

## Ground broken for Public Safety Facility

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The City of Venice Police Department and Ajax/Tandem Construction held a groundbreaking event for the City's new Public Safety Facility the morning of Friday, May 17 at 1575 E. Venice Ave. Around 150 people attended.

Guest speakers were followed by a "dirt shoveling" photo op.

Construction manager Ajax/Tandem Construction began initial clearing for the new Public Safety Facility on April 8 and will continue to clear, excavate and grade in preparation for the foundations, according to Detective Sergeant

Rob Goodson, Venice Police Department representative for the project.

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. Expected completion is August 2020.

"This was a long time coming, and it's really a short time to completion," Mayor John Holic said at the May 17 groundbreaking.



Members of the Venice Police Department turn a ceremonial shovelful of dirt at the May 17 groundbreaking ceremony for the new Public Safety Facility.

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Above, attendees at the ground-breaking. At right, Mayor John Holic speaks at the event. At left, an artist's rendering of the finished complex. *More photos, page 3*



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Members of the Auburn Woods community, who live just east of the project site, also attended the event and were recognized by several of the speakers.

“To the Auburn Woods neighbors and to all the citizens of Venice, this police department is dedicated to serving this community,” said Police Chief Tom Mattmuller. “We truly appreciate the faith and trust you have in us to ensure your well-being.”

After VPD Chaplain Pastor Tom Hodge offered the invocation, Bill Byrne, president of Ajax Building, Peter Hayes, President of Tandem Construction, and Jim Beight, Principal in charge of Dewberry, the project architect, gave an overview of the facility, which 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.

“This event marks a positive start to our new station,” Goodson said.

## PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING



Clockwise from top left, Venice Police Chief Tom Mattmuller; City officials shovel dirt with members of the project's construction and design team; Auburn Woods residents take a turn with the shovels; the site at 1575 E. Venice Ave.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING



At left, VPD Sgt. Keith Quick, Officer Fred Thiessen, Officer Artem Lyashenko, Officer Bill Henderson, Chief Tom Mattmuller, Sgt. Rob Goodson, Lt. Andy Leisenring and Capt. Eric Hill. At right, VPD Officer Erin Skaggs with her son.



At left, VPD Lt. J. Chappa with her son; below, VPD Administrative Assistant Richard Brown, Records Manager Kelli Peyton, Communications Manager Jack Chappa, Training Administrative Coordinator Rattana Wongsas and Records Clerk Laura Price; below right, Chief Mattmuller addresses the crowd.



# JUNE 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>FAST FACT</b> The Venice Police Department has 53 sworn officers, 1 K-9 dog, 16 civilian positions and 13 volunteers.</p>						<p><b>HURRICANE SEASON</b> 1 Runs June 1 - Nov. 30 <b>FERTILIZERS</b> containing nitrogen and phosphorous are prohibited June 1- Sept. 30</p>
2	3	1:30 pm Planning Commission 4	5	10 am Code Enforcement Board 6	7	8
9	10	9 am <b>City Council</b> 11	3:30 pm Public Art Advisory Board 12	9 am Architectural Review Board 13	14	15
16	3 pm Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 8:30 am <b>Council Budget Workshop</b> 17	1:30 pm Planning Commission 8:30 am <b>Council Budget Workshop</b> 18	8:30 am <b>Council Budget Workshop</b> 19	20	9 am Historic Preservation Board 8:30 am <b>Council Budget Special Meeting</b> FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 21	22
FATHER'S DAY						
23	24	9 am <b>City Council</b> 25	1 pm Environmental Advisory Board 26	9 am Architectural Review Board 27	28	29
30						

# JULY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	1:30 pm Planning Commission 2	3	<b>CITY HALL CLOSED</b> Garbage, yard waste, recycleables collected on next pickup day <b>FIREWORKS</b> South Jetty 9 pm INDEPENDENCE DAY 4	5	6
7	8	9 am <b>City Council</b> 9	10	9 am Architectural Review Board 11	12	13
14	3 pm Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 15	1:30 pm Planning Commission 16	3:30 pm Economic Development Advisory Board 17	18	9 am Historic Preservation Board 19	20
21	22	<b>City Council on Break</b> 23	24	9 am Architectural Review Board 25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<b>FAST FACT</b> Venice has free parking downtown and at the beach. There is a two-hour limit on the downtown streets, three hours in the Miami Avenue parking lot, three hours in the Centennial Park lot and four hours in the Hecksher Park lot. The fine for parking overtime is \$25.		

## Utilities poster contest winners announced



Two students from Epiphany Cathedral School and one from Venice Elementary were named winners in the City of Venice 2019 Water Conservation Poster Contest, sponsored by the Utilities Department.

The winning designs were created by VES fifth-grader Aubrey Wiese, Epiphany fifth-grader Justin Scheiwiller and Epiphany fourth-grader Addison Kearns. All three students received T-shirts with their poster designs on them.

In addition, Justin's artwork, shown below left, was chosen to represent the Venice Utilities Department in the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association Poster Contest.

"The students enjoy this yearly program, and it provides an opportunity for them to reflect on water conservation and how important it is to protect our water supply," said Utilities Administrative Coordinator Dorothy Tary-Ferrell, who has organized the poster contest for 15 years. *More photos, page 7*



City of Venice Utilities 2019 Water Conservation Poster Contest winners, Aubrey Wiese of Venice Elementary School and Justin Scheiwiller and Addison Kearns from Epiphany Cathedral School, are honored during the May 14 City Council meeting for their winning designs. The students are pictured with Mayor John Holic and Utilities Administrative Coordinator Dorothy Tary-Ferrell.

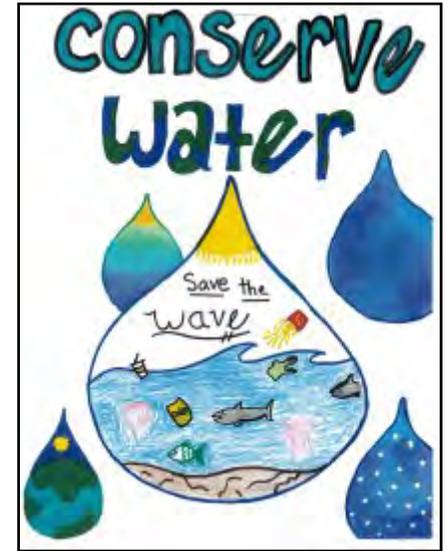


Mayor Holic presents fifth-grader Justin Scheiwiller with his T-shirt May 3 at Epiphany School.

### UTILITIES POSTER CONTEST



Back row, from left, Utilities Water Plant Operator Tony Lynch, Water Plant Operator Trainee Jack Ritchie, Utilities Director Javier Vargas, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble and Mayor John Holic; front row; Utilities Administrative Coordinator Dorothy Tary-Ferrell, Venice Elementary School winner Aubrey Wiese and VES finalists Yaquelin Molina-Velasquez, Trenton Hampson and Raylin Sparks. (Finalist not pictured: Anna Lowery.) At right, Aubrey's winning artwork.



Back row, Tony Lynch, Dorothy Tary-Ferrell, Mayor Holic, Len Bramble and Javier Vargas; front row, Epiphany School fifth-grade winner Justin Scheiwiller with finalists Brock Hupp, Eleonora Del Sole and Liam Neider.

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## UTILITIES POSTER CONTEST



Back row, Utilities Director Javier Vargas, Water Plant Operator Tony Lynch, Utilities Administrative Coordinator Dorothy Tary-Ferrell, Mayor John Holic and Assistant City Manager Len Bramble; front row, Epiphany School fourth-grade winner Addison Kearns with finalists Sydney Jackson, Julia Evancho and Grace Williamson. At right is Addison's winning artwork.

## AT YOUR SERVICE

The following individuals have been appointed or reappointed by Council to City boards and committees:

**Candice Roberts** was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to complete the unexpired term of Cindy Hicks from May 14, 2019,

until Aug. 31, 2019.

**Bill Willson** was appointed to the Planning Commission to complete the unexpired term of Janis Fawn from May 14, 2019, until Jan. 31, 2022.

Student member **Jonathan Allen** was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to

serve a term from June 1, 2019, until May 31, 2020.

**Elizabeth Mogford** was appointed to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals to serve a term from May 28, 2019, until May 31, 2022.

# Two-day Hurricane Expo draws 1,000+

Around 1,100 citizens attended the 2019 Venice Hurricane Expo April 26-27 at the Venice Community Center. The annual free Expo is hosted by the City and the Venice Gondolier and features speakers, vendors, giveaways, raffles and lots of valuable information to prepare residents for hurricane season, which runs from June 1-Nov. 30. For those unable to attend the Expo, videos of some speakers have been posted online at [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com).



Clockwise from bottom left, City Stormwater Engineering Research Analyst Kat Harring looks up a resident's flood level; Fire Chief Shawn Carvey and Venice Police Lt. Andy Leisenring speak on "City Hurricane Preparation & Response;" ABC-7 Chief Meteorologist Bob Harrigan draws a crowd; Expo participants on the vendor floor.

