



# VENICE CITY E-NEWS

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Ron Feinsod

## VICE MAYOR

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Mitzie Fiedler

Helen Moore

Joe Neunder

Nick Pachota

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City Clerk Lori Stelzer

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## New Mayor, Council Members on the dais

On Nov. 19, City Clerk Lori Stelzer swore in Ron Feinsod as Venice's new Mayor and Joe Neunder and Nick Pachota as new Council Members.

Feinsod received 40.02% of the vote in the Nov. 5 election for Seat 7; Neunder, 56.22% for Seat 6; and Pachota, 50.73% for Seat 5.

Pachota thanked "family, friends and our community."

"I can't wait to serve you right," he added.

Neunder also offered thanks. "I wouldn't be in this position without the loving support of my wife and my three boys, Michael, Joey and Ethan, my parents, all of my community groups and my engagements



City Clerk Lori Stelzer swears in Ron Feinsod as Mayor on Nov. 19 as his wife Denise, and sister Deborah look on. Insets: Joe Neunder (left) and Nick Pachota on the dais after being sworn in.

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Above, Nick Pachota is sworn in as a Venice City Council Member by City Clerk Lori Stelzer as his wife Kate looks on Nov. 19. At right, Mayor Feinsod on the dais.



As his 7-year-old son Michael holds the Bible and his wife Cindy looks on, Joe Neunder is sworn in to his City Council seat by Lori Stelzer.

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that I am locally affiliated with — thank you for all your support and your guidance.

"I fully expect to be engaged in my community even more now, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve each and every one of you."

"I would like to thank my wife who put up with me for the last 6 months — missed many 'Jeopardies' and 'Wheel of Fortunes' for me," Feinsod said to laughter. "I want to thank all the people who supported me throughout this campaign."

"I would like to say, going forward, my first goal is to make sure that we all achieve the goals that we ran on ... Everybody (running) for this race basically was concerned with the same issues as the people of Venice, and that was our environment, growth and development, and fiscal responsibility. So my goal is to work with the Council members to the betterment of the City of Venice and the people of Venice to achieve those goals.

"I look forward to your support and achieving goals that are meaningful to the people — get us to move forward in a way that is going to help our environment, help with our infrastructure problems, and basically make our City a stronger and better City in the future."

# DECEMBER 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 1:30 pm Planning Commission	4	5	6	7 6 pm Christmas Boat Parade
8	9	9 am <b>City Council</b>	10 3:30 pm Public Art Advisory Board	11 9 am Architectural Review Board	12	13 14
15	16 1:30 pm Planning Commission	17	18	19	20 9 am Historic Preservation Board	21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER
22 FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH	23	<b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b>	24 <b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> Garbage, yard waste, recycleables collected on next pickup day	25 CHRISTMAS	26 9 am Architectural Review Board	27 28
29	30	31 LAST DAY OF HANUKKAH	NEW YEAR'S EVE	<b>FAST FACT</b> Blalock Park is named for James T. Blalock, who served as mayor of Venice from 1929-41. The statues in the park of a manatee, sea turtle, Florida panther and tarpon were created by Atlanta artist Tom Prochnow. A holiday tree lighting sponsored by VABI is held every year in the park's Monty Andrews Arboretum.		

<h1>JANUARY 2020</h1>							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>FAST FACT</b> <small>At the Brohard Beach Paw Park, canines may romp on the only beach area in Sarasota County where dogs are allowed. There is also a fenced dog play yard that leads to the beach, and other amenities including picnic tables, benches, showers, and drinking fountains for humans and dogs. It is open daily, 7 a.m.-dusk.</small>			<b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> 1 Garbage, yard waste, recyclables collected on next pickup day  NEW YEAR'S DAY	2		3	4
5	6	1:30 pm Planning Commission	7	8	9 am Architectural Review Board	10	11
12	13	9 am <b>City Council</b>	14	15	16	17	18 10 am <b>Public Works Road-E-O Festival Grounds</b>
19	<b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b>	20	1:30 pm Planning Commission  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	21	22	23	24  CHINESE NEW YEAR
26	27	9 am <b>City Council</b>  3 pm Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	28	29	30	31	

# Video cameras installed downtown

The City of Venice installed video cameras downtown in mid-November for increased security. The cameras, offering a wide-angle view of the street, can also be used to zoom in close enough to read a license plate, according to Police Chief Tom Mattmuller.

Camera locations are at the intersection of West Venice Avenue and Harbor Drive, W. Venice Ave. and Nassau Street, and W. Venice Ave. and Nokomis Avenue. Another mobile camera is currently stationed in Centennial Park.

Mattmuller and IT Director Christophe St. Luce briefed City Council on the cameras with a PowerPoint presentation Nov. 19.

“It just adds to the safety of the community,” Mattmuller said. The footage will only be accessed by VPD and saved on a secure hard drive at City Hall for 30 days.

City Manager Ed Lavallee said the cameras are “only recording what’s on public property.”

Phase 1 of the project cost about \$400,000, funded through 1-cent sales tax revenues. Phase 2 will see cameras at the Airport Festival Grounds, Venice Fishing Pier and South Jetty.

“This is something cities need to do in order to protect our citizens,” said Council Member Mitzie Fiedler.



The video camera view at West Venice Avenue and Nokomis Avenue, looking west.

At left, the view from a downtown camera showing the Children's Interactive Fountain in Centennial Park, and zoomed in, at right.



# City to roll out single-stream recycling in January



New City of Venice recycling carts will arrive in January 2020 for single-stream recycling!

Residents' new curbside recycling cart (pictured at left) will have two wheels for easy maneuvering and a lid to keep recyclables from becoming litter. The cart is going to make recycling easier by providing residents more space to recycle more items.

**All recyclables go in the cart together, no more separating** — a true win-win.

Carts will be dropped off at homes in the City of Venice in January, along with a packet of important program information. **See graphic on page 7 for what you will be able to recycle and what you can leave out.**

Additional information, including a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on the City website at: [www.venicegov.com/services/public-works/recycling/](http://www.venicegov.com/services/public-works/recycling/).

It is very important we all work together to only recycle the correct items. If trash or non-recyclable items are placed in the carts, the entire load can become contaminated and can end up as garbage at the landfill. Recycling the proper items protects the environment, conserves resources and reduces landfill sites. This is a great opportunity for Venice residents to make a real difference in our community and our local environment.

A grant from The Recycling Partnership to the City of Venice is giving us the ability to provide these lidded curbside recycling carts. By providing households with a lidded container, recyclables stay in the recycling system and don't end up in our waterways.

**Residents should continue to use their red recycling bins until their new cart arrives in January.** For more information, please call the City of Venice Public Works Department at 941-486-2422.

## Hamilton Building sold to Venice Theatre

Venice Theatre officials signed closing papers Nov. 15 to purchase the former Hamilton Building from the City of Venice for \$1.06 million. The Theatre plans to renovate the 9,518-square-foot facility and turn it into an Arts Education Building, a new home for its growing Education & Outreach Department.

The Theatre plans to launch a community appeal called "The Next Act." This fundraiser will "improve and enhance the campus, which now includes the Main Building, The Theatre Crafts Building where

scenery and props are built and stored, and the Arts Education Building." The Arts Education Building will support the needs of the Theatre's Education & Outreach Department, which offers classes, camps and workshops for kindergartners through adults as well as a variety of community outreach programs.

Sarasota County had previously renovated the building as a temporary Venice Library until the new library opened in December 2018 near the Venice Community Center.



## SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING GUIDELINES



## THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:



## Cans



## Aluminum and steel cans

Empty and rinse



## Cartons



## Food and beverage cartons

Empty, rinse and replace caps



## Glass



## Bottles and jars

Empty, rinse and replace caps



## Paper



## Mixed paper, newspaper, magazines

Flattened cardboard and boxes



## Plastic



## Plastic bottles and containers

Empty, rinse and replace caps

## WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!

Do not bag recyclables  
(no garbage)No plastic bags  
(return to retail)No food or liquid  
(empty all containers)

## No pizza boxes



## No styrofoam

No tanglers  
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)[venicegov.com/services/public-works/recycling](http://venicegov.com/services/public-works/recycling)

941-486-2422

# Council approves Shark Fishing Ordinance

*Editor's note: The City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting shark fishing from the Venice Fishing Pier on second reading Nov. 12. The text of the ordinance appears below:*

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46, PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE III, CONDUCT IN PARKS, SECTION 46-64, VENICE FISHING PIER; ADDING SECTION 46-115, FISHING NEAR SWIMMERS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, new shark fishing regulations promulgated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission went into effect on July 1, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice finds it unlikely that shark fishing from the Venice Fishing Pier can comply with the new regulations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice finds shark fishing from the Venice Fishing Pier and fishing adjacent to swimmers can pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 379.2412, Florida Statutes, does not prohibit a local government from prohibiting, for reasons of protecting the public health, safety, or welfare, saltwater fishing from real property owned by that local government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 46, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Conduct in Parks, Section 46-64, Venice Fishing Pier, is hereby amended as follows:

In addition to the rules and regulations set forth in section 46-62, the following rules and regulations shall be in effect for use at the Venice Fishing Pier:

(1) No person entering upon and using the Venice Fishing Pier shall:

a. Use more than one fishing line at one time.

b. Operate bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards and/or similar devices on the pier or around the concession area.



