

## Reef Rovers get Mayor's Pillar Award

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Members of the SunCoast Reef Rovers were named a Pillar of the Community by Mayor John Holic at the Sept. 10 City Council meeting.

The Reef Rovers, through the efforts of volunteer divers, snorkelers, kayakers, canoers and topside helpers, along with assistance from Sarasota Bay Watch, Venice Police, the Sheriff's Office and Sea Tow, have collected a staggering 20 tons of debris in local underwater cleanups over the past 20 years. Cleanup locations include the Venice Fishing Pier, North and South Jetties, Venice Mooring Field, and Crow's Nest Marina.

Head organizer Ken Lackmann of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Palmetto, Fla., said the club was formed on Aug. 29, 1997, among local divers in the community with a common interest. Greg Vine and Bill Willson were two of the founding members. The organization's purpose statement is "To enhance SCUBA diver skills and to utilize those unique skills for the betterment of the community and environment."



Ken Lackmann accepts the Mayor's Pillar of the Community Award from Mayor John Holic on behalf of the SunCoast Reef Rovers during the Sept. 10 City Council meeting.

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The Reef Rovers typically conduct 4-6 underwater cleanup events a year, along with 4 beach cleanups annually between Service Club Park and the Venice Fishing Pier. The beach cleanups typically yield about 100 pounds of trash per event, while the underwater cleanups collect about 500 pounds of debris. Typical items collected include cast nets, fishing poles and parts, crab traps, rope, beach chairs and fishing line.



Above, SunCoast Reef Rovers underwater cleanup head organizer Ken Lackmann shows off the Mayor's Pillar of the Community Award with members of the group — including 15-year-old diver Brogan, second from right — on Sept. 10. Venice Police Chief Tom Mattmuller and Master Police Officer Paul Joyce of the VPD Marine Unit have also assisted in cleanups. At left, the most recent cleanup at the South Jetty inlet on Aug. 18 yielded 731 pounds of debris, including a drone, 3 fishing poles, 2 crab traps, 9 fishing nets, a canvas chair and 427 feet of rope.

"They do some pretty terrific stuff, not only for the City but for (Sarasota County), as far as keeping our water quality clean," Holic said of the group during the award presentation.

"From the Mooring Field, the first time they went out there — 4 tons of stuff removed," Holic continued. "They brought up sunken dinghies, all kinds of crab traps, a still, a kitchen sink ... this big 20 cubic yard dumpster is brought in, and they'll fill it up from the Mooring Field."

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An underwater cleanup of the Venice Mooring Field in September 2018 removed items including 5 sunken boats, a kitchen stove, a kitchen sink, multiple boat anchors, boat engines, batteries and a 10x10 wood dock — over 8,700 pounds of debris total, according to VPD Officer Paul Joyce.



Mayor John Holic reads the Pillar Award presentation to the Reef Rovers on Sept. 10.

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“We really, really appreciate the work that the SunCoast Reef Rovers do, and we hope that you continue to do it for years to come,” Holic said in presenting the award to Lackmann.

“We have about 20 to 30 active members, but we have about 200 to 300 volunteers that are part of the group, and we could not do it without the City of Venice,” Lackmann said as he accepted the award on behalf of the club. “The coordination, the efforts of the group, camaraderie, the assistance — it’s a phenomenal area to work with, and it’s just a real pleasure to be a part of this community.”

SunCoast Reef Rovers meetings, open to the public, are held the third Wednesday of the month at the Nokomis Community Center at 6:30 p.m. More information can be found on the SCRR website at [suncoastreefrovers.org](http://suncoastreefrovers.org).

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# Refurbished Fountain Park reopens to the public

Restoration work at Fountain Park at Ponce De Leon, Miami and Nokomis avenues has been completed and the park reopened to the public in mid-September. The City Public Works Department gave the park a complete refurbishment, including replacement of the old, corroded cast-iron fountain with a brand-

new replica aluminum fountain. The original art piece on top has been professionally restored and placed back on the fountain top.

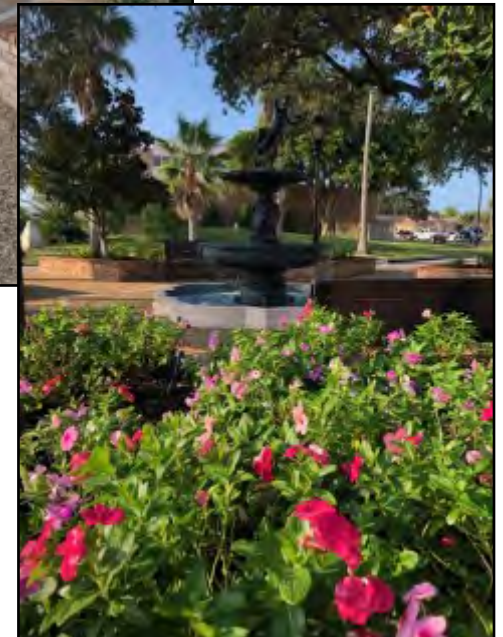
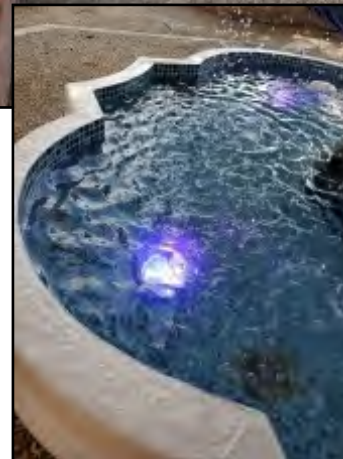
Additional work within the park included replacement of the old paver bricks with bonded aggregate, decorative tile within the fountain pool, new LED light fixtures in the fountain, re-

placement of the fountain pumps and controls, painting and LED conversions for the park light poles, and new flowers that were installed with the help of the Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) Bloom Team. The City encourages residents and visitors alike to come enjoy the new look of this downtown district park!



The fountain was first donated by the First National Bank of Venice in 1986. In 1995, after it was damaged, it was replaced with a cast-iron fountain by former Mayor Merle Graser, then CEO and president of the bank.

At left, the statue on the fountain's top depicts Hebe, the goddess of youth. At right, new color-changing lights in the fountain bowl come on in the evening. The old cast-iron fountain had been removed in March.





## City Council takes next step toward shark fishing ban



Following a presentation by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at the Sept. 24 City Council meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Chuck Newsom, seconded by Council Member Mitzie Fiedler, to direct City Attorney Kelly Fernandez to research comparable ordinances from other cities and draft an ordinance for Council's approval to ban shark fishing from the Venice Fishing Pier.