*Bottom left photo: Elaine Allen-Emrich/Sun Newspapers*

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## 2019 HURRICANE EXPO



Clockwise from above, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden talks about beach renourishment in her presentation, “City Flood Mitigation & Stormwater Management;” Meteorologist Bob Harrigan discusses the history of hurricanes hitting the state in “We Want to Prepare You, Not Scare You;” Tracy Self and Stacy McKenzie-Grant at the City Utilities table; pet therapy dogs with Suncoast Humane Society were popular with Expo-goers.

# Hurricane season is here — sign up for CodeRED!



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

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.

## First responders named ‘Pillars of the Community’

Mayor John Holic lauded City of Venice first responders with the “Mayor’s Pillar of the Community” Award at the May 14 City Council meeting, presented to Fire Chief Shawn Carvey and Police Chief Tom Mattmuller.

“If you have never entered a burning building or faced a person who is threatening to take another’s life, it would be hard to imagine what a first responder might face on any given day,” Holic said during the award presentation.

“But that is the nuts and bolts of the organization, that is who we hire and that is the job they do, they don’t ask why, they just do it. And it’s not just the first responders, it’s their support staff too. Visit the police station or fire station 2 and you will be exposed firsthand to the great attitude and aptitude that the support staff has. Organizations like our police and fire don’t happen by accident; they happen by great leadership. Eight and a half years ago, the police department had just changed chiefs and the fire department was not far behind. Both departments had multiple changes in leadership before we ended up with the gentlemen we have in charge today. Organizations in and of themselves can be good just because of what they do, they become great because of their leadership and how it helps draw out the best in the employees. That’s where we are today. We have always been blessed with a good police and fire department, today we have a great police and fire department.

“Eight and a half years ago, we had to ask both departments to cut expenses by \$1 million each. Both did so with the warning that some services would be cut. Well some were, but both departments stepped up and filled in the voids so that the effect on the residents was minimal. Both departments accepted modifications to their retirement plans which saved the city tens of millions of dollars and made their retirement wages far more secure.

“But the Pillar of the Community award is not for what the members of each department do as part of their job on a daily basis, it is for what they have done, are doing, and will continue to do as a service to all the residents of Venice and to people who are less fortunate than many of us. It is what makes our departments different and makes them what they are.

“Let’s look first at what happened after Hurricane Michael (in October 2018). Both Police and Fire did not hesitate to go to the Panhandle to help those



Mayor John Holic reads the presentation for the Pillar of the Community Award May 14 as Fire Chief Shawn Carvey and Police Chief Tom Mattmuller look on.

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who felt helpless. Venice Fire became the Fire Department of Mexico Beach. They not only provided services that could not be provided by the local department, but they hauled up large quantities of needed supplies for the community and continue to haul donated items to areas that are still devastated today. Venice Police adopted Blountstown, Fla., and continue to support that area today. The community stepped in and donated a new washer and dryer for Blountstown so that their workers could have clean clothing as they helped to rebuild. I hope we never suffer through the destruction that the Panhandle went through, but I pray if we do, there is another city like Venice that steps up and does an unconditional act of love to help the recovery process begin and grow.”



Fire Chief Carvey and Police Chief Mattmuller hold their Pillar of the Community awards for first responders.

Mayor Holic went on to cite innovative programs at both departments.

**Police:** Shop with a Cop for elementary students’ back to school needs; Blue Santa, gifts and food for 50 families in need for the holidays; Shark’s Tooth Fishing Tournament with local boat captains, providing Special Olympics athletes a day on the water, lunch and prizes; ADVANCE (Avoiding Drugs, Violence And Negative Choices Early), a 5-week class taught to elementary students; SAFE (Senior Assistance Freedom Enrichment) which provides welfare checks for seniors; and Citizens Police Academy, a 10-14-week program that offers citizens insight into how police officers perform their duties and serve the community.

**Fire:** A Community Outreach Program that includes CPR/AED training, File of Life ID packets, fire extinguisher training, blood pressure checks, safety program presentations, station visits for the public, emergency plan review, TOT Finder, home safety surveys and child carseat safety checks; MDA Fill the Boot drives, with all proceeds aiding local children and adults affected by neuro-muscular diseases; and the Firefighters Benevolent Fund, which helps firefighters and local families during critical times of disparity. A volunteer board of VFD members lead this 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. Holic also mentioned the department has an ISO rating of 2, which helps create fair premiums for insurance, generally offering lower premiums in communities with better protection.

“These are just a sampling of the many ‘extra’ things our police and fire departments do,” Holic said. “Our departments give back whenever they can, in any way they can. I am proud to know the men and women of our departments, proud of what they do for the community and proud to declare them Pillars of the Community.”

“I’m very humbled,” Mattmuller said. “We have a community that is very caring, very giving. We couldn’t do all this without the support of our Council and our citizens, Public Works, and Power Squadron. This is an amazing community and I’m proud to be part of it.”

Said Carvey, “Thank you for this recognition. It’s quite an honor. What makes the fire department and the police department so successful is the community itself. We had almost \$9,000 in donations that went up to the Panhandle, and in 3 days, our firefighters raised over \$12,000 from the community for MDA. Working with all the departments, working with our brothers and sisters in law enforcement and Chief Mattmuller, is truly an honor.”

### ADOPT-A-PARK



Above, a group from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Venice Flotilla 86 adopted Marina Park through the City's Adopt-a-Park program. Along with a cleanup May 11, volunteers also conducted free safety boat inspections for anyone who wanted one. Below, students and parents from Student Leadership Academy painted, mulched and cleaned up Centennial Park last May 18. Thank you to all for your efforts!

DMK Associates, which adopted Ruscelletto Park through the City's Adopt-a-Park Program, held their second quarter cleanup recently at the park, located at U.S. 41 Bypass N. and East Venice Ave. Thank you for all your hard work! Pictured in the group photo are: Karl Kokomoor, P.E., President/CEO; Tim Roane, P.E., Senior Project Manager; Deanna Robison, Administrative Assistant; Alexandra DeUnger, E.I.T; (kneeling) Mary Ann Lind, P.E.; Erica Kelly, Engineer; and Kelsey Azadian, Marketing Administrator.



## ADOPT-A-PARK



To support the City's Adopt-a-Park program, a group of Venice Public Works Parks Division employees volunteered to adopt the Harbor Nolen Green pocket park until an interested community group may come forward. These employees are dedicating their personal time over the weekend to perform the quarterly cleanings in this small park. The first cleaning event was held on Saturday, May 4, with 9 Public Works staff and 2 family members in attendance.

At left in group photo: James Clinch, Director of Public Works; Jay Pollard, Heavy Equipment Operator; Skip Petitt, Parks Supervisor; Scott Marra, Parks Crew Leader; Shawn Young, Phil Young's son; Phil Young, Parks Facilities Maintenance Specialist; Bob Florenzie, Heavy Equipment Operator; Scott Lott, Municipal Service Worker II; Christian Demersman, Municipal Service Worker II; and Tricia Matero, Public Works Administrative Coordinator. Photo taken by Eli Clinch, James' son.



# EMS Fact Sheet — Frequently Asked Questions

*Venice City Council voted April 23, 2019, to give notice to Sarasota County that the City intends to terminate the interlocal agreement with the County for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The interlocal agreement specifies that termination may occur one year from the date of notification.*

## **Why did the City of Venice want to assume primary responsibility for EMS?**

Based on consultant analysis and staff research, the City determined that it can provide a high level of critical response service and maintain local control with no increase in cost to residents.

## **What are the specific benefits of the City assuming primary responsibility for EMS?**

With the City managing EMS, the entire Fire Department service is under the leadership of one chief. This facilitates the scheduling of personnel, allows for cross training, enhances internal communication, and otherwise unifies the first responder function.

## **Are there specific EMS operational benefits to the City managing the rescue service?**

The most significant operational benefit of the City operating EMS is an upgrading of the first responder capability. Under the current model, the County-operated rescue vehicles are staffed with one paramedic and one Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The supporting Fire Department engine companies are staffed with two EMTs. Under the Venice plan, both the rescue vehicles and the supporting engine companies will be staffed with paramedics. The ultimate plan is to staff the engine companies and rescue vehicles with all paramedic professionals.

## **Why are paramedics preferred over EMTs?**

EMTs are trained to provide basic life support (BLS) services at a rescue scene. Paramedics are more highly trained and certified to provide a broad array of advanced life support (ALS) services.

## **Why do fire engine companies respond to rescue calls?**

Certain rescue calls, especially critical incidents, require more than two responders to provide the necessary response and care. Rescue units are staffed with two first responders. The engine company responds when the rescue call anticipates a need for more than two responders.