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## AT YOUR SERVICE

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

**John Collier**, reappointed to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals to serve a term from Dec. 1, 2019, until Nov. 30, 2022.

**Mary Moscatelli**, reappointed to the Public Art Advisory Board to serve a

term from Dec. 1, 2019, until Nov. 30, 2022.

**Kathy Lehner**, reappointed to the Venice Housing Authority to serve a term from Dec. 1, 2019, until Nov. 30, 2023.

**Samantha Schanely**, reappointed as a student member to the Public Art Advisory Board to serve a term from Nov. 12, 2019, until May 31, 2020.

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### ***Shark fishing, from page 8***

c. Shark fish. The following gear or methods shall constitute shark fishing regardless of the species targeted or harvested:

- i. Fishing with a metal leader greater than 4 feet in length.
- ii. Using a fighting belt, fighting harness, or similar device used in conjunction with a fishing rod to give the angler a mechanical advantage when reeling in a fish.
- iii. Deploying bait by any means, including casting, unless the bait is attached to a hook for which the maximum distance measured between two points inside the curve created by the hook does not exceed 1.5 inches, when measured at the widest dimension.

(2) No person shall operate or navigate any boat or other watercraft within 300 feet of the Venice Fishing Pier.

(3) No person shall dive or jump from the fishing pier or swim or surf within 150 feet of the centerline of the pier structure.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 46, Parks and Recreation, Article IV, Marine Activities, Section 46-115, Fishing near swimmers, is hereby added as follows:

### Sec. 46-115. Fishing near swimmers.

It shall be unlawful to fish or attempt to fish after having been warned by any lifeguard or law enforcement officer that the health and safety of swimmers is being endangered. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a duty of any sort on the part of any county or municipal employee to prevent fishing or to warn of the presence of sharks in the ocean.

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** If any part, section, subsection or other portion of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such part, section, subsection or other portion, or the prescribed application thereof, shall be severable and the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and all applications thereof not having been declared void, unconstitutional or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect. The city council specifically declares that no invalid or prescribed provision or application was an inducement to the enactment of this ordinance and that it would have enacted this ordinance regardless of the invalid or prescribed provision or application.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and adoption as provided by law.

## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Surrounded by first responders (pictured below), Ed Coster and Rob Goodman (at left) receive the Helping Hands Award from then Mayor John Holic Nov. 12 for their heroic, life-saving efforts during an emergency incident at Higel Marine Park in October.

The morning of Oct. 24, the men were preparing to launch a kayak and paddleboard from the Higel Park boat ramp when they found a car partially submerged in the water with an 81-year-old woman trapped inside. They rescued the occupant of the vehicle and called 911. According to the driver she'd been trapped in the partially submerged car since approximately 10 p.m. the night before.



## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



In a lighthearted proclamation Nov. 12, then Mayor John Holic welcomed "new fairies and residents in the City of Venice, presented to Princess Buttercup, Kingdom of Venezia," while Jean Trammell, Chair of the City's Public Art Advisory and Historic Preservation boards, looks on.

Outgoing Council Member Jeanette Gates presents outgoing Venice Mayor John Holic with a plaque Nov. 12 in recognition of his 9 years of service on City Council.



Don Hubbard, GIS Administrator for the City's IT Department, accepts a proclamation naming Nov. 13, 2019, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day, and the week of Nov. 10-16, 2019, Geography Awareness Week, from then Mayor John Holic during the Nov. 12 City Council meeting. In celebration of GIS Day, Hubbard created a simple, fun, online survey for the public. Citizens just need to go to <https://arcg.is/ounGX1> and type in their hometown. After users click submit, their hometown will be pinned on a map Hubbard created.

## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



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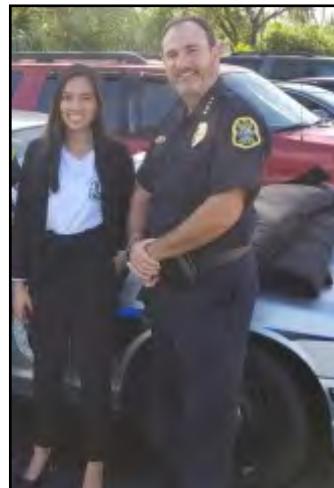
New Mayor Ron Feinsod reads a proclamation naming Dec. 3, 2019, "Giving Tuesday," presented to Marie LaBrosse, Co-Chair, #GivingTuesday Southwest Florida Voices of Giving the Difference Makers and Interim Board Co-Chair, Community Broadband Radio Association Inc., during the Nov. 19 City Council meeting.



# Student Government Day puts teens in charge



Above, Jillian Alexander played the role of Mayor during Student Government Day on Nov. 7 at City Hall. Below, Julia Cardinal and Paige Godfrey as the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief.



Twenty-four Venice High School students played the parts of City staff, elected officials and charter officers during Student Government Day on Nov. 7.

Students spent time in their assigned departments, learning duties and in some cases getting some hands-on experience: "Police Chief" Katie Nguyen, for example, got to deploy a Taser on an officer and engage in some target practice.

After a lunch of salad and pizza, students ran a mock City Council meeting, with student "staff" presenting projects for Council approval that ranged from practical to hilarious.

Donning fake mustaches for "Movember," "Fire Chief" Julia Cardinal and "Deputy Fire Chief" Paige Godfrey proposed spending \$15,000 for a Lund University Cardiac Assist System, or LUCAS, for the VFD boat. The machine would perform CPR, freeing up first responders to do other tasks in inclement weather conditions.

"Is there any evidence to prove it's effective?" they were asked.

"Even if it saves just one life, that's all that matters because you can't put a price on life," Julia reasoned. The proposal was approved.

"Public Works Director" Tre Harris requested a water slide for Centennial Park, at a cost of \$3.5 million.

"It's not going to be a massive water slide and I doubt that we will need all of that money," Tre said. "We will be pulling the funding from either the 1-cent tax fund or the Parks Impact Fund, which currently has around \$4 million in it."

The cost was so high, Tre explained, due to the planned installation of a spongy rubber surface over the entire pavement to prevent injury to sliders.

Even though Tre painted the water slide as an attraction that would lure more young people to Venice, Council members balked at the cost and rejected his proposal.

"Utilities Director" Audrey Ayette proposed closing the Wastewater Treatment Plant and having residents use neighborhood bathrooms, "saving over a million dollars."

Katie Nguyen with Police Chief Tom Mattmuller.

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**Teens, from page 13**

"It will be really great for everyone in the community because your water bills will go down," Audrey said, adding that no jobs would be lost because wastewater operators, who work 24/7, could drive residents to the bathrooms if needed, and do repairs. But Council also rejected this proposal.

"Development Services Director" Madisyn Crites and "Building Official" Maria Ballesteros proposed an all-ages amusement center on 10 acres that would include a go-cart track, batting cages, snack bar, arcade, and outdoor arena for concerts and other special events, paid for by a lessee. That idea resonated with the student Council Members, who approved it unanimously.

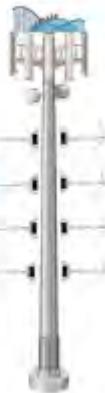
Sophia Burns, taking on the role of IT Director, pitched an 8G tower four times taller than the Empire State Building that "could possibly be visible from space" and would also feature wind turbines and a roller coaster on top (pictured at right). Although it would cost \$200 million, it would take in \$50 million each month in revenue by charging residents in five counties \$10 a month for WiFi. That got approved too.

"I loved the council meeting because it let us have our own voice," one student wrote in a post-event survey. "I enjoyed getting to meet people who impact and run the City," wrote another.

Left, Venice High School participants in 2019 Student Government Day. Below, "Public Works Director" Tre Harris pitches a Centennial Park water slide. *More photos, page 15*



**It will stand out!  
As shown next to the  
Empire State Bldg.**



Empire State Building measures 1,424 feet to the tip.

Our tower would measure approximately 5,696 feet (4X taller).

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

Clockwise from right, VHS students on the dais as mayor, council members and charter officers; Mya Fraser and Jaeden Rae check out a firetruck; Sophia Burns with IT Director Christophe St. Luce; Finance Director Linda Senne and Kelly Chen; "Fleet and Facilities Manager" Jack Irvin.



# Record-breaking 5,100 sea turtle nests this season

Sea turtles laid a 38-year record number of nests during the 2019 nesting season on Longboat Key through Venice, Mote Marine Laboratory scientists reported.

A total of 5,112 nests — 4,926 from loggerhead sea turtles, 182 from green sea turtles, and 4 from leatherback turtles — were documented this year by Mote's Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program, which patrols the 35-mile stretch of beaches each day of nesting season, May 1-Oct. 31. The total may include a potential Kemp's Ridley, the rarest species of sea turtle, pending genetic confirmation. The previous record number for sea turtle nests was in 2016, with 4,588 total nests in the area, according to Mote data.