An amendment was made by Council Member Jeanette Gates, seconded by Council Member Bob Daniels, to include a marker 150 feet from both sides of the pier designating a no swim area and to extend the marker north and south of the pier for the distance of Brohard Park, and a marker at Venice Beach that states swimmers have priority over anglers in this area. The amendment carried by voice vote unanimously.

## Specified residents urged to choose new trash cart size

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

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

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



## PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY UPDATE

At right is an aerial photo of the new Venice Public Safety Facility under construction off East Venice Avenue taken Sept. 20, as well as concrete slab placement on Sept. 12.

The remaining portion of the slab was poured Sept. 23, along with some of the “tilt” walls. Permits have also been obtained to begin work in the road right of way. All work is continuing to progress according to schedule, states Detective Sgt. Rob Goodson, Venice Police Department representative for the project.

As a municipality the City is utilizing an owner “direct material purchase” on the project to reduce the cost of taxes — the City is exempt from paying sales tax — and overhead normally incurred on material purchases by the contractor. The City is on track to save \$160,000, according to Goodson.

Construction manager Ajax/Tandem Construction 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 Avenue. The project, currently budgeted at \$17.6 million, is mostly funded through a \$16 million public safety bond approved by City voters in November 2016. Dewberry is the project’s architectural firm.

The facility will be 31,421 square feet and hardened to withstand a Category 5 hurricane with winds in excess of 157 mph. In the event of a hurricane, it will turn into an Emergency Operations Center for City staff. Expected completion is August 2020.





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



Hurricane season runs through November 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 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.

# Venice Make a Difference Day wins Savvy Award

## This year's Citywide cleanup event set for Saturday, Oct. 26

The City of Venice has won a 3CMA (City-County Communications & Marketing Association) Savvy Award of Excellence for Special Events – Recurring Event (Population 0-99,000) for its Make A Difference Day last October.

Organized in Venice by the City's Public Works Department and Jim Foubister with Serve Florida, the event is a day of community service for volunteers of all ages. During the 6<sup>th</sup> annual event in 2018, a record number of 447 volunteers landscaped, raked, cleaned, mulched, collected litter and put together picnic tables, among other duties, at more than 20 parks and greenspace areas in the City. This community service effort saves the City thousands of dollars annually and benefits the local environment. Judging comments for the award: "I loved getting to see how the City involved its community to improve and beautify its parks. A great way to engage residents to care for their City!"

### Get involved with this year's event

Make a Difference Day is being observed for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in the City of Venice on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. Landscaping, raking, cleaning, painting and litter collection events are planned at over 30 City parks and beaches.

Jim Foubister with Serve Florida is again the chief organizer of the event, with assistance from City Public Works staff. Volunteers are invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch at noon at Maxine Barritt Park, 1800 Harbor Dr. S. This year, there will be a special focus on cleaning up our coast and improving our water quality. This coastal initiative is being supported by The Recycling Partnership, a national nonprofit that puts private dollars to work, helping communities invest in recycling systems and empowering residents to take sustainable action. This effort with The Recycling Partnership is part of continued work that will be taking place to transform recycling for good in the City of Venice.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, go to Serve Florida's website at [www.servefl.com](http://www.servefl.com) and click on the green "Help Now" button. You can also call Jim at 941-223-1771. Interested volunteers can also come to the Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave. at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 26 to help. Drive to the south side of the building near Turin St. to receive assignments and a T-shirt. Volunteers should wear old, comfortable clothing and work shoes, and bring sunscreen. Other supplies, including drinking water and gloves, will be furnished.

### About The Recycling Partnership

The Recycling Partnership ([www.recyclingpartnership.org](http://www.recyclingpartnership.org)) is a national nonprofit organization that leverages corporate partner funding to transform recycling for good in cities and towns all across America. As the only organization in the country that engages the full recycling supply chain from the corporations that manufacture products and packaging to local governments charged with recycling to industry end markets, haulers, material recovery facilities, and converters, The Recycling Partnership positively impacts recycling at every step in the process. By the end of 2019, The Partnership expects to have served more than 1,300 communities with tools, resources and technical support, helped place nearly 600,000 recycling carts, reached 60 million households, and helped companies and communities invest more than \$55 million in recycling infrastructure.



Members of the Venice Newcomers Club beautify Ponce De Leon Park on Make a Difference Day in Venice last year.



# Native wetland trees can thrive near stormwater ponds

Florida's rainy season generally runs from June through September and can bring almost daily rain to Venice. Stormwater ponds are basins designed to collect and manage the runoff from these rains. Rain lands on impervious surfaces like roof tops, driveways and streets, then flows into inlets, swales and ditches where it is directed to stormwater ponds.

Stormwater ponds perform several essential functions. They help prevent flooding and soil erosion by slowing the velocity of runoff as well as removing pollutants before they reach natural surface and ground water.



**JIM YELVERTON**  
CITY ARBORIST

There are two basic types of stormwater ponds — retention and detention. During normal rain events, both systems are designed to prevent flooding and to protect natural streams, lakes and rivers from pollutants, flooding and erosion. Retention ponds collect water, holding it temporarily while it slowly filters through the soil into the shallow groundwater aquifer. Detention ponds are designed to collect runoff and allow pollutants to settle in the pond where they can be absorbed and degraded by microbial activity. Once stormwater ponds reach a predetermined volume of water, clean water can then slowly, safely drain through an outflow structure into natural streams, lakes and rivers.

Stormwater ponds provide property owners and homeowners associations excellent opportunities to create beautiful naturalized shoreline environment in their neighborhood. Florida-Friendly Landscaping Principle No. 8 says to “Reduce stormwater runoff” and Principle No. 9 says that we should “Protect the waterfront” by maintaining a 10-foot maintenance-free zone along all shoreline. This 10-foot zone can be made very attractive by utilizing trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses and aquatic plants that require little maintenance to enhance the beauty of the waterfront. Shoreline and aquatic plantings do a great job filtering out sediment and nutrients that would otherwise find their way into our natural water systems. Stormwater management systems are designed to imitate natural processes, so the addition of native aquatic, wetland and floodplain plants is simply an extension of that function.

Native wetland and floodplain trees like cypress, live oak, red bay, sweetbay magnolia, dahoon holly, buttonwood and red maple are well-adapted to moist, well-drained soil found near stormwater ponds. Cypress, dahoon, red bay and buttonwood trees can easily tolerate periodic standing water, so they can be planted in places that flood for short periods. There are also shrubs and grasses like cocoplum, wild coffee, wax myrtle, cordgrass, muhly grass and many others that will do well along the shoreline. Ponds that hold permanent water bodies can be planted with many beautiful aquatic plants like blue flag iris, golden canna, arrowhead, soft rush and various water lilies to provide habitat for wading birds and fish. These ponds can also be stocked with fish to further enhance the natural ecosystem. (Please note that because of their function as a pollutant filter, it is not recommended to consume fish from stormwater ponds; however, catch-and-release fishing is perfectly acceptable.) Shoreline plantings are a great way to create attractive naturalized environments as well as an excellent way to help protect our valuable Florida water resources.