## **How are revenues from the rescue service collected and distributed?**

The City authorizes Sarasota County the right to assess and collect from property owners an ad valorem property tax of .66 mills (County's EMS Municipal Services Taxing Unit, or MSTU) for support of the County rescue services provided in Venice. The rescue service charges an ambulance transport fee for each patient transported to a medical facility. The collective revenue approximates \$4 million annually. The revenues are collected and retained by the County.

# EMS Fact Sheet — Frequently Asked Questions (con't)

## **Do the rescue fees subsidize the Venice engine companies responding to rescue calls?**

Support for the Venice engine companies comes from the City of Venice General Operating Budget. There is no outside subsidy to offset engine company rescue service. The City researched other ways to deliver the service; however, attempts to identify other revenue sources to subsidize expenses were unsuccessful.

## **How are engine companies dispatched to rescue calls?**

Based on the critical nature of the request from the caller for first responders, the County dispatch center determines when an engine company is needed to support the responding rescue unit. Historically, the engine companies in Venice are called to respond for approximately 42% of rescue calls.

## **When Venice assumes primary responsibility for EMS, how will the economics (revenues and expenses) change?**

Under the Venice model, all ambulance transport fees will go to the City. Additionally, the current ad valorem tax of .66 mills (MSTU) for county rescue service will be eliminated, and instead the equivalent amount will be added to the Venice general fund operating millage rate. In other words, there will be no change in the cost to City residents.

## **What are the financial benefits of the City operating EMS?**

The first benefit is that the total revenue from rescue calls will go to the City of Venice, thereby helping to subsidize the engine company response to rescue calls. Additionally, any revenues collected that exceed the operating cost of the service can be used for a number of Fire Department-related needs, including accelerate the pay down on the Fire Department unfunded pension liability, expand the fund for fire department vehicle depreciation, or create a building depreciation fund to maintain the newly planned Fire Station 1 near City Hall.

## **Will service quality for rescue calls change when Venice assumes primary responsibility for EMS?**

Sarasota County operates a County-wide service model. As such, the jurisdiction covered by rescue units assigned to Venice exceed the Venice City boundaries. Therefore, it is often the case that the nearest available rescue unit to a call for service is outside of City limits. With the Venice model, the primary jurisdiction to cover is within the Venice City boundaries. Therefore, the average rescue response time will be faster. By data analysis, the engine companies currently respond to Venice rescue an average of three minutes faster than County rescue units. This is attributable to the wider geographical area that the rescue units must cover.

# EMS Fact Sheet — Frequently Asked Questions (con't)

## **Can residents be assured that their “hospital of choice” option will continue once the City takes over?**

The resource hospitals to which Venice Fire Department would transport would be the same as those that Sarasota County Fire Department transports to currently.

## **Are there any other considerations in comparing the rescue service models?**

The second feature of service quality is the capacity of the first responding unit. In the Venice model, all responding units will be staffed with paramedics — the highest level of training for first responders. Together with a faster response time, the service quality to Venice residents will be appreciably better.

## **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Emergency Medical Service (EMS)** — Refers to the treatment and transport of people in crisis health situations that may be life-threatening. Emergency medical support is applied in a wide variety of situations, from car accidents to drownings to medical events like a heart attack.

**Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)** — Performs interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. Emergency Medical Technicians are a critical link between the scene of an emergency and the health-care system.

**Paramedic** — An allied health professional whose primary focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation.

**Basic Life Support (BLS)** — Is the foundation for saving lives after cardiac arrest. It is designed for health-care providers and trained first responders who provide care to patients in a wide variety of settings, and teaches both single-rescuer and team basic life support skills for application in pre-hospital and in-facility settings.

**Advanced Life Support (ALS)** — Refers to the medical procedures for sustaining life including the advanced diagnosis and protocol-driven treatment of a patient in the field such as defibrillation, airway management, and administration of medications. Generally, ALS is performed by Emergency Medical Technicians/Paramedics and other qualified health professionals.

**Mill** — The mill levy is the “tax rate” that is applied to the assessed value of a property. One mill is \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

**Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU)** — A taxing district created by property owners in a defined geographical area who vote to levy a tax to support improvements to the area.

# Big Trucks Day at Venice Elementary

As part of Public Works Week May 19-25, Public Works and Utilities staff participated in the second Big Trucks Day at Venice Elementary School for kindergarteners and first-graders on May 21. Staff brought a number of City vehicles to the school, talked about their functions, did some demonstrations and let students sit in the trucks. Students, teachers, and City staff all had a great time!



Clockwise from above left, Don Pemberton answers questions about a claw truck; Public Works Director James Clinch greets students; kids loved sounding the horn on the vehicles; Sean Thornton and Noill Leiva demonstrate how Utilities uses a TV truck; Joe Misak explains how trash is collected.



## Sea turtle nesting off to an impressive start

Since the start of sea turtle nesting season on May 1, Mote Marine Laboratory has recorded 1,176 nests on Sarasota County beaches from Longboat Key to Venice, with 186 of those nests in Venice. Along with loggerhead nests, green and extremely rare leatherback sea turtle nests have also been discovered in the County — an excellent sign, Mote officials say. Sea turtles laid 455 nests the week of May 26-June 1 alone, according to Mote data, with 66 in Venice.

Sea turtles laid a near-record number of nests during their 2018 nesting season, reported Mote scientists who have monitored this stretch of nesting beaches for 37 years, despite a widespread bloom of Florida red tide that began in 2017. A total of 3,151 nests — 3,142 from loggerhead sea turtles and 9 from green sea turtles — were documented last year by Mote's Sea Turtle Conservation & Research Program, which patrols the 35-mile stretch of beaches each day of nesting season, May 1-Oct. 31 on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Sea turtles laid a total of 480 nests on Venice beaches in 2018.

The first County nests arrived this year before nesting season officially started. According to Mote data from April 21-27, sea turtles laid 8 nests from Longboat Key to Venice, with 2 of those nests 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.

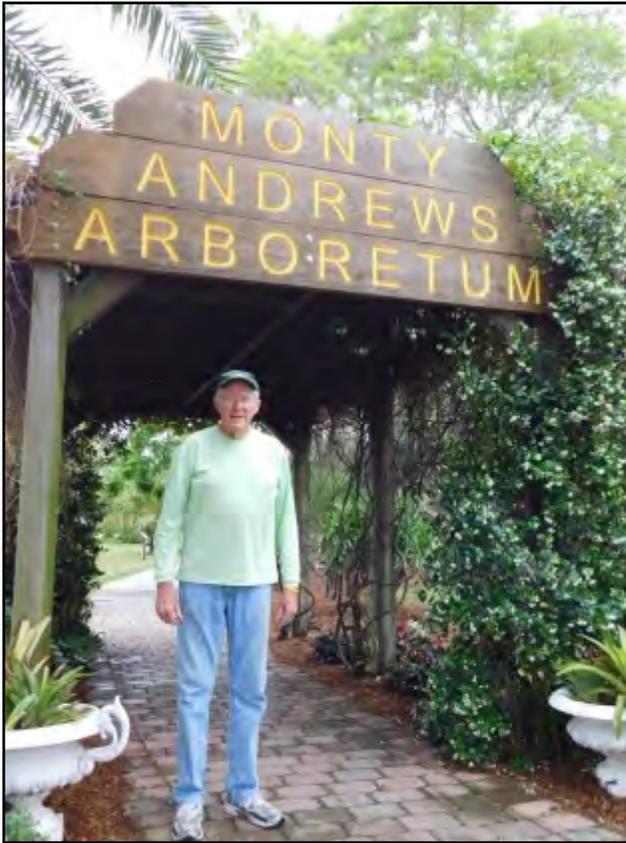
Like many of Florida's coastal communities, the City of Venice has a lighting ordinance requiring residents to turn off beachfront lights during sea turtle nesting season. You should also avoid using flashlights, lanterns or flash photography while on the beach at night. Residents should go out to the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

City of Venice Code Enforcement Officer George Nixon will be on the lookout for any potential lighting violators. Nixon also reminds residents and visitors to our beaches to make sure to remove all items such as beach chairs and trash — in which sea turtles can become entangled — from the beach at night. People should also fill in holes and knock down sand castles to make the beach safer for sea turtles. If you encounter a nesting turtle or hatchlings on the beach, remain quiet and observe from a distance. Never encourage a turtle to move while nesting or pick up hatchlings that have emerged and are heading for the water. If you see lights shining on Venice beaches during nesting season, contact George Nixon in Code Enforcement at 941-882-7436. If you see a sea turtle or hatchling in danger, call the Mote Marine Sea Turtle Program at 941-388-4331 or the Venice Police Department at 941-486-2444.



A nesting loggerhead sea turtle.

# Monty Andrews Arboretum awarded accreditation



Monty Andrews stands at the entrance to the Arboretum in West Blalock Park.

The Monty Andrews Arboretum in Venice has been awarded a Level 1 Accreditation by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and the Morton Arboretum, for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism. The Monty Andrews Arboretum is also now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.