Venice saw 647 nests this season, all loggerhead turtles except for 2 green and 1 leatherback sea turtle. 1,133 "false crawls" — when a female sea turtle emerges from the Gulf to nest but returns to the water without doing so — were also recorded in the City. In 2018, 480 loggerhead nests were reported in Venice.

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, leading to a false crawl.

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 Code Enforcement is on the lookout for any potential lighting violators. Residents and visitors to our beaches are reminded 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.



Loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings emerge from the nest.

## PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY UPDATE

At right is the latest aerial photo of the new City of Venice Public Safety Facility under construction on East Venice Avenue. Construction manager Ajax/Tandem is finishing work on the structural steel and concrete roof decking. Site work is progressing and interior framing will start soon, according to Venice Police Sgt. Rob Goodson.

Ajax/Tandem began initial clearing for the new Public Safety Facility on April 8, with a groundbreaking held on May 17. The site is located on 10 acres along East Venice Ave. 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.



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# Tree cavities have great value as wildlife habitat

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Principle No. 5 says we should “Attract wildlife” as part of a Florida-Friendly yard. Living or dead trees with cavities can have great value as wildlife habitat in an urban setting. It could be argued that a habitat tree could have more value than a healthy tree in some cases. There are many tree dwelling species that are dependent on living hollow trees and standing dead trees. The older and larger the tree, the more benefit it can provide as a habitat tree. Living trees with cavities can provide shelter and nesting space for many years. Dead trees, also known as snags, can offer



**JIM YELVERTON**  
CITY ARBORIST

food, shelter, perch sites, safe roosting and nesting space. Decaying wood is a source of food for insects which in turn are a source of food for amphibians, birds and small mammals. Mushrooms, the fruiting bodies of decay fungi, are a food source for many small animals. Loose bark, thin slits, and cracks in the trunk can provide shelter for bats, salamanders and small birds. Hawks, bald eagles, owls and osprey favor the openness of a tall dead tree as a perch from which they have a clear view to hunt. Birds and mammals such as flying squirrels, chickadee, horned owl, screech owl, American kestrel and pileated woodpeckers all rely on tree cavities for survival.

Secluded cavity trees surrounded by living trees are better because of safety, both for the surroundings as well as the cavity dwellers. The tree may be used as a nesting site so it is best for it to be away from high traffic areas and out of view of passersby. In a more public setting, consider placing a sign on or near the tree stating that: “This tree has been preserved as wildlife habitat.” This will provide an educational opportunity for the community. The species of tree can also make a difference. Oaks, maples and elms commonly form cavities, hollows and crevices in living trees. Laurel oaks are especially susceptible to wood decay and will start to form large cavities at a young age. Live oaks may only have a very small amount of decay around lost branches or old wounds. Pines, cypress and cedars usually do not have cavities until the tree dies. Because the wood of pines, cypress and cedars as well as live oaks resists decay, they can remain standing for many years even after they die. Even a dead palm can provide cavities for a few years. The main structure of a snag made up of the trunk and large branches can remain intact and useful to wildlife for many years. Smaller branches will break out relatively quickly or they could be removed by an arborist. The height of the tree to be preserved is also important. Habitat trees



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Screech owl nesting cavity. Photo: UF/IFAS Lara Milligan

# Humphris Park (South Jetty) closing to vehicles overnight

Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, Humphris Park at the South Jetty entrance, 2000 Tarpon Center Dr., Venice, will be closed nightly to vehicles from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The park gates will be closed and locked nightly during this time period, so please plan to have all vehicles out of the park before 12 a.m.

These new designated hours will make Humphris Park consistent with the

operating hours of all other City of Venice beach parks. There will be posted "No Parking" and park hours signage, as well as temporary sign boards in place after Christmas informing citizens of this change.

A note that the Venice Fishing Pier is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for anglers.

## *Habitat, from page 18*

should be at least 15 feet tall for most species; however, flying squirrels and some birds will nest in a cavity as low as 8 to 10 feet. Perch trees should be 20 to 30 feet tall or taller to provide a clear view for birds of prey.

Safety should be the first consideration when evaluating a cavity tree for preservation. The potential tree should have a hazard evaluation by an ISA certified arborist to determine if it is suitable and safe for preservation. Habitat trees can be a rewarding way to add to your Florida-Friendly Landscape so before you cut down that dead tree, think about preserving it as a habitat tree for wildlife.

To find an ISA Certified Arborist go to: <https://www.treesaregood.org/>. For Florida-Friendly Landscape information go to: <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/>. For more information on habitat trees go to: <http://gardenningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/design/gardening-with-wildlife/creating-wildlife-habitats-with-dead-wood.html>.

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

Right, examples of habitat cavities in dead trees found locally. *Photos: Jim Yelverton*



## IN TRAINING

Members of the Venice Fire Department participated in vehicle extrication training Nov. 4.



# City public parking signage update

The City of Venice Public Works Department has completed the installation of 29 new Public Parking signs throughout the downtown area and the S. Harbor Dr. beach parks.

Staff has increased the size and adjusted the color scheme of this new Public Parking signage to be more visible for drivers, and there is now standard signage across the City. Staff has also refurbished and remounted the large Public Parking Map within Centennial Park to be more visible.

This new blue signage will help highlight the location of Public Parking areas throughout the City. Additional signage will be installed in the future based on user feedback.



# Historic Bicycle Tour

Here are some highlights from the November 19, 2019 Historic Bicycle Tour led by Venice Museum Resources Manager, Harry Klinkhamer and Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator, Darlene Culpepper.

Our next tour will be on Tuesday January 21st, 2020 following the same route. Please RSVP to Darlene at [dculpepper@venicegov.com](mailto:dculpepper@venicegov.com) as spaces are limited.

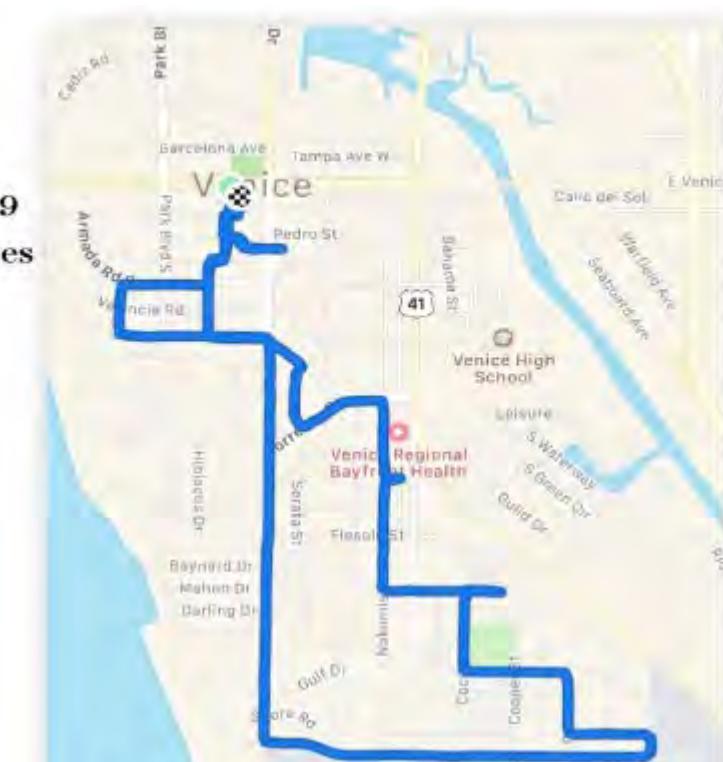


## Lord-Higel House

Built in 1896 (but not in its original location)



Prentiss French House  
Landscape Architect hired to design parks



Route map and turns are available upon request to go on your own bicycle tour. Please email Darlene for additional information.



Nolen Greens  
One of many public pocket parks in the city

*More photos, page 23*

## HISTORIC BIKE TOUR



Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer speaks at three locations during the Nov. 19 Historic Bicycle Tour, clockwise from left: the site of the old Circus Arena, Venice City Hall, and the Lord-Higel House. Nolen Greens, the Prentiss French House, and the Herron House were also on the tour. More than 20 cyclists participated.

*Photos: Darlene Culpepper*

# City installs new recycling receptacles on Pier

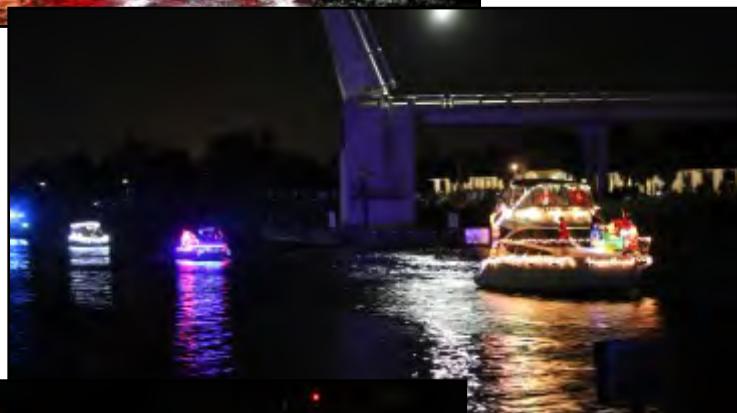
Thanks to generous funding provided by a grant from The Recycling Partnership, the City of Venice has installed six new public recycling and trash receptacles along the Venice Fishing Pier.