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## Venice lands on 3 more 'Best of' lists

**Kiplinger Personal Finance** named Venice one of **7 Great Places to Retire in Florida** in August, citing the City's dozens of parks, white-sand beaches, expansive water views, cycling amenities, numerous shops and restaurants, Saturday farmers market, Venice Theatre and Performing Arts Center.

Also in August, Venice was named the **12<sup>th</sup> Safest City to Live in Florida** for 2019 by **BackgroundChecks.org**. Methodology used includes the most recent FBI crime statistics to create state rankings.

The moving resources site **moveBudda** named Venice as one of its **10 Most Popular Mid-size Florida Cities to Relocate** to in September. The website analyzed its Florida move data from the past year to determine the 10 most popular mid-size cities with populations between 10,000 and 50,000.



The Venice Farmers Market at City Hall is open 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through December.

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### **Stormwater, from page 11**

Stormwater ponds are governed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) which can provide guidance to any appropriate regulations. The University of Florida IFAS Sarasota County Extension Service can provide information and guidance and would be a good place to start for those interested in developing a shoreline restoration plan for their community. Sarasota County's NEST (Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team) Program is an excellent resource as well. It can be found at the Sarasota County Water Atlas website link below. The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program provides regional information for water conservation and protection.

For more information, check out these sites:

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota/natural-resources/water-resources/>

[https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/sites/default/files/store\\_products/stormwater\\_systems.pdf](https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/sites/default/files/store_products/stormwater_systems.pdf)

<http://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu/>

<http://chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu/>

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/>

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



# City regulations for ‘resort dwellings,’ aka short-term rentals

These regulations apply only to resort dwellings, defined herein. Venice City Council finds that resort dwelling rental activities in single-family neighborhoods negatively affects the character and stability of a residential neighborhood. The home and its intrinsic influences are the foundation of good citizenship. The intent of these regulations is to prevent the use of single-family residences for transient purposes in order to preserve the residential character of single-family neighborhoods. In RE or RSF zoning districts, units offered for rental or lease for periods of 30 days or one calendar month or more, are not considered to be resort dwellings and are not subject to regulations applicable to resort dwellings.

(1) No new resort dwelling units are allowed in RE or RSF zoning districts.

(2) For existing resort dwellings, the regulation of resort dwelling activities is deemed to be an issue affecting the general health, safety and welfare of the city and its residents. For existing resort dwellings, the following regulations will apply:

a. If a lot zoned RE or RSF has more than one legally existing dwelling on the property, the prohibition of resort dwellings shall apply to all structures on the lot. For all existing legal nonconforming resort dwellings, all inspections and applicable approvals must be current for each unit or structure that is used as a resort dwelling.

b. Except as provided herein, each residential property where resort dwelling use is in effect shall prominently display on the primary structure on the subject property, a permanent notification, on an all-weather placard 11" x 17" in size located

adjacent to the front entrance and with black lettering on a white background with at least 14 point type, alerting the public of the resort dwelling use and containing the following information:

1. The name of the managing agency, agent, vacation rental manager, local contact or owner of the resort dwelling, and a telephone number at which that party may be reached on a 24-hour basis;

2. The maximum number of occupants permitted to stay in the resort dwelling per Chapter 69A-43, FAC, Uniform Fire Safety Standards for Transient Public Lodging Establishments, Timeshare Plans and Timeshare Unit Facilities;

3. The maximum number of vehicles allowed to be parked on the property;

4. The number and location of on-site parking spaces and the parking rules prohibiting on-street parking;

5. The trash pickup day and notification that trash and refuse shall not be left or stored on the exterior of the property except from 6 p.m. of the day prior to trash pickup to 6 p.m. on the day designated for trash pickup;

6. Notification that an occupant may be cited, fined and/or immediately removed by the owner or manager, pursuant to state law, in addition to any other remedies available at law, for creating a disturbance or for violating other provisions of the ordinance from which this section derives;

7. Notification that failure to conform to the parking and occupancy requirements of the structure is a violation of the ordinance from which this section derives;

8. The name and phone number of the contact person available 24-hours per day, seven days per week for the purpose of responding promptly to complaints regarding the conduct of the occupants of the resort dwelling.

c. Use of a single-family residence in the RE or RSF zoning district as a resort dwelling is deemed to be a change of use as compared to its original permit approval unless it can be demonstrated by the owner that the original approval was for a resort dwelling at the time of permitting or at some subsequent time in which all applicable commercial lodging codes were applied for review of the use and structure. All currently operating resort dwellings must request immediately a change of use and revised occupancy permit for the purpose of notifying the city that said dwelling is being used for resort purposes and requesting all necessary permits and inspections to determine that all applicable zoning, building and life/safety codes have been met.

d. The owner or manager shall maintain a tenant and vehicle registration log which shall include the name and address of each resort dwelling's tenant, and the make, year and tag number of the tenant's vehicle(s). Such registration log will be subject to inspection by the city upon request by the city manager or his designee.

e. All parking must be off-street for resort dwelling units. Not less than one paved, off-street parking space per resort dwelling bedroom must be provided. Minimum yard areas for the applicable zoning district must be maintained for all resort dwelling units. — *City of Venice Code, Sec. 86-151*

## 9/11 CEREMONY

The 7th Annual Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony in Venice was held at Patriots Park, 800 Venetia Bay Blvd. The event featured patriotic music, guest speakers and a bell ringing for the fallen.



At left, Venice Fire EMS Division Chief Nathan McManus rings a bell for the 9/11 fallen. Right, Mayor John Holic presents a 9/11 proclamation to event host, Retired USAF MSG Barbara Miller Vaughn. Below, guest speaker Matthew Besheer, retired Port Authority of New York and New Jersey detective.



At right, a 2-ton steel beam from the World Trade Center wreckage on 9/11, displayed in Patriots Park. *More photos, page 15*



## 9/11 CEREMONY



## 3 roadway segments added to Adopt-a-Road Program

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful (KSCB) has partnered with the City of Venice to add three additional Venice roadway segments to the Adopt-a-Road Program. The new Venice area roadways segments which are available for adoption are as follows:

- Nokomis Avenue North and South
- Barcelona Avenue, The Esplanade and Tarpon Center Drive
- Lucaya Avenue and Ridgewood Avenue

This innovative program provides private citizens, businesses and organizations an opportunity to support the countywide anti-litter campaign. It provides a way to offer an inexpensive project that gives residents the satisfaction of making a contribution to their communities and can help generate publicity for a group's service activities. Adopted areas are maintained as part of a joint effort to keep our environment clean and healthy.