The Venice City Council voted in 2006 to create a palm arboretum in Blalock Park following the recommendation of citizen volunteers, later named for Monty Andrews. The Arboretum is part of Blalock Park, which is also home to the Venice Community Center and the Venice Museum & Archives. The Monty Andrews Arboretum is situated on 4.5 acres at West Blalock Park and serves as one of the City's major points of environmental interest and educational opportunities.

The Arboretum holds over 80 species of trees and palms identified with information signs and a total of 118 trees and palms. There is also a Florida-friendly native shrub area, butterfly garden, picnic areas and four life-size Florida animal sculptures of a Florida panther, sea turtle, manatee and tarpon created by artist Thomas Prochnow. There are information signs for each of the sculptures as well as other opportunities to learn about the Florida environment and conservation in keeping with the Arboretum's goal of education and awareness.

Each Christmas the Arboretum holds a sponsored tree-lighting event presented by Venice Area Beautification Inc. that brings large crowds of people to the Park. Many of the trees and palms are decorated with lights for the event that is always popular with citizens and visitors of the City.

The City Public Works Parks division works closely with a devoted team of volunteers led by Monty Andrews, who still works tirelessly to develop and maintain the Arboretum. The Arboretum is continuously adding trees and plants to the collection as well as improvements and educational displays to the grounds

so there is always something new to see. The Park and Arboretum are located at 401 Pensacola Road and are free and open to the public year-round.

"The Arboretum that Monty and his team along with the Parks division have created is a fantastic asset to the City," said Tree Program Administrator/City Arborist Jim Yelverton. "This accreditation is very exciting because it will spread the word all around the world about our arboretum."

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### ***Arboretum, from page 22***

Level 1 Accreditation by ArbNet requires achievement of the following standards:

- **An arboretum plan** documentation of some sort, such as an organizational plan, strategic plan, master plan, or other, that defines the purpose of the arboretum, its audience(s), the types of plants that are to be grown to achieve that purpose and serve those audiences, provisions for the maintenance and care of the plants, and provisions for the continuing operation of the organization through time with a clear succession plan.
- **An arboretum organizational group** of people or governing board or authority that is dedicated to the arboretum plan and its continuation beyond the efforts of a single individual. Such an organizational group can affirm fulfillment of standards and authorize participation as an accredited arboretum.
- **An arboretum collection** with a minimum number of 25 species, varieties or cultivars of trees or woody plants that have been planted and are growing in accordance with the arboretum plan. Plants in the arboretum collection must be labeled in some way as to identify them taxonomically, including scientific name and cultivar if applicable, and documented in some way so that information on their acquisition (source or origin, date of acquisition, etc.) is available for access.
- **Arboretum staff or volunteers** who ensure fulfillment of the arboretum plan and provide for the basic needs of the arboretum collection and functions of the arboretum.
- **An arboretum public dimension** that includes some level of public access, and at least one public event or educational program each year focused on trees or arboretum purposes.

ArbNet is an interactive, collaborative, international community of arboreta. ArbNet facilitates the sharing of knowledge, experience, and other resources to help arboreta meet their institutional goals and works to raise professional standards through the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program. More information is available at [www.arbnet.org](http://www.arbnet.org).



Above, the Arboretum holds a total of 118 trees and palms. There is also a Florida-friendly native shrub area and butterfly garden. Below, a manatee sculpture, one of four Florida animal sculptures in the Arboretum by Atlanta artist Thomas Prochnow.



## VENICE MUSEUMS DAY

The second Venice Museums Day was held May 18. The free event featured kid-friendly activities, tours and refreshments. A trolley shuttled participants between the three locations — Venice Museum & Archives/ Triangle Inn, Lord-Higel House, and Historic Train Depot.



### IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Council Member Chuck Newsom reads a proclamation recognizing the week of May 18-24, 2019, as National Safe Boating Week during the May 14 City Council meeting, presented to members of the Venice Sail and Power Squadron and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla.



Public Works Director James Clinch and Utilities Director Javier Vargas smile as Mayor John Holic reads a proclamation May 14 recognizing the week of May 19-25, 2019, as National Public Works Week.



City Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer invites everyone to Venice Museums Day on May 18, after Council Member Bob Daniels read a proclamation May 14 recognizing the day. Holding copies of the proclamation are Dorothy Korwek of Venice Heritage Inc. and Clarke Pressly of the Venice Area Historical Society.



Dorothy Korwek of Venice Heritage, standing with City Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, thanks Mayor Holic and Council after receiving a proclamation May 14 recognizing May 2019 as National Preservation Month.

## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Thomas Doherty, fiancé of the late Carolyn Redlin (inset), accepts the Venice Legacy Award on her behalf during the May 28 City Council meeting, presented to him by Jean Trammell, Chair of the Historic Preservation Board. Carolyn served as a Director of the Venice Newcomers Club; a volunteer and supporter of Venice Area Beautification Inc.; and as a Downtowner volunteer and Public Director of Venice MainStreet. Carolyn also served as two-term President of the Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club from 2014-2016. The Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club, founded in 1926, is the oldest community organization in Venice, and Carolyn took special pride in fusing the energies and talents of the Club's long time members with her generation of Venice women to accomplish a wide variety of projects and activities for the betterment of the Venice community. Carolyn also served as President of the Venice Area Historical Society and was instrumental in finalizing the purchase of the Ringling Circus Train Car, which is currently being restored. Once completed, it will then be gifted to Sarasota County for permanent display at the Historic Venice Train Depot. In the middle of her second term, health issues forced her to resign her presidency and she passed away on Feb. 27, 2018, in Severn, Md. Carolyn not only loved Venice and its history but her infectiousness, enthusiasm, and outgoing personality drew many to the causes and activities she promoted and led.

# Mooring Field cleanup yields over 5,200 pounds of debris

The Suncoast Reef Rovers (Venice Diving Club) held their annual underwater cleanup of the Venice Mooring Field on April 28.

A total of 5,228 pounds of trash and debris was removed from the bottom of the Mooring Field by 70 volunteers, headed up by Ken Lackmann.

Venice Police and Fire Departments, Public Works, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, Sea Tow, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, West Marine, Venice High School ROTC and Sarasota Bay Watch also assisted.

Items retrieved included a 23-foot sailboat, 2 anchors, 20 feet of chain, 2 steel drums, 3 bicycles, a 40-foot piling, tire, boat console, parking cone, knife with sheath, boat battery, 6 crab traps and 532 feet of rope.

— Provided by Sarasota Bay Watch



# Venetian Parkway water and sanitary sewer relocation

The majority of residents within the Venetian Parkway utility improvement project limits have water and sanitary sewer mains that are located in the rear of their lot, away from the road right of way. Many of the water and sewer mains are beyond their useful life, resulting in decreased water pressure and constricted sewer flow. Maintaining the mains, appurtenances and meters requires City staff to enter and potentially disturb residents' side and back yards. Properties within the project limits are located along Venetian Parkway, Barbara Drive, Roberta Street, Hope Street, Lillian Street, Elaine Street and Karen Drive. Approximately 110 properties have been identified for replacement of services for water or sanitary sewer, with many requiring both. Pictured to the right is a photo of the proposed area.

**Project schedule:** Construction plans are near completion and agreements with property owners for work on private property have been secured. The bidding phase is likely to begin this month.

**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 12 of this newsletter.

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



# Pinebrook Park earns Wildlife Habitat Certification



The National Wildlife Federation announced May 3 that Pinebrook Park has been certified as a Wildlife Habitat. This honor was achieved after site visits, water quality research and collaboration with the neighborhood association Friends of Pinebrook Park. NWF habitat standards require four basic elements all wildlife needs to thrive: food, water, cover and places to raise young. All are abundantly available throughout the park. A fifth requirement is sustainable practices, which Venice and Sarasota County have already implemented.

At over 77 acres, Pinebrook Park, 1251 Pinebrook Road, is the largest of 46 certified habitats in Venice. Visitors often encounter a variety of wildlife, such as the abundant gopher tortoises, river otters, bobcats, coyotes, snakes (including rattlesnakes), dozens of bird species and an occasional alligator. The FOPP, which has adopted the park, handles many activities such as park cleanup, trimming and removing brush and trees, and keeping feeder streams obstruction-free.

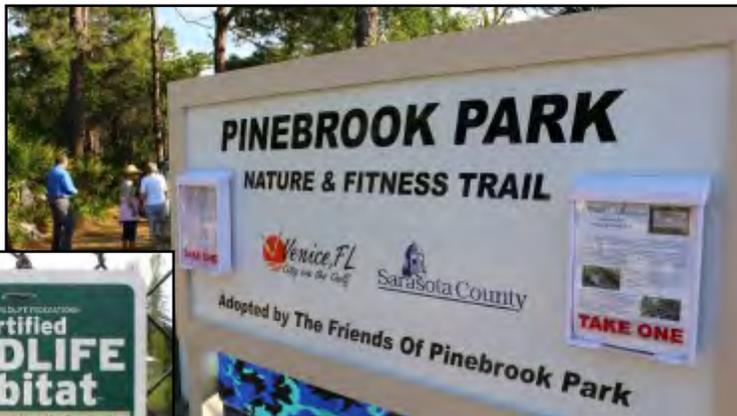
Chris Simmons, head of the local NWF affiliate Venice Naturally, thanked FOPP Past President Eydie Kargas for her key role in gaining park certification.