The Fishing Pier is an extremely popular City park that extends out over the Gulf of Mexico. It is the City's hope that these new receptacles will encourage visitors to recycle more and help protect this treasured, environmentally sensitive area by keeping trash out of our waterways.

The total cost for the six receptacles was just under \$10,000, and they were fully funded by The Recycling Partnership grant. This same grant is helping to fund the City's new curbside recycling carts, which will be delivered to all Venice residents in January 2020.



# Christmas Boat Parade sets sail Dec. 7



The 31<sup>th</sup> Annual Venice Christmas Boat Parade sets sail on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Intracoastal Waterway. Boats get underway at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and all boaters are invited to join in the fun. The parade starts just north of the Albee Road bridge. There are public viewing areas on the Gulf side of the waterway and restaurants opposite. The parade continues down the Intracoastal and out to the channel marker in the jetties, weather permitting, before turning around. Viewing is available on both sides of the jetties in this area. If you are coming by boat there are plenty of spots along the way to drop anchor (please refrain from parking in the parade route). As the parade continues south there are miles of public viewing on both sides of the Intracoastal. Parade turn-around is before the Circus Bridge.

Remember to get there early. If you are new to the area, take a look a few days before the parade for that special spot; there are no bad locations. Remember for Venice island, when the 2 north bridges go up, the Circus Bridge remains down for VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ONLY. This remains in effect until such time that the 2 north bridges are re-opened to vehicular traffic.

**NOTE: Unlike the downtown Venice Holiday Parade on Nov. 30, citizens are NOT encouraged to set up chairs, blankets or other items in viewing locations prior to Dec. 7. Sarasota County and the City of Venice are not responsible for items left unattended before, during or after the Boat Parade.**

To participate in the parade, see a map of the parade route, or for additional information, please visit [www.venicechristmasboatparade.com](http://www.venicechristmasboatparade.com). You can also contact event organizer Joe Zgrzepski at [joezgrzepski@gmail.com](mailto:joezgrzepski@gmail.com) or 941-718-8644.

# 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 2,200 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

# Survey Time

The City of Venice is dedicated to providing our residents information about stormwater, water quality, and pollution reduction. Please fill out our Stormwater Survey. It is a great way for us to see how we can serve you better. There are only 9 questions, see below for 2 sample questions.

Check out the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/venice-stormwater>

**I have seen the storm drain markers on the drains in the city**

**Do you know what is considered an illicit discharge into a stormwater system?**



# Where do butterflies go in the winter? The Urban Forest!

Florida is home seasonally or year-round to almost 200 species of butterflies. Our warm climate and continuous growing season in southern Florida keep the butterflies hanging around throughout the year. In addition, monarchs migrating from Canada and the northeast, like our human tourists, come and stay bolstering the butterfly population.

Late summer and fall are the best time to see Florida's butterflies on the wing. Our state has the highest butterfly diversity of any east of the Mississippi River—more than 180 species have been recorded. However, much of the butterfly's natural habitat here in Southwest Florida has been eliminated by development.

The Venice Urban Forest has planted three lovely butterfly gardens. The first one is located at the front entrance to the forest with one on the east and one on the west side of the water view. A wildflower meadow has been planted to attract not only the butterflies, but hummingbirds as well. By design the forest contains many of the plant's adult butterflies are known to

nectar on and are also some of the hummingbird's favorite plants as well.

Our dedicated volunteers encounter several varieties of butterflies daily as they sip nectar from the flowers. VABI's talented Urban Forest team has worked in concert with local nurseries to purchase the very best and favorite flowers butterflies are known to enjoy. Butterfly gardens are not only a great way for all of us to observe these beautiful creatures; they also contribute to their conservation by increasing their numbers.

The Venice Urban Forest project aims to save hundreds while ultimately planting thousands of trees, in an area protected in perpetuity from development. These trees will provide shelter, for birds and animals, cooling, much needed carbon sequestration, oxygen generation and storm water absorption. Phase 1 of the project is very near completion and will be open to the public soon. The Venice Urban Forest is becoming an oasis for all generations to enjoy! Watch our progress at [www.veniceurbanforest.com](http://www.veniceurbanforest.com).

— Provided by Mary Schwass, VABI Office Manager



# Volunteers needed to serve on City advisory boards

Know someone who wants to get involved in the community, but isn't exactly sure how? Serving on a City of Venice advisory board is an excellent way to get started. Currently, seven seats on different boards are open. Vacancies are as follows:

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board — One vacancy**

Advises and gives recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to the parks system of the City. Assists the Council in the definition of goals and objectives for the parks system of the City. Carries out specific programs for areas of research as may be assigned by the Council. Seeks the development of a broad variety of programs, areas, facilities and services, and through effective planning, meets the needs and demands of the City by utilizing the total resources of the City. Assists the City in informing and educating the general public about the importance of and need for parks and recreation programs, facilities and services. Evaluates the City parks and recreation programs, facilities and services periodically to ensure that its objectives and goals are being achieved. Recommends the establishment of such rules and regulations as may be necessary from time to time pertinent to the operation, efficient management, maintenance and scheduling of parks and recreational facilities within the City. Evaluates, revises and recommends bicycle and multi-modal requests regarding use of parks, trails, roadways or other City property. Serves as bicycle advisory committee. Reviews and advises City Council regarding any matters referred to it by Council.

Made up of seven City residents and one member from a Venice area high school student body. Term length: 3 years. Meets the 3rd Monday of the month, quarterly (January, April, July and October) at 3 p.m., and otherwise as needed.

## **Citizen Tax Oversight Committee — One vacancy**

Conducts an annual review of the expenditures made by the City from the sales tax proceeds to ensure that expenditures have been made in accordance with infrastructure project lists and any changes thereto. The board shall meet as needed to review any changes made by the City to the infrastructure projects or to the allocation of sales tax proceeds for the sole purpose of ensuring that all procedural requirements have been followed.

Made up of five City residents. No member may be a full time employee of the city or private individuals or employees of private firms under contract with the city. Term length: 4 years. Meets at least annually and otherwise as needed.

## **Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals — Four vacancies**

Hears appeals of decisions and interpretations of the building official, considers variances of the technical codes, and conducts hearings regarding certificates of competency, licenses, discipline, and such other powers as authorized in the City Code or state law. The seven-member board shall hear appeals of decisions and interpretations of the building official and applications for variances. The 10-member board (regular members and alternate members) shall

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hear cases involving certificates of competency, licenses, and discipline.

Members should consist of individuals with knowledge and experience in the technical codes, such as design professionals, contractors or building industry industry representatives. In addition to the regular members, three alternate members serve as consumer representatives who shall not be, or ever have been, members or practitioners of a trade or profession regulated by the board or a member of any closely related trade or profession. A board member shall not act in a case in which the member has a personal or financial interest. Term length: 3 years. Meets on call of the chairman.

**Fire Pension Board of Trustees — One vacancy**

The duties and responsibilities of this five-member board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Construe the provisions of the system and determine all questions arising there-under.
2. Determine all questions relating to eligibility and membership.
3. Determine and certify the amount of all retirement allowances or other benefits under this division.
4. Establish uniform rules and procedures to be followed for administrative purposes, benefit applications and all matters required to administer the system.
5. Distribute to members, at regular intervals, information concerning the system.
6. Receive and process all applications for benefits.
7. Authorize all payments, whatsoever from the fund, and notify the disbursing agent, in writing, of approved benefit payments and other expenditures arising through operation of the system and fund.
8. Have performed actuarial studies and valuations, as least as often as required by law, and make recommendations regarding any and all changes in the provisions of the system.
9. Perform such other duties as are required to prudently administer the system.

Two members shall be legal residents of the City, appointed by City Council, and two members shall be members of the system, elected by a majority of firefighters who are members of the system. The fifth trustee shall be chosen by a majority of the previous four trustees, submitted to Council, to appoint, as a ministerial duty, as its fifth trustee. Term length: 4 years. Meets at least quarterly each year.

If you are interested in serving on a board, please submit your application online at [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com) (hover on Government at the top of the home page, then click on Advisory Boards under City Clerk), or at the City Clerk's Office, 401 W. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285. If you would like more information on a particular board, please contact Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia at 941-882-7392. All resumes will be considered when vacancies occur.

# Water Main Replacement Program Phase 6 to begin soon

**History:** The City has many areas where the water mains are aged, very tuberculated, undersized, and located in rear easements of commercial and residential properties. Installing new replacement water mains and relocating associated service lines and meters to the front or side rights of way allows City staff proper operation and maintenance of the distribution system.