Participation in the program is free. Please feel free to contact the KSCB office at [keepsarasotacountybeautiful@scgov.net](mailto:keepsarasotacountybeautiful@scgov.net) or by calling 941-861-5000 for any interest in adopting these road segments.

## Marina Park and Boat Ramp closure Oct. 21-24



Beginning Monday, Oct. 21 and lasting until Thursday, Oct. 24, a City of Venice contractor will be performing asphalt sealing and restriping of all parking stalls within the Marina Park and Boat Ramp parking area, located at 301 E. Venice Ave.

The park and boat ramp will be closed to the public throughout this work, but will be reopened as soon as possible.

Your patience is appreciated as this important maintenance work is completed.

***Photo: Don Hubbard***



## Water Main Replacement Program Phase 6

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

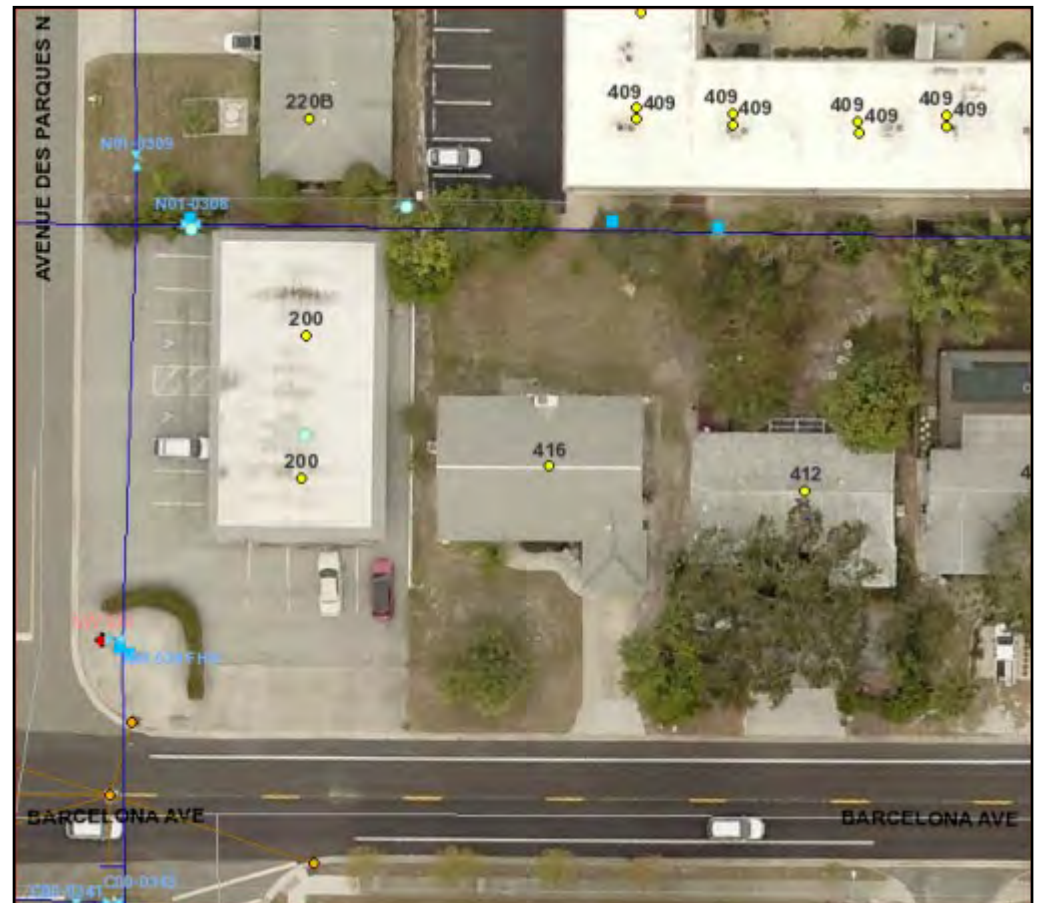
Phase 6 includes the installation of approximately 7,500 linear feet (lf) of new water main, 2 fire hydrants, 28 valves, various appurtenances, property service connections, and the abandonment of rear lot water mains. The Phase 6 area is roughly bounded by Narvaez Street to the north, Park Boulevard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

**Project schedule:** The bid opening was held on Aug. 21, 2019, and the recommendation of award was received from the engineer of record. The project is expected to be on the Oct. 22, 2019, City Council meeting agenda. Upon approval, pre-construction activities would likely commence in November 2019.

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

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

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



## ADOPT-A-PARK CLEANUPS

Jessica and Matt Ritter of The Ritter Group - Gulf Shores Realty (below) were out Sept. 26 doing their quarterly cleanup at Heritage Park.

On Sept. 21, 24 volunteers with Venice Youth Boating Association (right) spent 2 hours cleaning up Higley Marine Park. They filled 4 trash bags with mostly plastic, glass and cigarette butts. This cleanup was also part of International Coastal Cleanup Day.

The City of Venice appreciates all the hard work of these volunteers to beautify our local parks!





# Birds of all types flocking to Venice Urban Forest

The Venice Urban Forest's mission statement is: "In the spirit of the John Nolen Plan, Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) resolves to create the Urban Forest, an oasis for all generations to enjoy." The Urban Forest commenced on April 12, 2018, near Seaboard Avenue. Its purpose is to plant thousands of trees and understory plants to provide shelter for birds and animals, cooling and much-needed carbon sequestration, oxygen generation and stormwater absorption.

While enjoying strong City support for the project, the actual funding is provided by private financing from individuals and grants. VABI is equally appreciative of its dedicated volunteers whose labor plants and maintains this emerging forest.

A recent story on CNN stated: "Bird populations in the U.S. and Canada have dropped by 29% since 1970, signifying 2.9 billion birds lost in almost 50 years." Scientists warn that like a canary in a coal mine, birds reveal environmental health. This steep loss of bird populations includes some of the most

common birds like sparrows and finches. The study provides evidence of negative human impacts on the continent's environment, indicating an inability to adequately support wildlife systems as it once could.

The Venice Area Audubon Society (VAAS) supports this project. Ann O'Leary and other VAAS members conducted a bird audit in the Urban Forest in May. Sixty-one species of birds were identified enjoying the trees and under plantings. A diverse group including mottled ducks, northern mockingbirds, a palm warbler, snowy egret and wood stork were noted. Even a few turkeys have been seen trotting around the forest. In June, a cooper's hawk, a forest species, was spotted. And in August, a VABI volunteer noted an eagle resting atop a tree. (*See below photos.*) VAAS has now conducted 6 bird audits since the start of the Urban Forest and will continue ongoing audits in the future.