“This would not have happened without her drive and determination,” said Simmons. “The park was already a great habitat thanks to years of hard work by Eydie and her FOPP colleagues. Then I shared concerns with her about invasive trees and plants in the park. Within days she’d created a multi-year plan to mitigate the problem and recruited Keep Venice Beautiful volunteers to do it.” KVB quickly coordinated with the City of Venice, Sarasota County and FOPP. The City and County provided the trucks, equipment and stump killer to aid KVB volunteers in removing highly invasive Brazilian pepper trees. KVB anticipates three phases to the eradication with FOPP removing any resulting seedlings and planting native species to further enhance the park’s habitats.

Kargas added, “Pinebrook was always a lovely bit of old Florida, but for years was unappreciated. Friends of Pinebrook Park took on the challenge of changing the park's designation into a preserve for visitors to enjoy for posterity. Now, it is used more than ever and I am thrilled that the park has received National Wildlife Federation certification.”

To celebrate this achievement, the National Wildlife Federation is donating two Certified Wildlife Habitat signs to post at the park’s major trail entrances.

To date, the NWF’s Certified Wildlife Habitat program has certified more than 205,000 sites nationwide.



At top, an elevated walkway over a marshy habitat in Pinebrook Park at 1251 Pinebrook Road, Venice (near Wellfield Park). Above, the entranceway sign to the 77-acre park. Left, a NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat sign.

# Heavy palm pruning plays a role in nutrient deficiencies

*Editor's note: This article is the third of a three-part column on palms.*

It would be hard to imagine a Florida landscape without palms. Here in our little paradise palms are part of the character of the community. In the first two installments of this palm care series, we looked at some palm biology and two nutrient deficiencies, potassium and magnesium and what they look like. In this the third and final installment we will take a look at some of the less common nutrient deficiencies and touch on pruning practices.



**JIM YELVERTON**  
CITY ARBORIST

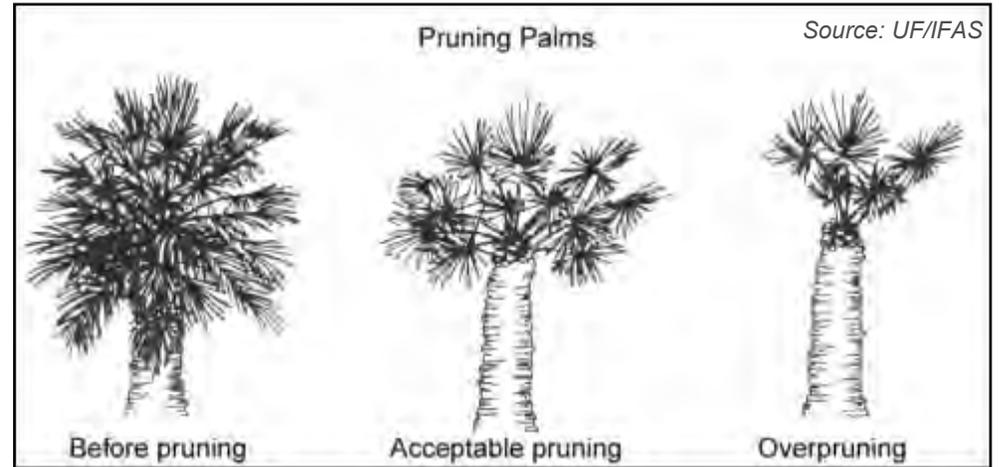
and two nutrient deficiencies, potassium and magnesium and what they look like. In this the third and final installment we will take a look at some of the less common nutrient deficiencies and touch on pruning practices.

A nutrient problem often seen in palm nurseries but less so in the landscape is nitrogen (N) deficiency, a major element. This will start out in the oldest leaves but quickly affect all the leaves except possibly the spear leaf emerging

from the top. The leaves will be uniformly yellow, which can be the clue that distinguishes this deficiency from iron deficiency. Iron (Fe) deficiency is fairly common in soils with a high pH or poor aeration. Iron is a minor element which means it does not move easily in a plant. What distinguishes Fe deficiency from N is that Fe deficiency turns the newest leaves yellow and often the leaf veins will

remain green or the leaflets will have green spots whereas N starts out in the oldest leaves which will be uniformly yellow. Manganese (Mn), a minor element, is the deficiency that causes "frizzle top." The emerging new leaves will be small with curly leaflets and sometimes brown as soon as they emerge which can be easily confused with late stage potassium deficiency. Boron (B) deficiency is an interesting one that can deform leaves in several unusual ways. Boron is a minor element so it appears in the new growth first. New leaves can emerge with a zigzagged accordion look or may grow out at odd angles. This can be caused by low levels of boron in the soil or sometimes only a temporary deficiency caused when heavy rainfall flushes the available B from the soil. Trees recover quickly from this rain induced shortage which will leave only a few leaves or even only parts of leaves misshapen and the newest leaves emerge completely normal. Chronic B deficiency however can leave a tree bent and misshapen and ultimately lead to death if the condition is not corrected.

Heavy pruning also plays a role in nutrient deficiencies. Old live fronds serve as a reserve source of major nutrients for a nutrient deficient palm. A palm in poor condition is further stressed by over pruning. Many may not realize that a healthy palm crown should have completely round silhouette, like a ball. If possible, pruning of palms should be done to only remove flowers and old seed stalks along with dead or dying leaves or at most no more than to the first horizontal fronds. The hurricane cuts so often seen will starve and shorten the life of a tree. Pruning is often overdone because of budget or manpower con-



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## Fertilizer restricted season underway in County

Sarasota County reminds the community to skip using nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers on lawns and landscapes from June 1 through Sept. 30, as part of an effort to keep the community's waterways healthy.

The ordinance, which was enacted in 2007, reduces the nutrients in stormwater and helps to protect natural habitats in creeks, lakes and marine waters that receive runoff from our stormwater system.

According to Sarasota County Air and Water Quality Manager John Hickey, landscapes during the rainy season do not have enough time to absorb the nutrients in fertilizer and are washed away. Nutrient runoff can cause harmful algal blooms that block sunlight from reaching underwater grasses, rob the water of oxygen and threaten aquatic life.

"While you may think that your own yard may play an inconsequential part in the overall effects of nutrient pollution, it is important to remember that collectively, all of the yards add up. Through proper landscape maintenance techniques, and with everyone's cooperation, we can keep our yards and waterways healthy," Hickey added.

Familiarizing yourself with the regulations is important if you are doing your own lawn care or hiring a trained lawn care professional. The following tips will help keep your yard looking great during the summer:

- Look for products with "0-0" as the first two numbers on the fertilizer label.
- Apply iron, found at most garden centers, as an effective and environmentally friendly alternative to keep lawns green during the summer.
- Use compost to enrich the soil.
- Hire lawn care professionals that display Best Management Practices fertilizer decals on their vehicles.
- Buy plants adapted to Florida's hot and humid climate, and plant them in the appropriate places.
- Mow higher to encourage deep roots that resist fungus and pests.

Sweep or blow grass clippings back into the yard. Do not direct clippings into the road, stormwater system or water bodies. To learn more about fertilizer restricted season, or for more tips on how to keep the county's waterways healthy, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 or visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

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### *Pruning, from page 30*

cerns and for safety reasons which are all valid reasons. In high pedestrian traffic areas in particular it may be necessary to overprune to keep people safe from falling fronds and fruit. If a palm is in an area where there is little risk of someone being struck by falling debris or slip on fallen fruit, then consider letting the crown grow to its full shape. It will be healthier and live longer if you do.

If your palm is showing any of these signs, the best treatment is simply to purchase a high-quality palm fertilizer for Florida soils. The University of Florida recommends an 8-2-12 +4% Mg polymer-coated slow-release formula at the recommended rate for Florida palms. Also be sure to follow the Sarasota County guidelines for fertilizer management. With proper pruning and fertilization, you will be able to enjoy your tree for years to come. Remember, please, always be careful with fertilizer.