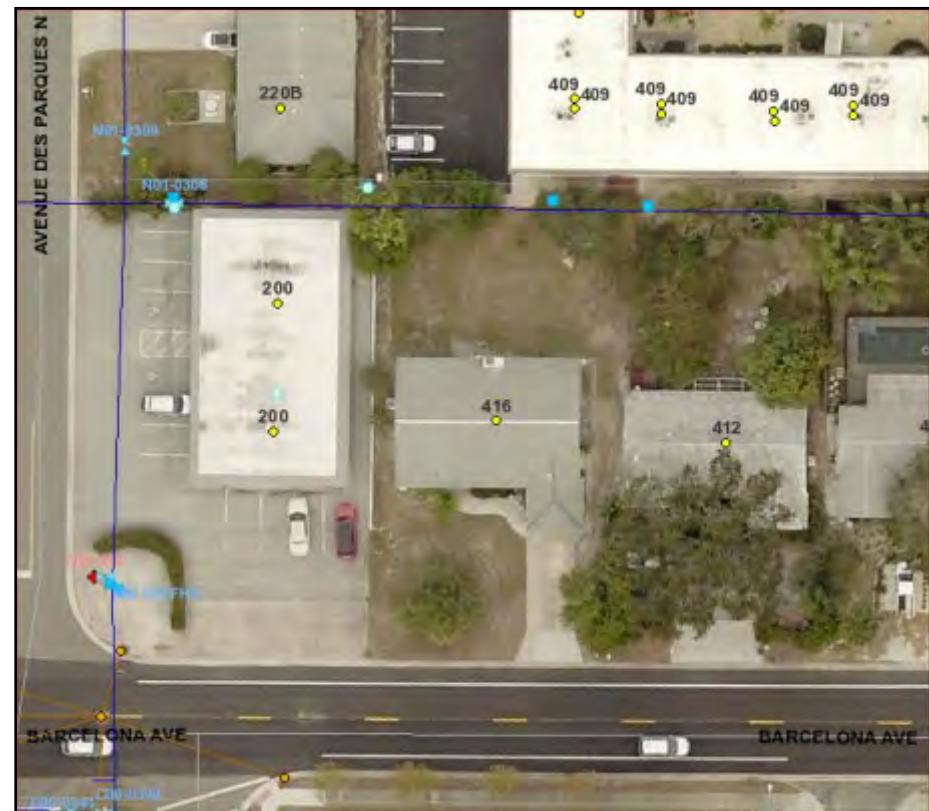
**Project:** Pre-construction activities will begin in January 2020. The Phase 6 area of the Water Main Replacement Program is roughly bounded by Narvaezi Street to the north, Park Boulevard (north and south) to the west, Armada Road to the south, and Nassau Street to the east. Additionally, there is a section south of the main area from Shore Road to Ringling Drive S., between Base and Airport avenues (west and east). Phase 6 includes the installation of approximately 7,500 linear feet of new water main, 6 fire hydrants, 28 valves, various appurtenances, property service connections, and the abandonment of rear lot water mains. 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. The project was awarded to Thompkins Contracting Inc.

**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 door hangers to affected properties. Notices are posted on the City's website and entered into the CodeRed emergency notification system. More information on CodeRed can be found on page 32 of this newsletter.

**Funding:** A substantial portion of this phase is jointly funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program that is administered by the FDEP. The EPA's loan programs operate around the country to provide states and communities the resources to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources nationwide.

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

At right, an aerial photo shows the old existing water mains and meters in rear and side easements.



# Be informed — sign up for CodeRED



Hurricane season runs from June 1-Nov. 30 in Florida — have you signed up for CodeRED notifications yet?

The 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 2017, when multiple CodeREDS were sent out.

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.

## KEEPING VENICE BEAUTIFUL

On Nov. 7, 22 members of Team KVB (Keep Venice Beautiful) hauled away 12 truckloads of bamboo and other cuttings from the Granada Nolen Green pocket park (below left). On Nov. 14, 25 members plowed through a stand of invasive Brazilian pepper along the Intracoastal Waterway and KMI Bridge to open the view for Venice Area Beautification Inc.'s Boat Bash on Dec. 7 (below right). They also weeded around Venice Theatre's new Arts Education Building and detailed the front of the Venetian Waterway Park trailhead, removing 15 truckloads of debris. *Photos: Team KVB*



At left, on Nov. 21, 27 KVbers removed 30+ truckloads of Brazilian pepper between the Paw Park and South Brohard Park along Harbor Drive. The City is appreciative of these hard-working volunteers' efforts!



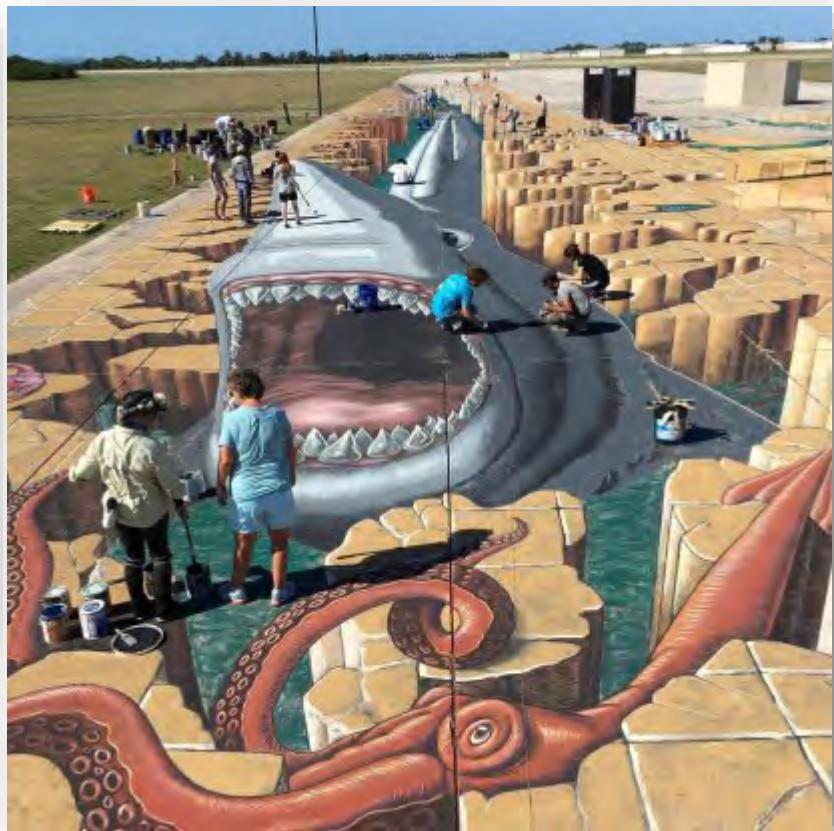
## CHALK FESTIVAL

Thousands of visitors to the “Garden of Wonders”-themed Chalk Festival at the Venice Airport Festival Grounds Nov. 15-18 were amazed by the detail and 3-D imagery of the pavement artists.

*Photos provided by the Chalk Festival*



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## HOLIDAY PARADE

Venice's annual Holiday Parade was held Saturday, Nov. 30 down West Venice Avenue to Nokomis Avenue, with thousands of spectators lining the streets to watch.



## Venice Museum Open House accompanies Annual Blalock Tree Lighting

The Venice Museum & Archives is hosting its Annual Holiday Open House from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 with refreshments at the historic Triangle Inn, just across the street from the Venice Area Beautification Inc.- sponsored Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration at the Monty Andrews Arboretum in West Blalock Park.

You can visit the permanent exhibit "Venice's Inhabitants," featuring the story of Venice area from the early Native Americans to many who contributed to the modern development of the City of Venice now over 90 years old. Also on display is the seasonal exhibit, "Playing in Paradise: The History of Venice Sports."

The VMA Open House is a great family, friends and neighbors event. Refreshments are free and museum entrance is always at no charge. Come join the VMA to begin your holiday celebrations!



Above, the Venice Museum & Archives during last year's Holiday Open House.

At right, the 2018 Holiday Tree Lighting event in West Blalock Park.

For more information, contact the Venice Museum & Archives at 941-486-2487 or visit the VMA at 351 Nassau St. on the Cultural Campus in Venice, near the Venice Community Center and the Venice Library.

At the same time, VABI will hold its 13th annual Holiday Tree Lighting at West Blalock Park, with music beginning at 4:45 p.m. Bring chairs. Santa will be making an appearance, there will be crafts for the kids, entertainment, refreshments, and a Children's Tree. VABI is asking children to make an ornament and bring it with them that evening to help decorate their tree. At 6 p.m., organizers will flip the switch and light up the Arboretum. The Glow Ride for cyclists will get under way at 7 p.m.

Starting Dec. 14, the park will be lighted nightly through the evening of Dec. 31. If you would like to decorate your own tree, please call 941-207-8224 for more information.



## AROUND TOWN



The Public Works Department recently completed an in-house upgrade of 30 old lighting fixtures at the Cultural Campus within East Blalock Park at 300 S. Nokomis Ave. The old parking lot lights (at right) were converted to decorative LED fixtures (above), providing an improved look to the campus, saving on energy costs, and producing a much higher-quality light. The decorative light fixtures are located around the Community Center and Art Center. The project cost approximately \$48,000.



Venice Police Detectives Louis White and Korey Shope present an "Avoid Senior Scams" seminar to Harbor Chase on Nov. 13.