"We are thrilled to see more and more species

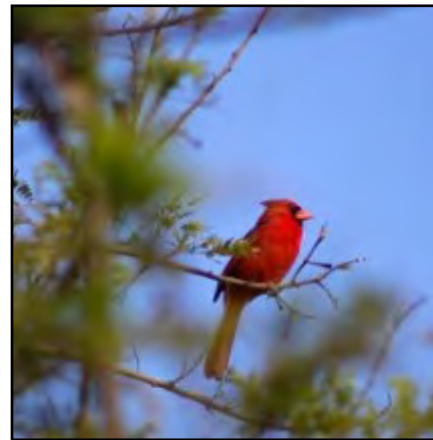
of birds moving into the forest as it continues to grow. It's exciting!" O'Leary says.

The Urban Forest is a critical component in enhancing the City of Venice's urban design introduced by John Nolen in 1926, and remains its principal planning document. Adding this "green belt" corridor will complement Nolen's "city garden" concept and serve to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.

The Venice Urban Forest is a project of VABI, a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 1990. VABI's mission statement is to make Venice a more beautiful place to live, work and play.

For more information about the Venice Urban Forest, check out [www.veniceurbanforest.com](http://www.veniceurbanforest.com) for updates and pictures. To inquire about donating to the Urban Forest, or to volunteer, please contact the VABI office at 941-207-8224 or visit [www.vabi.org](http://www.vabi.org).

— *Provided by Mary Schwass, VABI Office Manager*



## Laning Archives Center ribbon cutting set for Oct. 17

On Thursday, Oct. 17, the City of Venice will celebrate the completion of the Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center on Milan Avenue.

A 10 a.m. ribbon cutting, open to the public, will be the culmination of a project started to provide a safe repository for the City's history. Along with the Venice Museum across the street, which will still house administrative offices and exhibits, the Division of Historical Resources now has two places to collect, preserve and share the history of Venice.

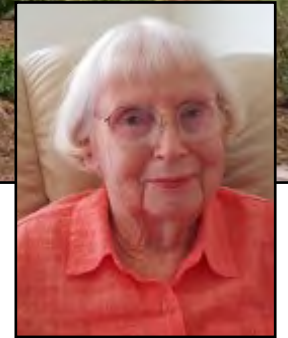
Thanks to the generous contribution of Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning, the City of Venice was able to acquire and renovate, 224 Milan Ave. W. as the Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center. Due to concerns about the collection straining the second floor of the Triangle Inn, it was relocated in December 2015 to three different locations where the environmental conditions were not ideal.

The Laning Archives & Research Center houses over 23,000 items, ranging from historic artifacts, to Venice High School yearbooks, to the earliest editions of the Venice Gondolier newspaper. In addition, there is a reading room in the front of the building for people to research the collection. The facility will be open to the public by appointment.

Julia Cousins Laning has a history of supporting history and the arts in Venice through the resources provided by her late husband, Dale. In addition, Julia was an early resident of the City, living in the Venice Museum's Triangle Inn building as a young girl when her mother worked there. Julia helped the museum by supporting the Triangle Inn's facility and staffing needs for years.



Above, the Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center at 224 Milan Ave. W., across the street from the Venice Museum. At right, Julia Cousins Laning.





# 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 2,150 issues. During the past few years, issues submitted on SeeClickFix have helped the City handle exposed wires that needed immediate attention, roadside junk needing to be picked up, code violations, awareness of speeders in residential areas, and having street lights fixed and/or replaced. You are our eyes and ears and we value your assistance with maintaining the safety and beauty of Venice.

## Did you know?

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

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

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

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

## Important side note information

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

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

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

## Sign me up!

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

— Provided by Shirley Gibson

## KEEPING VENICE BEAUTIFUL

On Sept. 5, 17 members of Team KVB (Keep Venice Beautiful) spent 3 hours weeding around the Venice Library and in front of the Community Center. They hauled away 8 truckloads of debris (below).



*Photos:  
Team KVB*



Fourteen KVbers collected 15 truckloads of cuttings Sept. 12 from the northeast corner of the Circus Bridge, where the Venetian Waterway Park trail is accessed by cyclists. Volunteers cut invasive Brazilian pepper, lifted the tree canopy, weeded, and removed sand from the trail (above and at right). Additionally, 17 Team KVB members removed 15 truckloads of cuttings Sept. 26 from the lateral park behind the Toyota garage alongside the VWP trail. The City of Venice is grateful for the efforts of these hard-working volunteers!



## FPL streetlight conversions to LED underway

Florida Power & Light (FPL) has partnered with the City of Venice to convert FPL streetlights throughout the City to LED fixtures. This project is currently underway and expected to be completed over the next month.

FPL technicians will be replacing 987 old, high-pressure sodium lights with more energy-efficient LED lights. These new streetlights will save the City on energy costs as well as benefit our local environment. The new LED lights will have the same brightness as the original lights, however they will produce a much higher-quality light that will not fade over time. This will provide for improved visibility at night and increased safety along our roadways.

According to FPL, the savings of this conversion:

- Reduces power consumption from these streetlights by 300,324 kWh/year
- Eliminates 211 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> /year
- Is the equivalent of removing 45 cars from the road

Other ongoing streetlight projects include:

- Bahama Street conversion to LED and addition of more LED streetlights; 11 LED streetlights total
- Harbor Drive south of City Hall; addition of 8 LED streetlights
- Upgrade of approximately 398 ornamental LED streetlights owned by the City



# Sponsorships sought for 2nd Public Works Road-E-O

## We want you to be part of the 2nd Public Works Road-E-O in Venice!

You can be a part of the City of Venice's 2nd Annual Public Works Road-E-O on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at the Airport Festival Grounds. The City of Venice will again be partnering with the Rotary Art Fest to bring this event to the public. It's a family-friendly event for the entire community that will include children's activities, equipment demonstrations, interactive booths, music, bounce houses and food vendors. The highlight of the day is the "Road-E-O" in which multiple City departments and heavy equipment drivers and operators showcase their skills in a challenging obstacle course competition.



## Would you like to help sponsor this event?

The City of Venice Public Works Department is also providing an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to become a special part of the Road-E-O this year. The City and the Rotary Art Fest anticipates over 2,000 residents may attend this year's event. Sponsorships are available for those that would like to be involved. The funding collected from sponsors will be used to offset the cost of the event, including advertising, seating and other logistical related costs. There are three sponsorship opportunities available for you to choose from. If you wish to become a sponsor, please submit all required paperwork **no later than Friday, Nov. 29, 2019**. Sponsorship information, including an application, can be found on the City website, [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com), on the homepage under Things To Do/Public Works Road-E-O.



For more information on sponsorships, please contact Travis Hout at 941-882-7673 or [thout@venicegov.com](mailto:thout@venicegov.com), or Shirley Gibson at 941-882-7439 or [sgibson@venicegov.com](mailto:sgibson@venicegov.com). Learn more about the Public Works Road-E-O and see photos from the inaugural event in Venice on the Road-E-O page on the City website.



