMA's artifacts and archives — including bound copies of the Venice Gondolier newspaper dating back to the 1950s and '60s, below — in one location for easier access. The Center will be open to the public by appointment for those who want to research the collection. Building namesake Julia Cousins Laning, who once lived in the VMA's Triangle Inn when her mother worked there, helped the museum by supporting the Triangle Inn's facility and staffing needs for years. The Lanings' \$1 million donation through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation funded the Milan Avenue building's purchase and renovation.

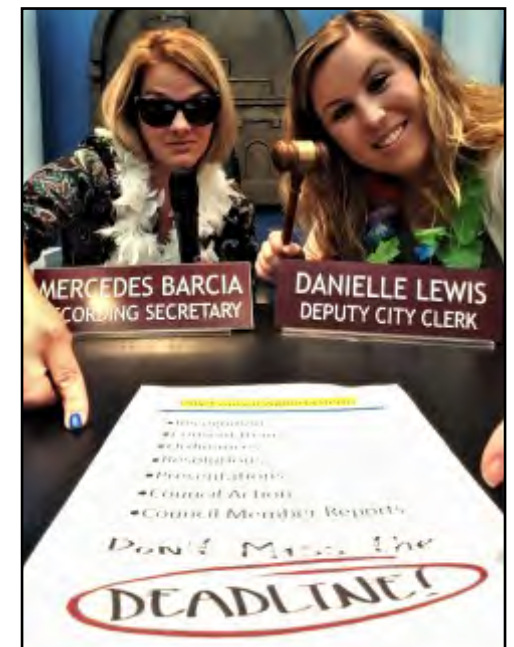


## CITY HALL SELFIE DAY

City Hall Selfie Day was held nationwide on Aug. 15. This event is sanctioned by the Florida League of Cities and Engaging Local Government Leaders to humanize government employees and show them enjoying their work. Pictured are just a few of the day's photos!



Clockwise from left: Jess Samson in Finance takes the department's fun "robbery" selfie, which includes Finance Director Linda Senne getting "cuffed" by Police Chief Tom Mattmuller; VPD Nights A shift (Officer Nick Hertel, Sgt. Sean Hammett, Lt. Andy Leisenring, Officer Steven Short, and Officer Nicole Ostroski) hits the doughnuts shortly after 1 a.m.; City PIO Lorraine Anderson takes a group shot in the City Hall lobby (with Mayor John Holic at left in purple); Recording Secretary II Mercedes Barcia and Deputy City Clerk Danielle Lewis are mindful of deadlines.





### Venice Theatre

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

**"The Jungle Book"**  
Sept. 6-15

**"The Goldtones"**  
Sept. 7

**"Born Yesterday"**  
Sept. 20-Oct. 6

**"The Bikinis"**  
Sept. 27-Oct. 20

**"Mamma Mia!"**  
Oct. 25-Dec. 1

**"The Alter Eagles"**  
Oct. 27-28

**"Good People"**  
Nov. 1-17



### Venice Art Center

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

**"Welcome Back to Paradise"**  
Sept. 13-Oct. 4

**"Fall Members Show"**  
Oct. 11-Nov. 8

**"Cornucopia"**  
Nov. 15-Dec. 6

**"Bling Thing Jewelry Show and Sale"**  
Nov. 30

**"Art Center Annual Tea"**  
Dec. 13



### Venice Performing Arts Center

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

**"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

**"America the Beautiful"**  
Venice Concert Band  
Nov. 4

**"The Everly Brothers Experience"**  
Nov. 8


**"Bohemian Beethoven"**  
Venice Symphony  
Nov. 15-16

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

# NEW EXHIBIT

*Playing in Paradise: The History of Venice*

## SPORTS



**Runs from Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 until July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**SNEAK PREVIEW EVENT**  
**OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5PM-7PM**  
 Prior to the Venice High School Homecoming Football Game

**FREE ADMISSION!**

Located at:  
 The Historic Triangle Inn  
 351 Nassau Street South  
 Venice, FL