The Venice Area Chamber of Commerce installed this giant shark tooth fountain sculpture outside its building in late November.

## AROUND TOWN



Deputy City Clerk Danielle Lewis officiates a wedding Nov. 14 in Council chambers at Venice City Hall. Much love and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Jennifer Skleider!



The Venice Museum & Archives welcomed the Classic Car Club of America and Glenridge Retirement Community on Nov. 20.



## AROUND TOWN



Police Chief Tom Mattmuller congratulates Detective Korey Shope on his new position in the Detective Unit. Shope has been with the VPD for almost 4 years and is excited to start his new journey as a detective.



Concrete work outside City Hall Nov. 13 with Dan Tucci (left) and Chris Amato and Dwayne Evans (below) from Public Works.



At left, participants in the monthly City Bicycle Ride in Nov. 13, led by Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator Darlene Culpepper. The next ride is 10 a.m. Dec. 11. Just bring your bike and a helmet to City Hall!



## AROUND TOWN



Members of the Venice Police Department participated in a Challenger Baseball Nov. 15. Although it was a close game, at 12-11, the Challengers proved that VPD better just stick to police work ... It was a great game with great people.



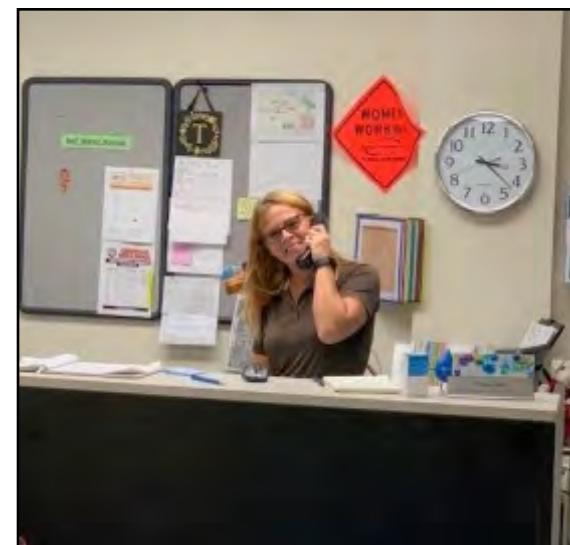
## AROUND TOWN



The City's first watergoat, along with informational signage, was installed the week of Nov. 4 at Ruscelletto Park, 115 U.S. 41 Bypass N., to catch debris and trash in the water. The watergoat will be maintained by City stormwater staff.



Administrative Coordinator Audrey Symowicz, Permit Technician Alicia Chapman and Divisional Permit Coordinator Doris Likens in the Building Department.



Utilities Administrative Coordinator Tracy Self works the phones at the Water Plant.



**Venice Theatre**  
140 Tampa Ave. W.  
941-488-1115  
[www.venicetheatre.org](http://www.venicetheatre.org)

**"Assisted Living The Musical"**  
Nov. 29-Dec. 22

**"A Christmas Carol"**  
Dec. 13-21

**"Sounds of Christmas: Ditchfield Family Singers"**  
Dec. 21-22

**"The Capitol Steps 2019"**  
Dec. 29-31

**Gulf View Drive**  
Jan. 10-26, 2020

**"Menopause the Musical"**  
Jan. 10-Feb. 2, 2020

**"Tusk: Fleetwood Mac Tribute"**  
Jan. 12-13

**"Frankie Valli Tribute Show"**  
Jan. 19-20



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

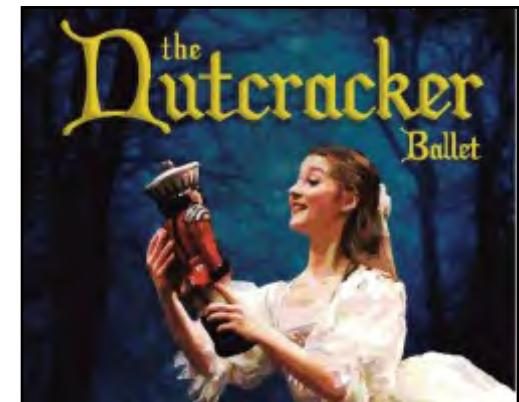
**"Cornucopia"**  
Nov. 15-Dec. 6

**"Annual Holiday Tea"**  
Dec. 13

**"Flashes of Brilliance"**  
Dec. 14-Jan. 10

**"Untamed"**  
Jan. 17-Feb. 7, 2020

**"Fine Arts Show and Sale"**  
Feb. 15-16



**Venice Performing Arts Center**  
1 Indian Ave.  
941-480-3191  
[www.veniceperformingartscenter.com](http://www.veniceperformingartscenter.com)

**"Holiday Pops with Brass"**  
Venice Chorale  
Dec. 8

**"The Nutcracker"**  
Dec. 14-15

**"A Very Merry Holiday Pops"**  
Venice Symphony  
Dec. 20-21

**"Decades Rewind"**  
Dec. 31

**"Cosmic Convergence"**  
Venice Symphony  
Jan. 10-11

**"The Reflections"**  
Jan. 16

**"Cash, Killer, and the King"**  
Jan. 18

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

**You don't have to be in the high risk area to experience a flood!**



Flooding can happen anywhere!  
Flood Insurance can help protect you. 06/25/2012

Visit [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) for more information

City of Venice  
Phase II Road Bond Resurfacing ProjectsCrews to Begin Roadway Resurfacing in North Venice

The City's contractor for the Phase II Road Bond Resurfacing Projects has started concrete work in North Venice and is scheduled to begin paving in mid-November, weather permitting. Streets marked in blue on the map below are a part of the project. Crews are currently in the area during daytime hours removing and replacing damaged sidewalk, installing updated ADA features, and replacing curb. Some temporary driveway closures may be required. Once concrete work nears completion, the paving crew will begin milling and resurfacing, mostly during nighttime hours. The contractor expects to maintain one lane for traffic while this work occurs. Please use caution in the area and expect construction equipment, vehicles, and crews working in or near the roadway. Work on these streets is expected to be completed in December 2019.



For more information, please contact the  
Project Public Information Officer:  
Jennifer Dorning  
Atkins North America  
Email: [Jennifer.Dorning@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:Jennifer.Dorning@atkinsglobal.com)  
Cell phone: (239) 338-7723

## 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

Maintaining proper drainage can reduce your flood risk

Always check with the City's Building Dept. before changing your property.

Tel# (941)486-2626



**Venice, FL**  
City on the Gulf

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



## You Are Not Alone

### Elder Resources in Sarasota County



**Memory Disorder Clinic  
at Sarasota Memorial Hospital**  
1515 S Osprey Ave Suite A-1  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
941-917-7197  
[www.smh.com](http://www.smh.com)

**Venice Senior Friendship Center**  
2350 Scenic Drive  
Venice, FL 34293  
941-584-0052  
[www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org)

[www.elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/resources.php](http://www.elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/resources.php)

**Sarasota County Elder Helpline :**  
239-652-6901  
or  
Dial 211

**Free Education & Support Groups**

**1st Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Jacaranda Trace**  
3600 William Penn Way  
Venice, FL 34293

**2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Roskamp Institute**  
2040 Whitfield Ave.  
Bradenton, FL 34243

**3rd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Senior Friendship Center**  
Dwyer Education Room  
1900 Brother Geenen Way  
Sarasota, FL 34236




## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) will hold four open house forums to discuss designing a mobility network for Sarasota, including innovative options for transit services.

We encourage you to attend one of the following open houses:

**Monday, Dec. 2, 4:30-7 p.m.**  
Selby Public Library, Jack J. Geldbart Auditorium  
1331 First St., Sarasota

**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
Gulf Gate Library  
7112 Curtiss Ave, Sarasota

**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 3:45-5:45 p.m.**  
Shannon Staub Library  
4675 Career Lane, North Port

**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
William H. Jersey Jr. Venice Public Library  
300 Nokomis Ave, Venice

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5:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM

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# Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
8AM - 10AM  
VENICE YMCA 701 CENTER RD

All Children Welcome at this FREE Event!

 Photo with Santa!  Pancakes!

 Holiday Fun!

 This event is sponsored by the Sertoma Club of Venice and hosted at the Venice YMCA.