# Children's Halloween Parade set for Oct. 31 downtown

The Annual Venice Lions Club/Venice MainStreet Children's Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31, with parade participants asked to gather at 4:30 p.m. in Centennial Park. The parade down Venice Avenue will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

More than 500 children are expected to receive candy treats from the members of the Venice Lions, sponsors of the parade for 61 years. Following the brief parade, children will be free to trick-or-treat for more goodies at stores along the avenues.

Children and parents will meet at the Centennial Park gazebo at 4:30 p.m. At 5 p.m. they will follow the Lions Club float out of Centennial Park onto West Venice Ave. — which will be temporarily closed for this event — near Nokomis Ave. The parade will travel westbound in the westbound lanes of W. Venice Ave. to Nassau St. As the parade approaches Nassau, the Lions Club float will pull forward and park on the roadway of W. Venice Ave. to block the intersection of Nassau. At Nassau St., the children will use the designated crosswalk to the sidewalk on eastbound W. Venice Ave. where the shops are and trick-or-treat. Westbound W. Venice Ave. will be closed for the event until 7 p.m.

There will be event volunteers at the intersection of Nassau and W. Venice Ave. to direct the crowd as it disperses and help the children cross to eastbound W. Venice Ave to trick-or-treat. Venice Police will also be on hand to assist. For more information, please visit [www.visitvenicefl.org](http://www.visitvenicefl.org).



## AROUND TOWN



Venice first responders Officer Ruth Terry, Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Master Police Officer Paul Joyce, Police Service Aide Wilberto Acosta, Detective Oscar Guinart, Officer Seth Kenny (with bagpipes), Police Chief Tom Mattmuller and Officer Brett Woodworth, along with Mayor John Holic, Venice Senior Friendship Center Assistant Esther Bird and veteran Alan Adams, participated in a Patriot Day ceremony at the Center on Sept. 11. *Photo: Fran Valencic/Venice Gondolier-Sun*



City staff performed in Venice Theatre's September production of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book." At left are Public Works Director James Clinch (Akela the wolf) with his son Eli (Taak the monkey); below is Utilities GIS Analyst Will Smith (Baloo the bear) with the production's sixth-grade star Jackson Mitchell (Mowgli).

*Below photo courtesy of Venice Theatre*

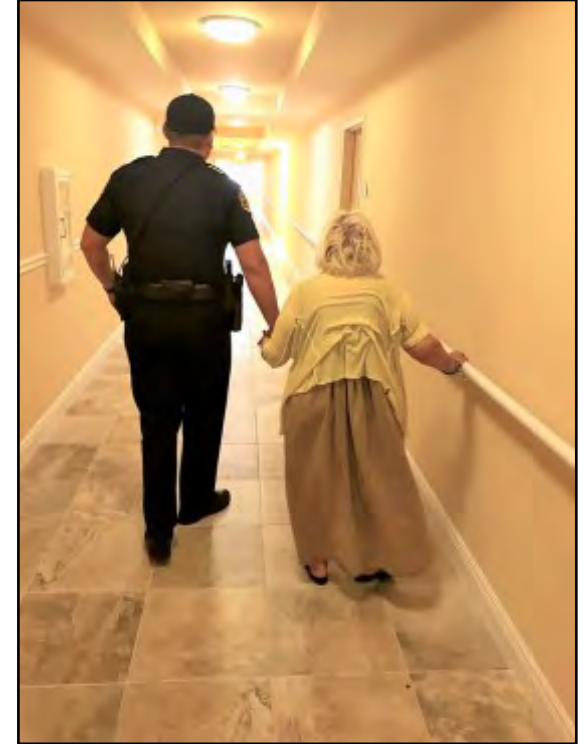




## AROUND TOWN



Following Hurricane Dorian's devastating blow to the Bahamas, donations from the community poured in to Agape Flights at Venice Airport. As of Sept. 25, Agape received an estimated 170,000 pounds of donated supplies and has flown over 20 relief flights to get items in the hands of those in need. At right, Venice Police recently responded to a call where someone just needed understanding and a hand to hold — which Officer Keith Silva provided.



The Salvation Army Venice Corps stopped by the Police Department Sept. 24 with homemade goodies, including cookies. Thanks so much!



VPD Master Police Officer Paul Joyce of the VPD Marine Unit, far right, attended a boat decorating seminar at West Marine Sept. 14 that provided instruction for the upcoming Christmas Boat Parade.



## AROUND TOWN



Mayor John Holic presented a proclamation naming Sept. 17-24 Constitution Week to local members of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently. Here, Carole Cornell Regent of the Myakka Chapter of Venice and Louise Tario, Chair of Constitution Week, stand with Mayor Holic.



Council Member Bob Daniels and Mayor John Holic participated in the Sept. 25 groundbreaking for Venetian Walk II on Grove Street, the final phase of Venetian Walk senior apartments.





## AROUND TOWN



Above, work on the installation of angled parking at Avenue Des Parques and along W. Venice Ave. by Venice City Hall will limit parking at City Hall for patrons of the Saturday Farmers Market through October. Parking is available at Hecksher Park by the tennis courts, across the street at the Lord-Higel House, and street parking further down on W. Venice and Miami avenues. The Venice Farmers Market runs 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Top right, a gator goes for a swim mid-September in the retention pond at the Water Reclamation Facility off Laurel Road. At right, City Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce celebrates IT Professionals Day on Sept. 17 with staff Don Hubbard and Steve Buczak.

## AROUND TOWN



Venice Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, right, introduces VPD Service Aide Wilberto "Willie" Acosta, a retired FDNY firefighter, during the 9/11 ceremony at Patriots Park.



Above, Chip Reid with SNN interviews City Special Events and Marketing Coordinator Shirley Gibson for a piece on sponsorships the City is seeking for the 2nd Venice Public Works Road-E-O in January. Get more information at [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com).

City Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator Darlene Culpepper at the South Jetty Sept. 11 with participants in the monthly 6-mile bike ride around Venice island. A reminder that October's ride has a date change — it will be on the third Wednesday of the month, Oct. 16. Just bring your bike and a helmet to City Hall!





## AROUND TOWN



Above, Austin Salaciak and Joshua Sweiderk of the Public Works Parks Division prepare to cut grass in the Venice Avenue median from the bridge to City Hall on Sept. 25.



Above, a Coast Guard C-130 on final descent for Runway 5 at Venice Municipal Airport Sept. 24. At right, an egret at Ruscelletto Park on Sept. 23. *Photos: Jim Eppley, William Smith*

At right, VPD Detective Todd Reale participates in Project Lifesaver, a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering. Participants are fitted with watch-size transmitters that can help police quickly locate them if the need arises. For more information, go to <https://projectlifesaver.org/> or call 941-486-2444.





