



Advocating For Our Community

PARCELS FROM *Paradise*

KEEPING VENETIAN RESIDENTS CONNECTED...

Published by the VGRCCA as a service to our members and residents of the Venetian Golf and River Club.

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Parcels from Paradise is the monthly publication of the VGRC Community Association. We thank those members who provide the financial resources for the costs associated with its publication. If you are reading this edition and are not a member of the Community Association, we would hope you would consider being one of the many members who financially supports its production.

MOVING FORWARD

The VGRCCA board decided on co-presidents because it took two people to fill the role Roger Effron handed off to us! We don't envision any significant changes for the VGRCCA, and we will continue to function as a service organization benefiting our community and our members in tandem. We'll keep watch over development issues in NE Venice and what's happening with the Laurel Road widening project and the new City Park. We also plan to keep up good relations with City and County officials so we can learn and publicize important information that may benefit our residents. We'll keep on advocating for our community in every way possible.

As for our "on property" functions, the Hurricane Readiness Team fills a vital role when disaster strikes, while the Laurel Road cleanup group and the flag placement volunteers perform their jobs regularly. Our seminar and event schedule is being organized now for the coming season, and we have confirmations already from speakers and hosts for most of the popular regular events while adding some new ones. Being an election year, the candidate forum in early October will start things off. Also, we will continue to promote the "Wall of Something" as a valuable resource for our community. And, the very popular "Parcels from Paradise" will continue to be published monthly!

We thank our members for your continued financial support and welcome your feedback!

Tom Jones
Mark Faford



Helping Out Your Community in a Patriotic Way

April showers bring May flowers is thought to be the reason in 1868 General John Logan, 3rd Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, ordered May 30th as a day of remembrance for those who died serving in the Civil War. Establishing a day of remembrance at the end of May would ensure enough flowers would be in bloom that could be used to decorate the graves of the Civil War dead.

After World War I, this annual day of remembrance, known as Decoration Day, evolved to include all those service members who died fighting for our country. As the years progressed, Decoration Day was also referred to as Memorial Day. In 1967, Congress officially changed the name from Decoration Day to Memorial Day. Shortly thereafter in 1971, Congress designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day to honor all who have died defending our country.

This year the Venetian Community Association will again observe Memorial Day by lining our community entrance and the River Club traffic circle with the Stars and Stripes. Those wishing to volunteer placing flags should meet at the old Welcome Center parking lot at 8:30 am on Friday, May 24th. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Thank you for reading *Parcels*. If you have a story idea click on "reply" and let us know.

VISIT: www.vgrcca.org

OUTSIDE THE GATES

1st Annual Venice Brew Fest Saturday, May 18

Come spend the afternoon sipping on locally brewed beers at the Venice Brew Fest! With live music, food, drink, and a plethora of beers poured by 15+ breweries, you'll surely not want to miss this event! Your general admission ticket will get you into the beer tasting from noon - 4 PM or upgrade to a VIP ticket that will get you in at 11am, access into the VIP tent to hangout with the local brewers and have access to preferred parking. The event schedule is as follows:

- 11:00 AM: Gate opens for VIP ticket holders
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Music by Doug Burns
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Vendor tents and food trucks
- 12:00 PM: Gate opens for General Admission ticket holders
- 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Music by 2 Doors Down
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Music by 776 Band



Interested in a Seat at the Venice City Council Table?

Qualifying week for the 2024 election runs from noon, Aug. 19 to noon, Aug. 23, so there is time for other candidates to file for either Seats 3 or 4. There is no primary race, so the candidate with the most votes will win the seat, even if they have less than 50% of the vote plus one. This last happened in 2019, when Ron Feinsod won a three-way race for mayor with 40.1% of the vote. Currently council members serve as many as three consecutive three-year terms and then must take a one-year hiatus before serving again. For details about filing, click on <https://www.venicegov.com/government/city-clerk/election/candidates-for-municipal-office/candidate-faqs>. Kelly Michaels, the City of Venice's Clerk, has all the answers. Her phone number is 941-882-7390.