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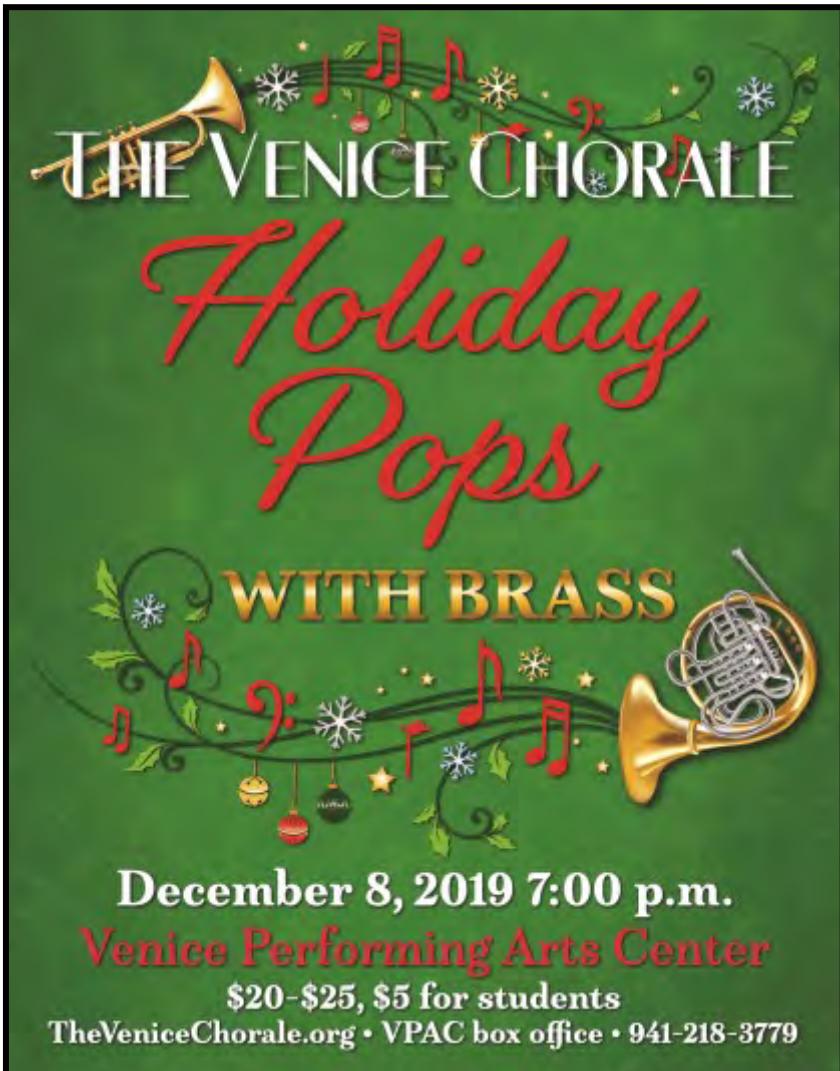
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1st Saturday in December  
Starting Signal is 6:00 pm  
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**THE VENICE CHORALE**  
*Holiday Pops*  
**WITH BRASS**

**December 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.**  
**Venice Performing Arts Center**  
**\$20-\$25, \$5 for students**  
**TheVeniceChorale.org • VPAC box office • 941-218-3779**



## CITY OF VENICE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS UPDATE 2019

### Workshop: City Planning Commission

#### The Land Development Regulations (LDR) Update Overview:

The LDR, which is often referred to as Zoning Code, establishes development standards to implement the Comprehensive Plan that serves as the community vision for Venice's built environment. This workshop will cover the key concepts and implementation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan for traditional zoning districts including Residential and Non-Residential, and Planned Zoning Districts including Mixed-Use Residential.

#### Workshop Topics:

As part of the Update of the LDR and the Comprehensive Plan, the City is evaluating existing zoning districts as part of the implementation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. The proposed implementation includes a comprehensive review of all zoning districts including, but not limited to, the elimination of little-used districts, the integration/combination of other districts, and the creation of new mixed-use districts. This workshop will include the discussion of specific Traditional Districts proposed as Section 4 of Chapter 87 of the LDR. The discussion topics include types of districts, the existing zoning districts, proposed zoning districts, and the associated zoning district development standards.

#### Workshop Time/Location:

This workshop will be open to the public and will include opportunities for public comment throughout the workshop. The following meeting date and location is as scheduled:

#### City Planning Commission:

Monday, Dec. 9, 2019, meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

Location: Venice City Hall (Community Hall), 401 W. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285  
Room 114

For more information, contact JoAnne Crawn-Brewer at the City of Venice Planning Department at 941-882-7445 or [jcrawn-brewer@venicegov.com](mailto:jcrawn-brewer@venicegov.com)

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Join us for a leisurely 6-mile bicycle ride around the Island of Venice.

Please remember to bring your bike and helmet.

Next ride is Dec. 11!

**Meet at:**  
City Hall, west entrance  
401 W. Venice Ave.

For more information, contact Darlene:  
dculpepper@venicegov.com

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**City of Venice**  
At City Hall, 401 W. Venice Av

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*The Venice Art Center Presents:*

# *Holiday Tea*

*December 13, 2019, 2:30pm*

Venice Art Center  
390 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, FL 34285

Win prizes for most elegant and most creative hat.

Enjoy music by Le Voci Di Venezia  
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Tickets: \$45 Members \$50 Non-members

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Tour covers all of the following and much more!

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Call 817-793-8433 (Tiffany)

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# Holiday Tree Lighting

FREE celebration of music, lights and community spirit

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH • 4:45 PM - 7:00 PM  
ARBORETUM AT WEST BLALOCK PARK

Youngsters are invited to create and bring an ornament to decorate the children's tree

- Bring a chair
- Craft for Kids
- Santa
- Music by Venice Area Youth
- Tree lighting @ 6 PM
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Venice Orchestra: 4:45 PM - 5:20 PM  
Garden Gators: 5:30 PM - 5:55 PM  
Santa Arrives: 6:00 PM  
Venice Area Youth Symphony: 6:05 PM - 6:55 PM  
Glow Ride: 7:00 PM

**VENICE Gondolier Sun**

If you have questions, call the VABI office 941-207-8224  
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**BICYCLES INTERNATIONAL**

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**December 14, 2019 @ 7:00pm**

Join us for a short fun night ride through the island of Venice. Light up your bikes, bust out the flair, costumes encouraged (no masks or hoods). Helmets required.

Sign up today in store at 1744 S Tamiami Trail, Venice \$25 gets you an awesome t-shirt, glow swag, and access to the after party at Sharky's on the Pier in Venice and beer from Big Top Brewery! Price increase after 11/23/19.

Sign up by November 23, 2019 for a guaranteed t-shirt.

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**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.

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## 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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**Wants You!**

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- Are you a people person?
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- Would you enjoy assisting staff with special projects?
- Do you check your email regularly?

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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)  
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Guest Artist: Sarasota's Key Chorale

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Dvorak's New World Symphony  
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Registration Deadline Friday, January 3, 2020



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Focus on Venice is a community immersion program for new residents, seniors, or anyone who would like to have an in-depth knowledge of the Venice community. Various topics are covered over lunch, every other week for seven weeks starting January 14th, 2020. All sessions will be held at the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. For additional information, contact Barbara Hines, [bhines@venicechamber.com](mailto:bhines@venicechamber.com) or 941.800.1482.

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Jazz art entertainers

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**Tickets: 390 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, FL or call 941-485-7136**390 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, FL 34285 941-485-7136 [VeniceArtCenter.com](http://VeniceArtCenter.com)**S.A.F.E.**Senior Assistance  
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Citizens who want to voluntarily register for the SAFE Program, must complete a registration form and return it to the Venice Police Department. A copy of this form can be picked up from the Venice Police Department or by going to our website:

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1. Resident of the City of Venice
2. Complete a SAFE Registration form
3. Citizens identified with special needs are those who are above the age of 60 years old, suffering with physical and mental infirmities and those over the age of 18 years old who are physically and mentally handicapped.