Hours: Mon.-Wed.  
 10am-4pm and first  
 and third Saturdays in  
 Oct.-Apr. 11am-3pm

**Venice, FL**  
*City on the Gulf*

**Venice MUSEUM & ARCHIVES**

**Yard waste can cause nutrient and bacteria problems in our Stormwater**



**Try turning yard waste and food scraps into compost!**

**It keeps waste out of storm drains and is the perfect natural fertilizer for your garden and lawn**

**Watch**

**VS**

**Warning**



**Hazards are possible.**

**Stay on alert with TV or radio.**

**Get ready to move to safety with your emergency kit!**



**Hazards are imminent!**

**Seek shelter now!**

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

11TH ANNUAL  
**DOWNTOWN VENICE**  
 LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
**Craft festival**  
 An Outdoor Craft Show

August 31st  
 Saturday  
 10am – 4pm

September 1st  
 Sunday  
 10am – 4pm

Miami Ave in Venice, FL

**FREE  
 ADMISSION**



 **ArtFestival.com**  
 American Craft Endeavors  
 (813) 962-0388


Knights of Columbus

# Sundays Bingo

Knights Hall  
 512 Substation Rd.  
 Venice, FL  
 (Off 41 at Burger King)  
 Doors Open 11:30am  
 Games Start 1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Packages of 14 games start at \$7.00**  
 5 Early Bird Games 2 Quickies  
 3 Specials 1 Bonanza  
 \*\*\*No Smoking\*\*\*  
 Refreshments Available  
 Phones

941 485-1663 Hall  
 941 375-8414 Jim  
 General Public Welcome



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Want to Learn How to Fly?

**Civil Air Patrol**  
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

Age 12-19

**OPEN HOUSE!**

**Venice Cadet Squadron**

**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30-8:30pm**

**COME CHECK OUT WHAT CAP HAS TO OFFER:**

Cadet Programs – Emergency Service – Aerospace Education



Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, Respect

If you're dreaming about a career in aviation, space or the military,  
CAP's Cadet Program is for you!


The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program is a year-round program where Cadets fly, learn to lead, hike, camp, get in shape, and push themselves to new limits!

Community Service – Leadership Training – Powered Aircraft Flight Training  
Encampments – Color Guard – Flight Training – Competitions – Scholarships

**Meeting Location:**  
**Venice City Hall**  
**401 W. Venice Avenue**  
**Venice, FL 34285**

For More Information Call/Email: Capt. Nutter, Squadron Commander  
[knutter@flwg.us](mailto:knutter@flwg.us) ~ (941) 375-5222

**SENIOR CITIZEN  
CRIME PREVENTION  
SEMINAR** presented by  
The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office




**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

- PROTECTING BANK ACCOUNTS
- FRAUD AND SCAMS
- TAX RETURN AND SOCIAL SECURITY
- HOW TO PREVENT ROBO CALLS AND BLOCK CALLERS

**Tuesday, September 10**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library  
4143 Woodmere Park Blvd. Venice, FL 34293



Please RSVP by email to [Cathy.Duff@Sarasotasheriff.org](mailto:Cathy.Duff@Sarasotasheriff.org)  
or by phone 941.861.4084

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD




2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
each month @ 10:00am.  
Join us for a leisurely 6 mile  
bicycle ride around the  
Island of Venice.

Next ride is Sept. 11!

City Hall Parking Lot  
401 W. Venice Ave.  
Contact Darlene at:  
dculpepper@venicorgov.com

**Venice, FL**  
City on the Gulf


Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources



## Pickleball Punch Passes

Sold and accepted at all Sarasota County indoor pickleball program sites.



**10 plays for \$15 | 25 plays for \$37.50**





Daily drop-in fees are currently \$2.

- Colonial Oaks Park
- Englewood Sports Complex
- Laurel Park
- Longwood Park
- Newtown Estates Park
- Venice Community Center
- Woodmere Park

For more information, please contact 941-861-5000.