For more information on palm nutrition, palm care and selection, go to:

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/trees-and-shrubs/palms-and-cycads/>

For information on Sarasota County Guidelines for Fertilizer Management, go to:

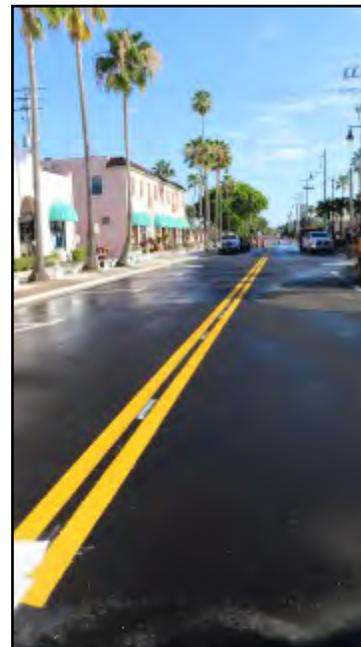
<https://www.scgov.net/government/public-works/water-quality-for-bays-estuaries/fertilizer-management>

# Downtown Project: Eastbound W. Venice Ave. parking open

Parking on eastbound West Venice Avenue has reopened to motorists following curing of the new asphalt in the Downtown Venice Beautification Project.

Due to unauthorized removal of construction traffic barrels over the first weekend in June, vehicles damaged the newly applied asphalt on westbound W. Venice Ave. from U.S. 41 to Nokomis Ave. The right lane and parking areas of this segment were closed for repairs this week (photo at right). The contractor is re-milling and re-paving the parking spaces to correct the damage. The City requests that members of the public do not enter areas that are closed for construction and adhere to the directional signs. As of June 5, the westbound right lane has reopened to traffic, but parking is still closed.

Crews continue concrete, irrigation, and sod installation along Nokomis Ave. Motorists should expect closures throughout the project area. Phase II - Nokomis Avenue Underground Drainage Project work includes underground drainage installation, roadway reconstruction, sidewalk and curb and gutter replacement, and utility work. Phase II is estimated to be complete in July.



Freshly paved Nokomis Ave., above and at right. Far right, Miami Ave.

## New Venice MainStreet CEO announced

The Venice MainStreet Inc. Board of Directors announced May 24 the appointment of Kara Morgan as its new CEO, bringing aboard a dynamic community connector who will lead the organization through high-level strategic oversight.

With over 15 years of experience in nonprofit management and development, Morgan has tackled large projects, such as capital growth campaigns and federal grants, and navigated everyday challenges, like building awareness and visitor engagement.



**KARA MORGAN**

Morgan, originally from Wisconsin, became a Venice resident in 2015 and has lived in Sarasota County since 2007. She holds bachelor's degrees in Education and Youth Studies, and Art History, from Beloit College and a master's degree from John Hopkins University. She most recently served as Director of Development of Art Center Sarasota and previously Deputy Director of Historic Spanish Point for seven years.

"We were impressed by Kara's proven ability to connect with everyone from small to large businesses and are excited to bring her into the MainStreet community," said Nick Flerlage, President of the Venice MainStreet Board of Directors. "Kara's arrival marks another moment of growth for Venice MainStreet and an opportunity for us to expand the services we offer. She will quickly become the go-to contact for downtown business owners and a recognizable face around the City."

Starting with Venice MainStreet on May 28, Morgan said she is eager to connect with the Venice business community she praised as both passionate and resilient. "MainStreet is an asset to residents and visitors of historic downtown Venice. It offers collaborations and connections for business, cultural organizations, local government, and individuals," she said. "Organizations like MainStreet make a critical impact – championing the community, fostering dialogue and creating platforms for partnerships that leverage the unique assets of all participants for the benefit of the collective. As I start this new journey, there is a positive energy of change occurring in Venice, and I'm excited about what we can all accomplish working together."

"Kara's experience allows her to approach challenges from multiple points of view. She understands marketing and communications strategies, but can also relate to the daily issues that face business owners each week," Flerlage said. "Kara is a welcome addition to MainStreet, and we're excited to see her elevate the organization's already-strong body of work."

Morgan resides in Venice with her husband and son. She enjoys cooking for family and friends utilizing ingredients from the local farmers market, visiting museums as an avid history lover, and spending time outdoors at the beach or in the beautiful parks.

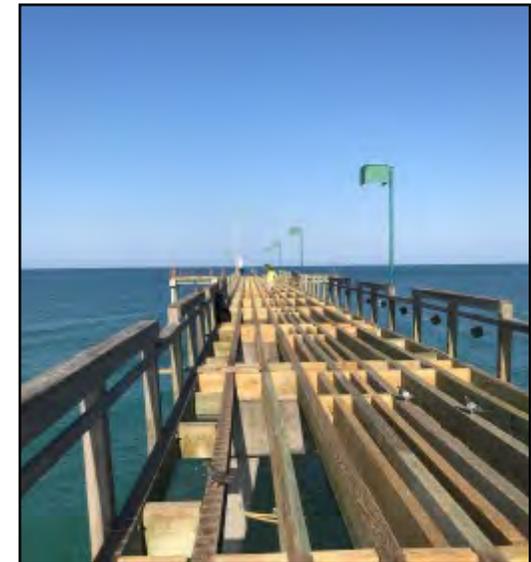
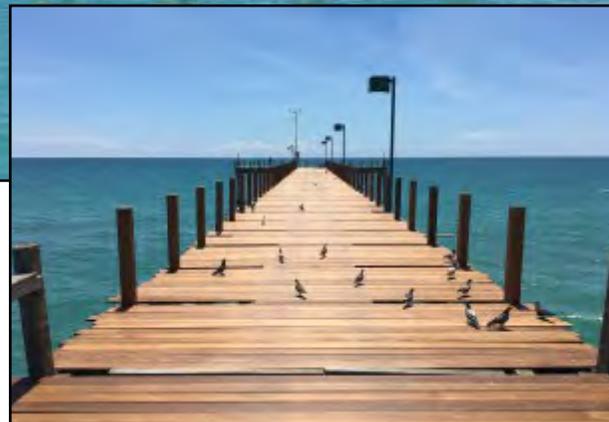
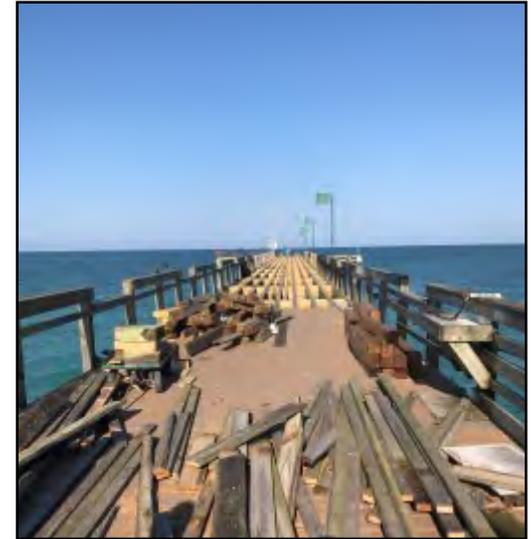
Morgan takes over the Venice MainStreet post from Erin Silk, who left April 27 to become Director of Business Development for the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County. Silk was hired as Venice MainStreet's executive director in January 2015 and later became its CEO.

## FISHING PIER REHAB PROJECT

Venice Municipal Fishing Pier rehabilitation got underway May 13 with demolition seaward from the bait shop. During the initial phase, public access has been limited to the section of the pier between the entrance and the bait shop. Once demolition is complete in the initial phase — expected to be June 10 or earlier — the remainder of the pier will be closed completely until reconstruction is complete. Work will be conducted Monday through Saturday from approximately 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an estimated 90 days.

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

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



*Photos: Ricky Simpson, Paul Joyce, Ryan Burns*

## PACE program workshop in Venice June 11

Private owners interested in making energy- or storm-related property improvements are invited to learn more about financing available through the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program in Sarasota County.

County staff will host a free public workshop in Venice June 11 to highlight elements of PACE, including what to consider when evaluating the various financing tools for projects.

"PACE is a unique but complicated tool with the potential to support a variety of property improvements," said Lee Hayes Byron, UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability director. "These workshops are designed to help residents and business owners understand how it works and what they need to consider."

The PACE program, a joint undertaking between special districts and private companies, allows property owners to finance improvement projects through specially levied property taxes. Financing can only be used for projects related to renewable energy, energy efficiency and hurricane hardening.

Like any financing, PACE has inherent risks and property owners need to fully understand the terms, risks, and other options before entering into any agreement.

Each "Financing Energy and Hurricane Improvements in Your Home: PACE and Beyond" workshop will focus on explaining the basics of PACE, how the program works, and the financial benefits and risks associated with it.

An in-person workshop is scheduled for June 11, from 5-7 p.m. at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S.

There will also be an online webinar June 12, from noon to 1 p.m. After June 12, the webinar will be on demand. To register or for more information, go to [scgov.net](http://scgov.net). Hover over Government at top, then click on UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability/Sustainability/PACE.

To learn more about PACE in Sarasota County, contact Lee Hayes Byron, Sarasota County Extension director, at 941-861-9808 or [lhbyron@scgov.net](mailto:lhbyron@scgov.net).