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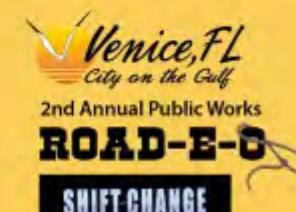
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January 18, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
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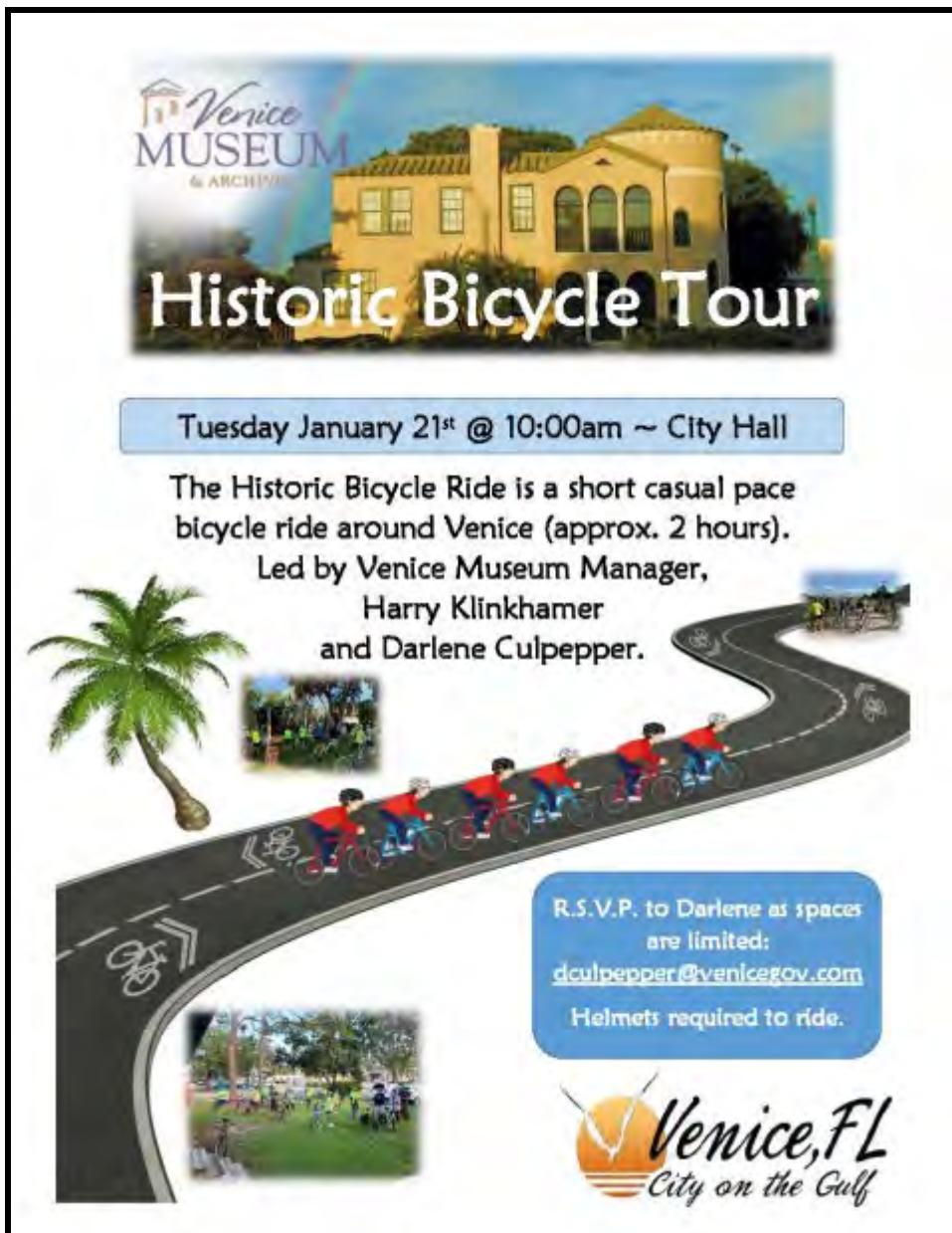
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Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00am ~ City Hall

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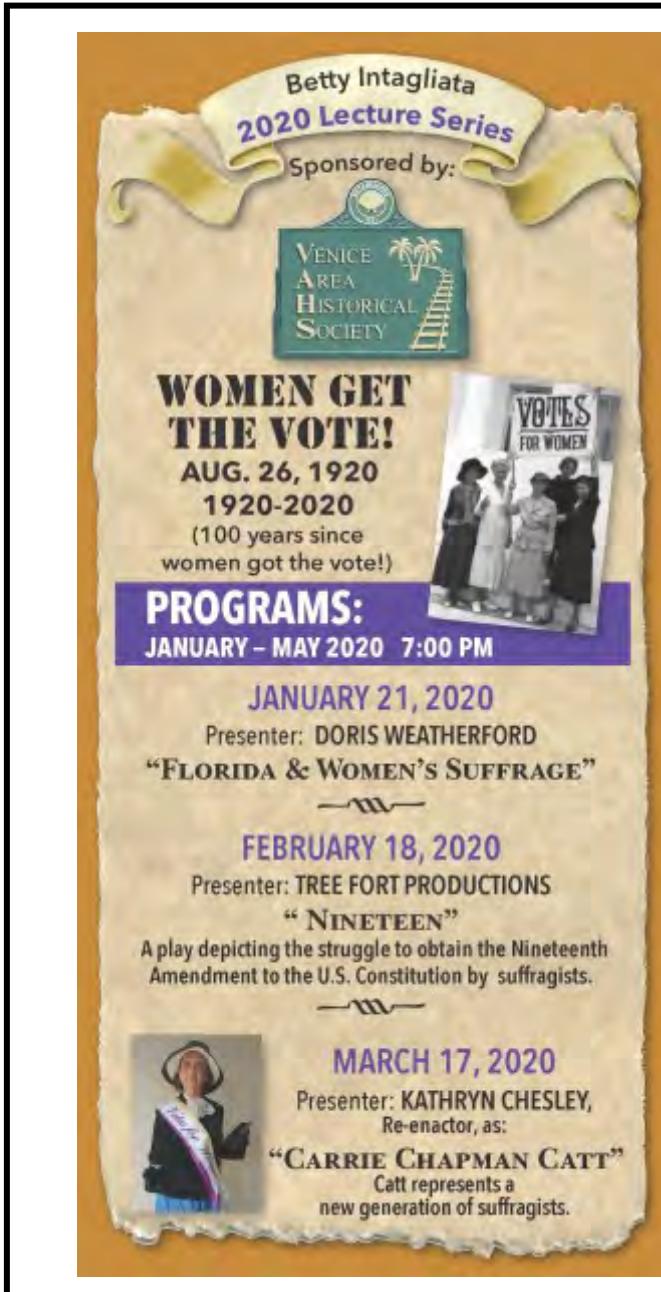


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Presenter: TREE FORT PRODUCTIONS  
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**APRIL 21, 2020**  
Presenters: JOHN McCARTHY,  
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Longtime VAHS Member & Active Venice Depot Docent

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Program Chair:  
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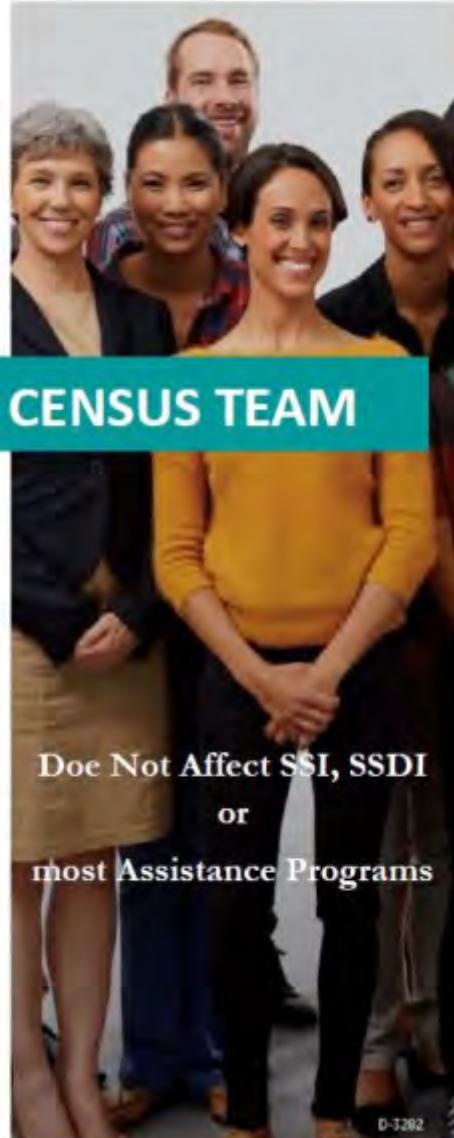
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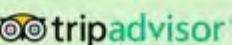
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Laurel Park  
509 Collins Road, Laurel • 2 courts  
(October-May)  
Advanced – Monday, 9 a.m. to noon  
Beginner/Intermediate – Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon  
Open Play – Friday, 9 a.m. to noon

Longwood Park  
6050 Longwood Run Blvd., Sarasota • 3 courts  
(October-May)  
Open Play – Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, 9 a.m. to noon



**OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL**

Newtown Estates Park  
2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota • 4 courts  
(October-May)  
Advanced Play – Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon  
Open Play – Thursday/Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Venice Community Center  
326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice • 4 courts  
(Year-round)  
Intermediate – Monday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Beginner – Monday, 2-5 p.m.  
Open Play – Monday, 5-8 p.m.

Woodmere Park  
3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice • 2 courts  
(October-May)  
Open Play – Wednesday/Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Newtown Estates Park  
2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota • 4 courts

Nokomis Community Park  
234 E. Nippino Trail, Nokomis • 4 courts

Pinebrook/Wellfield Park  
1251 Pinebrook Road, Venice • 2 courts

Siesta Beach  
948 Beach Road, Siesta Key • 4 courts

Twin Lakes Park  
6700 Clark Road, Sarasota • 4 courts

Youth Athletic Complex  
2810 17th St., Sarasota • 1 court

Woodmere Park  
3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice • 4 courts

\*Nontraditional courts – bring your own net!

Dates and times subject to change  
For more information, call  
**941-861-5000**

## PICKLEBALL PUNCH PASSES

Sold and accepted at all  
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10 plays for \$15

25 plays for \$37.50

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## 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. Meetings are also available for viewing anytime online generally the day after they are held.

## Donations sought for Toys for Tots

Venice City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave., and Venice Municipal Airport, 150 Airport Ave. E., are once again collection points for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Members of the community are asked to drop new, unwrapped toys in these collection boxes. Coordinators pick up the toys and store them in central warehouses where the toys are sorted by age and gender. At Christmas, coordinators, with the assistance of local social welfare agencies, church groups, and other local community agencies, distribute the toys to needy children in the community.

**Citizens are asked to drop off toys by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.**

For more information on the program, or to make a financial donation online, visit <https://toysfortots.org/>.