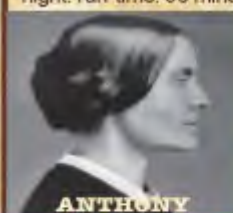

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD


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**Fall 2019**

**19th Amendment to the United States Constitution**

**WOMEN GET THE VOTE**

TUES. SEPT 17, 2019 7PM Part 1	<b>A 2 NIGHT PROGRAM</b> <b>STORY OF: ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY</b>	THURS. SEPT 19, 2019 7PM Part 2
<p>Ken Burns film titled: "Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony." Learn their backgrounds and how they began a national movement to gain women the vote! Second night goes into disagreements, national suffragist movement in U.S., and final victory. Each night: run-time: 90 minutes and Q &amp; A following film.</p>		
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**All Programs are FREE and Open to the Public.**

Programs are held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1971 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL.  
 No reservations necessary. 941-412-0151  
**VeniceAreaHistoricalSociety.org**  
*The Betty Intagliata Lecture Series, sponsored by the Venice Area Historical Society, with permanent funding provided by the Bill Jervey, Jr. Charitable Foundation.*


**19th Amendment to the United States Constitution**

**WOMEN GET THE VOTE**

*Learn from great re-enactors about two women who fought for women getting the vote.*


**TUESDAY • OCTOBER 15, 2019 • 7PM**

**IDA B. WELLS,  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
JOURNALIST AND  
SUFFRAGIST**


 Ursula Knox Odom, a Florida re-enactor, returns to Venice to portray this little-known suffragist and fighter for Civil Rights.

**TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 19, 2019 • 7PM**


**JEANETTE RANKIN**


 Jeanette Rankin helped to pass the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and was the first woman to serve in the U.S. Congress. Kate Holmes, re-enactor, returns to Venice in this new role she has researched for VAHS.

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**  
 Limited Seating. No Reservations Taken. Come Early!

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## TROLLEY TOURS of *Historic Venice*

**Saturday  
October 5, 2019**

**10 a.m. and Noon**



Trolley leaves from historic Triangle Inn building  
(home of Venice Museum & Archives)  
351 South Nassau Street, Venice, FL 34285  
**Sponsored by *Venice Heritage, Inc.***

Tickets available online at  
[www.VeniceHeritage.org](http://www.VeniceHeritage.org)  
or at Collectors' Gallery and Framery

**Tickets \$25**

## 14th Annual UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale & EdFest



**Plant Sale: Find the right plant, for the right place!**  
**EdFest Open House: See all Extension has to offer!**

**Saturday  
October 12  
2019**

*Rain or shine, the sale goes on.  
So, bring your boxes and  
wagons for your plants!*

**8am – 1pm**

**UF/IFAS Extension  
Sarasota County  
Twin Lakes Park  
6700 Clark Road  
Sarasota**

**Free Admission**

*Cash/checks only for plant sale.*

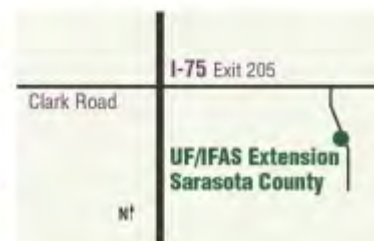
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## Fertilize Less

## 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

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**A Walk for Parkinson's**

Register Now!



**Moving Day Venice**  
**Saturday, November 2, 2019**  
**Maxine Barritt Park | Venice, FL**  
 Registration: 8:30 a.m. | Walk Start: 10:30 a.m.

MOVING DAY NATIONAL PARTNERS











**PEOPLE WHO MOVE  
CHANGE THE WORLD.**



**Register & Start Fundraising Today!**

**MovingDayVenice.org**

For more information:  
 Contact Lena Brennan at 813-616-6517  
 or lbrennan@parkinson.org

Get out and move with your community. Every dollar raised supports the Parkinson's Foundation mission to make life better for people affected by Parkinson's disease. At Moving Day walks across the country, we're fighting Parkinson's and celebrating movement — proven to help manage Parkinson's symptoms. Register today and come move with us. #Move4PD

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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## Venice Historic Walking Tour

Presented by Venice Florida Tours



This 1 1/2 hour tour covers historic information about the City of Venice on a leisurely 1 mile walk

**Saturdays and Sundays**

Tour covers all of the following and much more!