## Citizens asked to take Long Range Transportation Plan Survey

The community is invited to participate in the Transform Tomorrow 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan General Survey. Feedback from the public will help the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization understand the community's transportation concerns, needs and desires. It will also help the MPO understand attitudes toward potential solutions, and how those solutions should be prioritized.

The Sarasota/Manatee MPO updates the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every 5 years in order to account for geographic shifts in local demographics and changes to location of economic activities (employment, shopping, restaurants, etc.), and is going through this update process right now.

The purpose of the 2045 LRTP is to develop future transportation facilities in Sarasota and Manatee counties. The LRTP must consider the full complement of transportation modes – roads, bicycles, pedestrians, trails, transit, parking, railroads and airports. The plan includes at least 20 years and must be updated every 5 years. The 2045 LRTP must include robust public involvement to shape the final plan.

Residents of Sarasota and Manatee counties will have plenty of opportunities throughout 2020 to share their thoughts, comments, and concerns about transportation during the 2045 Long Range Plan Update process. To participate in the survey, visit <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4922410/Transform-Tomorrow-General-Survey>

## Boy Scout Troop spruces up Circus Wall Mural

On April 27, Boy Scout Troop 77 pressure-washed 250 feet of wall along Tamiami Trail that displays the Circus Mural. The project was a collaboration between the Troop and the City of Venice. The City had been informed that the artist, Francis Smith, was interested in touching up the mural, but that it needed some maintenance. Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, who oversees public art for the City, with the assistance of Earl Midlam, reached out to Troop Leader Bob Nemitz, who organized having the Troop take on the project. Travis Johnson was assigned to lead it. His mission was to facilitate a service project that would "benefit the community," then develop a plan and gather tools and personnel needed to execute the project.

Johnson and the Troop worked with Jim Eppley from Venice Airport to borrow a water trailer and safety cones. Johnson then had 11 scouts and 3 leaders, 2 vehicles and a water tanker trailer to work with; the project took 33 hours of labor and 20 hours of managerial time to complete. Approximately \$110 in general expenses were incurred in addition to acquiring a new pressure washer.

On a beautiful Saturday morning, Troop 77, led by Johnson, removed layers of dirt and grime, revealing a more vibrant mural. Thank you to all who assisted in this beautification project! *Photos: Bob Nemitz*



# 100 VES students graduate from Police ADVANCE Program



On May 21 at Venice Elementary School, about 100 fifth-grade students graduated from the Venice Police ADVANCE Program taught over five weeks this spring by School Resource Officer Bill Long. Venice Police Chief Tom Mattmuller spoke to the class about their importance in our community and urged them to take the lessons they have learned in ADVANCE and use them as they make choices through middle school and beyond. SRO Long presented each student with a certificate and many of the students presented posters, poems, and songs as projects they competed during the program. Also present for the event with Chief Mattmuller and SRO Long was VES Principal Kirk Hutchinson and VES teachers and staff.

ADVANCE (Avoiding Drugs Violence And Negative Choices Early) is for fifth-grade students. The five-week program provides children with skills they need to resist pressures they may encounter. Lessons cover such topics as peer pressure, drugs, gangs, bullying/violence and how to say “no” through positive alternatives. Each student is provided a workbook with assignments and given a T-shirt and certificate upon graduation.



### GREAT LANDSCAPING AWARDS

A couple times a year, the City of Venice and Venice Area Beautification Inc. partner to hand out Great Landscaping Awards to beautifully landscaped residences, identified by VABI, that also incorporate Florida Friendly elements. On May 20, City Public Information Officer Lorraine Anderson and Linda Lewis with the VABI Bloom Team awarded recognition signs and flower pots to 5 worthy homes. Thank you to all for making Venice more beautiful!



Clockwise from top left, Linda Lewis and homeowner Bob Coons at 101 La Palma Ct.; Nancy Parrott and Lorraine Anderson at 1225 East Gate Dr.; Linda and 1218 Lucaya Ave. homeowner Daniel Syenman; 600 Menendez St.; Bob Travers' work at 105 La Palma Ct.



# Report city issues with just a few clicks

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



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

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

## Did you know?

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

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

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

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

## Important side note information

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

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

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

## Sign me up!

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

— Provided by Shirley Gibson

## VENICE MUSEUM REFURBISHMENT

The Venice Museum & Archives closed on May 20 for installation of new doors and windows to the 1927 Triangle Inn building. Magnum Builders and their subcontractors are removing the doors and windows on all but the south side of the building; those were replaced in 2017.

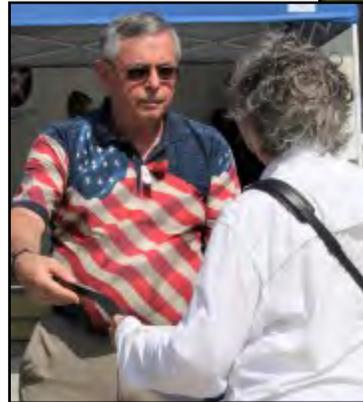
This project required the deinstallation of several exhibits. Due to the need for relocating exhibits and the nature of the construction work, the museum at 351 Nassau St. S. temporarily closed to the public while it is a construction site.

Work is expected to take two weeks, then staff will re-install the exhibits. June 17 is the estimated reopening date. The public can still reach staff members by phone or email. For more information, call 941-486-2487.



## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Along with patriotic music, guest speakers, recognition of veterans and a wreath laying at Venice's annual event May 27 at Patriots Park, Mayor John Holic read a Memorial Day proclamation and gave it to a Gold Star Family in the crowd, Dave and Joanne Farley (at far right and inset).



## City hires new Assistant City Engineer

The City of Venice has hired Jonathan Kramer of Sarasota as its new Assistant City Engineer. Kramer started with the City June 3.

Most recently, Kramer was a senior project engineer for AM Engineering, an engineering consulting firm in Sarasota, since January 2018. He was responsible for the design and management of land development projects including subdivisions and commercial sites. Prior to that, from 2012-2018, he was a project manager with PPI Technologies for automated fill-seal and form-fill-seal packaging lines, from order placement until final customer payment.



**JON KRAMER**

From 2006 through 2012 Kramer worked as an engineer for the Southwest Florida Water Management District, commonly known as Swiftmud. There he reviewed Environmental Resource Permit applications for projects including residential and commercial developments, roadway, borrow pit, environmental restoration, and low-impact development for conformance with District water quality and water quantity rules. He also managed the development of large-scale watershed management plan ICPR (Interconnected Channel and Pond Routing) stormwater models.

Kramer has also worked for Sarasota County Public Works, both in their Road Program and in Watershed Management. He has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida and an MBA from University of South Florida, Sarasota/Manatee.

He also attended Pine View School in Osprey.

"I believe I can bring real passion and energy to this position," Kramer said. "I have a strong desire to help others and develop as a professional."

He added, "Venice feels like home to me. I grew up on the island and enjoy watching how the City has grown and changed over time."

"Jon joins the City with a strong background in stormwater and site planning design and permitting from his years at Southwest Florida Water Management District and Sarasota County, plus his time in private consulting," said City Engineer Kathleen Weeden. "He will be an excellent resource as we move forward to improve water quality and stormwater system operations."

Kramer and his wife, Jenny, are celebrating their 15th anniversary this year. They have a 13-year-old daughter, Alexis, and an 11-year-old son, Blake. In his spare time, Kramer enjoys playing electric guitar in a church worship band.

"I played bass guitar throughout high school and college, but our church had a bass player and needed a guitar player so I made the switch," he said.

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### KEEPING VENICE BEAUTIFUL



Venice Area Beautification Inc. Bloom Team members were out in force the week of May 17 to give an already beautiful West Venice Avenue median a manicure — dubbed "Blitz on the Boulevard." The volunteer Bloom Team trimmed flowers and bushes and wove jasmine vines through the fencing.  
*Photos: Linda Lewis*



On May 9, 18 members of Team KVB (Keeping Venice Beautiful) removed 18 truckloads of invasives at Pinebrook Park, including Brazilian pepper.  
*Photos: Team KVB*



May 16 saw 19 members of Team KVB trim the trails at Myakka River Park in Venice. Eight truckloads of clippings and debris were removed. The City of Venice thanks these hard-working volunteers for all their efforts!  
*Photos: Team KVB*



## AROUND TOWN



The newest downtown mural by artist David Lee was completed last month on the wall of Celebration Corner at Nassau Street and West Venice Avenue. It was commissioned by Venice Main-Street, which is encouraging visitors to use it as a backdrop for selfies. The 3-D mural includes a number of Venice themes, including dolphins, an egret, a P-51 Mustang, downtown architecture, sharks' teeth, and scrollwork that's a homage to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The year Venice became incorporated as a City, 1927, and its location of 27 degrees north and 82 degrees west are also incorporated. Come check it out — and if you post a selfie with the mural, don't forget the hashtag #VeniceMainStreet

*Photo: Don Hubbard*

Members of the Venice Florida Corvettes stopped by City Hall May 1 for a check presentation photo with Mayor John Holic. The Club is donating proceeds of nearly \$3,000 from their recent car show to the South County Food Pantry and the Venice Salvation Army Food Bank.