### **Venice Theatre**

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

#### **"Born Yesterday"**

Sept. 20-Oct. 6

#### **"The BIKINIS"**

Sept. 27-Oct. 20

#### **"Mamma Mia!"**

Oct. 25-Dec. 1

#### **"The Alter Eagles"**

Oct. 27-28

#### **"Good People"**

Nov. 1-17

#### **"Florida Bee Gees"**

Nov. 10-11

#### **"All About Soul: Billy Joel Tribute"**

Nov. 25

#### **"Assisted Living The Musical"**

Nov. 29-Dec. 22



### **Venice Art Center**

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

#### **"Welcome Back to Paradise"**

Sept. 13-Oct. 4

#### **"Fall Members Show"**

Oct. 11-Nov. 8

#### **"Cornucopia"**

Nov. 15-Dec. 6

#### **"Bling Thing Jewelry Show and Sale"**

Nov. 30

#### **"Art Center Annual Tea"**

Dec. 13



### **Venice Performing Arts Center**

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

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

Oct. 4

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

Oct. 12

#### **"America the Beautiful"**

Venice Concert Band  
Nov. 4

#### **"The Everly Brothers Experience"**

Nov. 8

#### **"The Mystics"**

Nov. 10

#### **"Bohemian Beethoven"**

Venice Symphony  
Nov. 15-16

#### **"Molly Hatchet"**

Nov. 17



## 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 MUSEUM & ARCHIVES**

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

**Please don't hurt us!**

**Help keep our waters clean**





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

**Plastic bags, bottles and trash wash into the Stormwater system and we can mistake it for food or get stuck.**

**Please, throw your trash away**

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

# How do you receive flood warnings?



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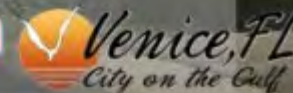


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Answer: D. All of the Above

Sign up for the Venice's Code RED Today  
and keep a weather alert radio in your  
emergency kit

To sign up Visit [venicegov.com](http://venicegov.com)






## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



**BUSINESS  
SHOWCASE**  **VENICE AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Come See Us !!!**  
Friday and Saturday!  
Oct. 4th & 5th

**Venice Community Center**  
326 Nokomis Ave S. Venice, FL 34285



*Refer  
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The Italian American Club of Venice  
Invites you to....

**A Columbus Day  
Celebration**  
**\*Dinner & Dancing\***

**Saturday, October 5th, 2019**

**Social & Cocktails begins @ 5:00 pm**  
(Cash Bar)


**Followed by Dinner @ 6:00 pm**  
Catered by: **IAV**

**Entertainment & Dancing 7:00 to 10:00 pm**  
By The Cruiser


**Tickets: Belores 941-468-9029**

**Donation: Members : \$25.00 per person**  
**Guests: \$30.00 per person**

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



SUPPORT THE FIGHT.



# DONATE BLOOD

#Donate4Life


**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**  
**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**City of Venice**  
**At City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave.**

All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood Cancer Awareness T-shirt, Keychain, a FREE Culver's "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" coupon, a FREE Beall's extra 15% coupon, and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Help us better serve you! Make an appointment online at [www.oneblooddonor.org](http://www.oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code #9354

ID REQUIRED

[oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)  
 1-888-9-DONATE




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

**Saturday  
 October 12  
 2019**

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

**8am - 1pm**

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

**Free Admission**

*Cash/checks only for plant sale.*

[sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota](http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota)  
 941-861-5000



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

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I-75 Exit 205

UF/IFAS Extension  
 Sarasota County



**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

# PUMPKIN PATCH



## Grace United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch

October 13th – October 31st  
Monday – Saturday 9:30am – 7:30pm  
Sunday – 11:30am – 7:30pm

400 Field Ave. E.  
Venice, FL 34285

Pumpkins in all shapes and sizes...for all your needs!!! Prices start as low as \$1.00 and are priced according to the size of the pumpkin that you pick out.

## Now Accepting Applications!



The Academy is a dynamic 8-week program, which begins Tuesday, February 4, 2020 and ends on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Most sessions are from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with the exception of the EVOC, Firearms and Marine Patrol sessions, which begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon.

**\*\* All applicants must pass  
a background investigation.**

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

**19th Amendment  
to the United States Constitution**  
**WOMEN GET THE VOTE**  
*Learn from great re-enactors about two women  
who fought for women getting the vote.*

**TUESDAY • OCTOBER 15, 2019 • 7PM**

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

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

**TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 19, 2019 • 7PM**

**JEANETTE RANKIN**




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

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

Programs are held at the Unitarian Universalist  
 Congregation, 1971 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL.  
 No reservations necessary. 941-412-0151

**VeniceAreaHistoricalSociety.org**

*The Betty Intagliata Lecture Series,  
 sponsored by the Venice Area  
 Historical Society, with permanent  
 funding provided by the Bill Jervay,  
 Jr. Charitable Foundation.*

**City of Venice Monthly Bicycle Ride**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each  
 month @ 10 a.m.

**DATE CHANGE!**  
**OCTOBER RIDE IS**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16**

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

Please remember to  
 bring your bike and  
 helmet.

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

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

**Venice, FL**  
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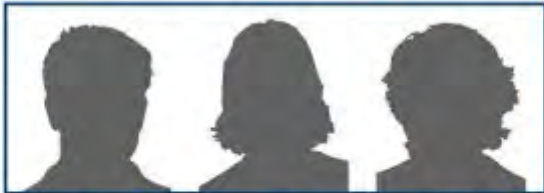






## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

# ***Venice City Council Candidates Forum Venice City Hall***



***Meet the Candidates  
WEDNESDAY  
Oct. 16th 7PM  
Open To All  
Sponsored by the Venice Aviation Society, Inc.***



## **CELEBRATE VENICE'S LATEST HOME FOR HISTORY!**

Join us **October 17th at 10:00 am** for the  
ribbon cutting of the

### **JULIA COUSINS LANING AND DALE LANING ARCHIVES & RESEARCH CENTER.**

This will be the public's first look at the center, including  
behind the scenes into the collections storage areas.

Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center

224 Milan Avenue West, Venice, FL 34285

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

**Women's Sertoma Club of Venice**



Free Admission SunFiesta.net

**October 18, 19 & 20 - 2019**  
**Friday 5 pm-10 pm**  
**Saturday 9 am-10pm & Sunday 9 am-7pm**

- Arts and Crafts Vendors
- 5K Race, Bed Race & Parade
- Beer and Wine Tent
- Kids Korner
- Food Vendors
- Live Entertainment and Music
- Miss Sun Fiesta Pageant
- Raffle and Auction
- Sun Fiesta T-Shirts








**Centennial Park - Downtown Venice**  
 All Proceeds to Benefit Local Charities and Scholarships

Major Event Sponsors

# YOGA

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**With over 40 Years' Experience**

**Yoga for all Abilities**

**Mornings With Elin**  
**Daily 8AM**

**Sunset Yoga**  
**Mon thru Thu 6:00 PM**

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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

## Fertilize Less

## Enjoy Florida More!

Summer June 1 – September 30



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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information visit:

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


## Fertilize Less

## Enjoy Florida More!

Winter October 1 – May 31



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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information visit:

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


## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

You are invited to view the 1976 vintage film

## "HISTORY OF VENICE"

Friday, OCTOBER 18, 2019 - 2:00 PM

William H. Jervy, Jr. Venice Public Library  
COMMUNITY ROOM

Presented by *Venice Heritage*



Venice aerial 1959

The film was produced by Hack Swain  
For First National Bank of Venice  
As part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration

Film includes conversations with individuals who helped create the city

Descendants of early Venice settlers  
will be present to answer questions

**\* REFRESHMENTS \***

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Only 157 seats available

# Venice Haunted History Walking Tour With Ghost Hunting Tips/Tricks

**10/16, 10/22, 10/25**

**7:00 PM**

**\$15 PER PERSON (CASH ONLY)**

**Reservations Required**

**Facebook.com/VeniceFloridaTours**  
**VeniceFloridaTours@yahoo.com**

**817-793-8433**



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF VENICE  
INVITES YOU TO AN ADULT



# Spooktacular Halloween Party



**SATURDAY, OCT. 26TH**

\*BEWITCHING HOUR 5:30 PM\*

\*CASH BAR & NIBBLES\*

\*DINING AT 6:30 PM\*

CATERED BY  
**CAFE' VENICE**

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE ?  
A SPOOKTACULAR DESSERT

**MUSIC BY THE FLASHBACKS \*SONNY & SABLE\***  
7 TO 10 PM.

**COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!**

GHOUISH FUN, FOOD & SPOOKS

DONATION:	MEMBERS	\$25.00 PER SKELETON
	GUESTS	\$30.00 PER SKELETON
TICKET:	DELORES	941-468-9029






# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB  
OF VENICE  
INVITES YOU TO A

## CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN BASH

**SUNDAY, OCT. 27TH**  
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

**FOOD! FUN! PRIZES! TREATS!**  
JOIN US FOR 'TREATS' NOT 'TRICKS'!  
CHILDREN 10 YEARS OLD & UNDER!  
(MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

**\*\*\*COSTUMES ARE REQUIRED\*\*\***

Info: call Mary 941-485-5764

Compliments of "The Italian American Club of Venice"




## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



**A Walk for Parkinson's**

Register Now!



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

MOVING DAY NATIONAL PARTNERS











**PEOPLE WHO MOVE  
CHANGE THE WORLD.**



**Register & Start Fundraising Today!**

**MovingDayVenice.org**

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

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

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





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## Venice Historic Walking Tour

Presented by Venice Florida Tours



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

**Saturdays and Sundays**

Tour covers all of the following and much more!

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Chalk Festival

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



## GARDEN OF WONDERS

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

## Volunteers Needed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chalk Festival Office  
200 Base Ave E.  
Venice 34285  
(941) 488-8877

Avenida de Colores 501c3 not-for-profit.

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## Venice MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Wants You! 

### Become a Docent

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

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

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

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



**For an application... call (941) 486-2487**  
email [vmuseum@venicegov.com](mailto:vmuseum@venicegov.com)  
[www.venicemuseum.org](http://www.venicemuseum.org)  
or visit 351 Nassau St. South (Mon-Wed, 10-4)



2019 Annual

Gala



Join us on  
November 16, 2019  
at 6:30 pm for  
an elegant evening of  
dinner, dancing, cocktails  
and a live auction at  
Plantation Golf & Country Club

*Featuring*

MAESTRO  
TROY QUINN  
and THE GALA ORCHESTRA  
with Guest Artists from  
WESTCOAST  
BLACK THEATRE TROUPE


Tickets and Sponsorships:  
941-207-8822  
[TheVeniceSymphony.org](http://TheVeniceSymphony.org)

*Proceeds benefit orchestra  
and music education programs*

Karissa Ratzenboeck, Violinist



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## Historic Bicycle Tour


**Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am**

The Historic Bicycle Ride is a short casual pace bicycle ride around Venice. Please join us.

Led by Venice Museum and Archives Staff and Darlene Culpepper.



R.S.V.P. to Darlene as spaces are limited:  
[dculpepper@venicegov.com](mailto:dculpepper@venicegov.com)  
 Helmets required to ride.



## 1927 Historic Venice Train Depot

### HOURS

Saturday 10AM - 1PM  
 All Year  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
 10AM - 3PM  
 November - April

*Free Tours & Exhibits  
 provided by*



**941-412-0151**  
 303 East Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285  
[veniceareahistoricalsociety.org](http://veniceareahistoricalsociety.org)

For Group Tours, email:  
[depot@veniceareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:depot@veniceareahistoricalsociety.org)

1927 Historic Venice Train Depot  
 Venice Area Historical Society 

## WATERING RULES

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

**Even addresses on Tuesdays**

**Odd addresses on Thursdays**

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

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

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

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

## Watch city meetings

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

In the middle of the homepage at left, click on the Meetings button, find the meeting you want to view, look to the right of it and click on Agenda, click open and view. To watch City meetings, instead of clicking on Agenda, click on Video or "In progress" to stream live. Meetings are also available for viewing anytime online generally the day after they are held.

## Applications sought for 2020 Citizens Police Academy

The Venice Police Department is currently accepting applications for its 2020 Citizens Police Academy. The Academy is a dynamic 8-week program that begins Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, and ends on Saturday, March 28, 2020. This opportunity allows individuals to understand and appreciate local law enforcement practices.



The Academy is free of charge and encompasses hands-on, interactive scenarios to allow an insightful experience of a "day in the life" of an officer. Participants may fire police-issued weapons, ride in a police vessel, learn about crime scene techniques and collect evidence. Most sessions are from 2-5 p.m. with the exception of the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), Firearms and Marine Patrol sessions, which begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon.

Applications can be found online at [www.venicegov.com/government/police/community-programs/citizens-police-academy](http://www.venicegov.com/government/police/community-programs/citizens-police-academy). Download the application, fill it out and return it to VPD Administrative Assistant Babette Chovan at [bchovan@venicegov.com](mailto:bchovan@venicegov.com).

A limited amount of openings are available and City of Venice residents or business owners/operators will receive first consideration to attend the academy. All applicants must pass a background investigation.