Dr. Albee's Florida Medical Center	The Name: Venice
The boom of the 1920s	Historic Buildings
Intracoastal Waterway	Kentucky Military Institute

**\$15.00 per person (cash only). Reservations Required.**

**Contact Us for upcoming tour day/times and for reservations:**

[Facebook.com/VeniceFloridaTours](https://www.facebook.com/VeniceFloridaTours)

[VeniceFloridaTours@yahoo.com](mailto:VeniceFloridaTours@yahoo.com)

**Call 817-793-8433 (Tiffany)**

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**Troy Quinn**  
Music Director/Conductor

Concerts are 7:30 pm, Fridays and 3:30 pm, Saturdays  
Save on our Saturday Nights at the Symphony Series (\*)

**November 15-16, 2019**

**Bohemian Beethoven**

Beethoven's Fifth  
Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*

**December 20-21, 2019\***

**A Very Merry Holiday Pops**

Guest Artist: Sarasota's Key Chorale

**January 10-11, 2020\***

**Cosmic Convergence**

Dvorak's *New World Symphony*  
Music from *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*

**February 7-8, 2020\***

**Shaken Not Stirred:**

**The Music of James Bond**  
Six Decades: From *Goldfinger* to *Skyfall*

**February 28-29, 2020**

**Romeo and Juliet**

Tchaikovsky, Bernstein, Shostakovich  
Guest piano soloist: Daniel Lebhardt

**March 27-28, 2020**

**Songs from the Screen and Stage**  
with Linda Eder

An unforgettable concert with Broadway and recording star Linda Eder

**April 24-25, 2020**

**The Movie Maestro:**

**A Tribute to John Williams**  
*Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park*, *Harry Potter*

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*Chalk Festival*  
**NOVEMBER 15-18, 2019 – Venice Airport, Venice Island**



**GARDEN OF WONDERS**  
*"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  
 (941) 488-8877

Avenida de Colores 501c3 not-for-profit.

*Venice* **MUSEUM**  
 & ARCHIVES

**Wants You!** 

## Become a Docent

- ✓ Are you a people person?
- ✓ Are you available 3 hours per week?
- ✓ Would you enjoy greeting visitors and providing tours?
- ✓ Would you enjoy assisting staff with special projects?
- ✓ Do you check your email regularly?

***If you answered "yes," let's talk!***  
*Experience not necessary—we will train*

Our docents are a fun group of people, male and female, all ages, who say...




"Meeting visitors from all over is great!"  
 "I enjoy getting to know the other docents"  
 "I have learned so much about area history."  
 "I especially enjoy being a part of special events at the museum."  
 "I was bored with retirement and being a docent is a perfect fit"  
 "I feel good knowing I'm giving back to the community."

**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)

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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.

**vabi non profit@gmail.com**  
**941-207-8224**

Venice Area Beautification  
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Saturday 10AM - 1PM  
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**941-412-0151**  
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For Group Tours, email:  
depot@veniceareahistoricalsociety.org

1927 Historic Venice Train Depot  
Venice Area Historical Society



## 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).

## Underwater cleanup at Venice Fishing Pier Sept. 8

The SunCoast Reef Rovers (Venice Dive Club) will hold an underwater debris cleanup on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Venice Fishing Pier, with divers in the water at 9 a.m.

There will be a safety briefing at 8:45 a.m. under the pier at the water's edge (shaded area).

Divers, kayakers, snorkelers and topside helpers are needed.

Orange juice, doughnuts and bananas will be provided after the divers exit the water, in the southern part of the Sharky's parking lot.

The City of Venice Police Marine Patrol will be onsite to assist with this event.

Email Ken Lackmann if you would like to volunteer for this cleanup at [ken.lackmann@usda.gov](mailto:ken.lackmann@usda.gov).