## AROUND TOWN



Venice Police Officers Keith Silva and Tyler Majka were invited to breakfast at Aston Gardens the morning of May 10.



May 5-11 was the 50th anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week. Venice City Clerk Lori Stelzer started with the City on June 20, 1989. The photo at right is Lori's first day; the photo above was taken last month. How has clerking changed in 30 years? Says Lori, "Technology has been the biggest change, which has increased staff's efficiencies, but also has increased the public's demands on staff. The public



expects a much quicker response to their questions and requests. When I started, paper copies were made for council agenda packets. I remember standing in the conference room with the papers sprawled out all over the table and having to punch holes in each page, and making 15 binders of each packet. Now the City's software program produces the agenda and backup materials electronically and everyone (City Council, staff and the public) has easy access to the agendas, alleviating the number of requests made for such documents. There seems to be more community involvement on City matters due to the easy access to elected officials."

Solid Waste Equipment Operator Showayne Smith-Morrison loads yard waste into a City vehicle.



## AROUND TOWN



A Venice Police Department investigation from an anonymous tip resulted in the shuttering of a significant narcotics operation in the City. On May 16, investigators served a search warrant at 1050 Capri Isles Blvd. This search yielded a large variety and quantity of narcotics, drug paraphernalia, and \$61,000 cash, resulting in the arrest of Zakary Harmon and Jacquelyn Cavender, both 24. Harmon and Cavender were charged with numerous narcotics trafficking and possession with intent to sell violations.



Advisory Board Training was held at City Hall May 2 with City Clerk Lori Stelzer, facilitator Betsy Steiner (right) and Mayor John Holic (left).



## AROUND TOWN



Austin Salaciak with Public Works adjusts the watering mechanism in VABI's new hanging flower baskets on West Venice Avenue May 15.



Members of the Epiphany Cathedral School Environmental Club attended a meeting of the City Environmental Advisory Board in Council chambers April 29.



At left, staff at the Eastside Water Reclamation Facility off Laurel Road participate in "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day" on May 19. Right, two gentlemen play chess May 20 at the Venetian Waterway Trail-head after Team KVB and others volunteered clearing brush and debris at the location.



### AROUND TOWN



Students at Venice Elementary decided to show their appreciation for Venice Police Officer Bill Long, who has been with VES for the past year as a School Resource Officer and has built a strong relationship with students and staff. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office is taking over the SRO program for the 2019-20 school year.



VFD Firefighter/EMT Jessica Jones and Fire-medic Tim Tramel at the Venice Regional Bayfront Health employees wellness event May 9.



Venice firefighters Steve McNutt, Ryan Behling and Dan Sremba, Fire Marshal Jack Stevenson and Lt. Chris Rippe celebrated the 45th annual National EMS Week May 19-25 with other dedicated EMS professionals.



A City Public Works Maintenance crew lays down concrete in mid-May for the sidewalk in front of the new Dale Laning and Julia Cousins Laning Archives & Research Center across from the Venice Museum & Archives.

### AROUND TOWN



Participants in the May 8 City Bicycle Ride, led by Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator Darlene Culpepper. The next ride is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 12. Just bring your bike and a helmet to City Hall!



Above, Vadim Bugayev exercises valves on Golf Dr., part of the Water Main Replacement Project Phase 5. At left, Derek Selk and Hans Ferjuste inspect blowoffs and conduct chlorine tests in Venetian Golf & River Club.



Officer Paul Freeman, ready for the "Click It Or Ticket" campaign. Remember that seat-belt tickets are \$116, but this event is really about educating people about the dangers of not wearing a seat-belt. Seatbelts only work if you put them on, so buckle up and be safe!



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## AROUND TOWN

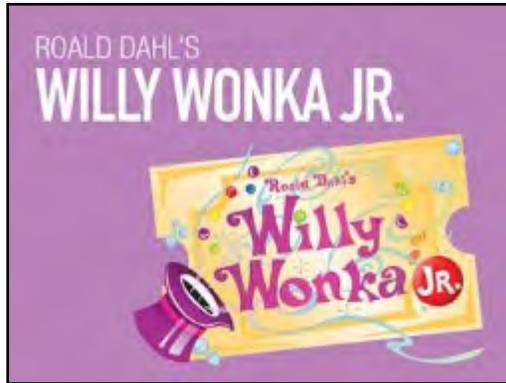
The annual "Bike Ride with the Mayor" was held May 22, followed by a bicycle safety talk at Sharky's with Mayor John Holic. Participants are at right.

*Photos: Darlene Culpepper*



Airport Maintenance Technicians Al Schudel, Bill Ford and Marc Pohl power-wash T-hangars at the Venice Airport recently.





**Venice Theatre**

140 Tampa Ave. W.  
941-488-1115  
www.venicestage.com

**"Livin' in the USA — Linda Ronstadt Tribute"**  
June 15

**"Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr."**  
July 12-14

**"Urinetown"**  
July 26-Aug. 11

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

**"The Goldtones"**  
Sept. 7

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

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



**Venice Art Center**

390 Nokomis Ave. S.  
941-485-7136  
www.veniceartcenter.com

**"Wide Open Spaces"**  
May 24-June 21

**"Totally Natural"**  
June 28-Aug. 9



**Venice Performing Arts Center**

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941-480-3191  
www.veniceperformingartscenter.com

**"Timeless Country"**  
June 29

**"All-American Boys Choir"**  
July 27

**"Sandy Toes Standup"**  
Aug. 10

**"The Nutcracker"**  
Dec. 14

**"Decades Rewind"**  
Dec. 31

## PARADE OF CHAMPIONS



Mayor John Holic and the City of Venice organized a "Parade of Champions" June 4 to celebrate Venice High School's 2018 Boys Swim Team Class 3A State Champions, 2019 Boys Tennis Class 3A State Champions, 2019 Baseball Team Class 7A State Champions, and Lauren Stone, 2019 Girls Wrestling Class 3A 106-pound State Champ. The parade ended at the Centennial Park Gazebo with speeches and recognition of the athletes.



*Parade and group photos provided by Justin Fennell/Venice Gondolier Sun; photo of Mayor Holic at left provided by Nick Flerlage*



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- ❖ For more Information visit Venicegov.com and ready.gov/hurricanes




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Please keep swales mowed and pipes clean around your property



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Keep Venice Beautiful



Team KVB  
Pepper Removal on VWP Trail  
February 2017

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## 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.

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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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Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources,  
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<p><b>SIESTA BEACH</b> 948 Beach Road, Sarasota <b>June 4-July 30 - Every Tuesday</b> (no run July 2) Registration: 5:30 p.m. Pavilion near the playground Race time: 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>BROHARD BEACH</b> 1600 Harbor Drive, Venice <b>June 5-July 31 - Every Wednesday</b> (no run July 3) Registration: 5:30 p.m. Near Venice Fishing Pier Race time: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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**Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources**



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

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 August 8: Full Body Self Portrait

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**Summer 2019 Dates:**  
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 June 27: Gary Maria  
 July 18: Susan Wilcox  
 August 8: Julie Buckler

Visit VeniceArtCenter.com to see the project for each class.  
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 June 15th – 16th  
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## ***Father's Day Breakfast!***

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Call 817-793-8433 (Tiffany)

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1927 Historic Venice Train Depot  
Venice Area Historical Society 

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**City of Venice  
Annual  
Fourth of July  
Fireworks  
Show**

Fireworks will be shot from the South Jetty on Thursday, July 4, shortly after 9 p.m. The free show will last an estimated 30 minutes. Although the South Jetty and Jetty Jacks Refreshment Deck will be closed for safety July 3-4, the fireworks display on Independence Day may be viewed on area beaches from Caspersen to Nokomis, as well as from other locations around Venice.

Boats should be at anchor by 8:30 p.m. July 4; the Venice Inlet will be closed to boat traffic at 8:45 p.m. until about half an hour after the display's grand finale.

In the case of inclement weather, the fireworks show may be delayed. Please visit the City of Venice Facebook page (Venice, Florida Municipal Government), Twitter (@CityofVeniceFL), or website, [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com), for updates.



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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.

They are also rebroadcast the week after the meeting on Access 19 (Comcast Channel 19; Frontier Channel 32).

## City of Venice Special Events Survey 2019

The City of Venice is host to a variety of special events that take place in a number of different locations and occur throughout the calendar year. The City has once again created a survey requesting your opinion of some of these events.

Please take a few minutes to offer your feedback on the value/enjoyment of the event itself, its location in the City, and the time of year the event occurs.

Your opinion is valued and will assist in an overall assessment of the community perspective of special events in Venice. To access the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VeniceSpecialEvents2019>

Thank you for your input!

## LIVIN' IN PARADISE



Kelly Dollard sent us this photo of Service Club Park beach on May 23. Wow! Look at that water!