Hunkering Down

Like an annual ritual, many folks go northward in April and May leaving their neighbors and friends guarding the ranch. But there are some benefits of staying behind, including:

- ☀ Getting served quickly at Publix's Deli Counter.
- ☀ Rapidly being seated at a restaurant sans reservation.
- ☀ Getting a doctor's appointment in the week you call.
- ☀ Selecting your own lounge chair at the swimming pool.
- ☀ Finding a close beach parking spot in order to easily "schlept" your gear to that right sunspot.
- ☀ Relying on the constant rain to water your outside plants.
- ☀ Making it to the UTC without a traffic jam around the Clark Rd. exit.
- ☀ Avoiding any beefs or gripes with your neighbors.
- ☀ Doing nothing because there is often nothing to do.

Look There First

Have you ever uttered these words?

Dam it, my microwave isn't working, and I want to pop some Orville R. popcorn with extra butter.

My heel came out off of my Jimmy Choo's \$600 pair of shoes. is there a shoe repair place nearby?

I just moved to Venice and I'm looking for an estate attorney to change my will to fit Florida laws.

So where do you start? How do I find out the answer to my question?

Probably the easiest thing to do is go to the Wall of Something www.vgrcca.org/wallofsomething to find a recommendation from a fellow resident. The Wall is part of the Community Association's newly revised website and is accessible only to Venetian residents.

We ask all residents that if you experienced great service from an individual vendor, organization, company, etc. put it on the Wall so other residents can benefit from your experience.

(Parcels responses to the opening questions)

A very reliable and reasonable company to repair your microwave is locally owned Appliance Specialist at 941-456-0300.

Yes, the closest shoe repair shop to fix your Jimmy Choo shoes is TipTop Shoe Repairs located where Tamiami branches off to Englewood, next to the Cadillac dealer.

There are many estate lawyers in the area. The best way to find that perfect counsel is to ask your neighbor as to who he/she used.

Final note...After you finish this edition of Parcels, go to the Wall and enter your "service" recommendation..... www.vgrcca.org/wallofsomething If it is your first time, please read the brief directions as to gain "admittance."

THE WALL OF SOMETHING

An Electronic Bulletin Board for all Venetian Residents!



Visit us at www.vgrcca.us and Click the wall of something

OUTSIDE THE GATES QUICKIES

- Noticed an area being developed shortly beyond Willow Chase on Laurel Road. Word has it that it will be a Doctor's Office.
- Circle K Convenience Store and Gas Station is now open. Note that to enter the station you must go through the main entrance at Plaza Venezia. Gas is reasonable if you join their "Inner Circle Program."
- The new Wellen Park Costco opens the first week of June.
- Probably the number one question posed over the years is what is being developed at the corner of Mission Valley and Laurel Rd.? The newest question is when will it be completed? The answer to the first question is that it is just a residential home. The second answer is sometime in the 21st century.
- **Make it an evening by attending the Venice Symphony Annual Patriotic Pops Concert.** This outstanding concert, held at Cool Park (home of the Atlanta Braves), ends with amazing and ear popping fireworks. The concert will be held on Saturday, May 25th. Details about the event and tickets can be found at <https://www.thevenicesymphony.org/tvs-events/non-spektrix-event-test>
- No word yet on the Judge's ruling regarding the proposed Shopping Center across from the Venetian.

No matter where you are, have a safe and enjoyable summer!

CANINE CORNER

Even Rover needs to find something to do this summer and there is an opportunity for him to learn more and have some fun. It's the Greater Venice Florida Dog Club (<https://venicedogclub.com>) at 250 Center Court. It is an air-conditioned facility off of Center Rd. near Rt. 41. Most likely you will be taught by an experienced, patient trainer, **Bess Walmsley**. Her contact information is phone/text, 941-232-9397 and her email is K9bestmanners@yahoo.com

Ms. Walmsley also offers private lessons at your home for those dogs that may need a little more instruction.

Below are the classes offered this summer:

Tuesday, May 28, 2024:

Pet Manners/Basic Obedience at 6:00 PM
AKC Star Puppy at 7:15 PM

Wednesday, May 29, 2024:

AKC Star Puppy at 9:30 AM
Pet Manners/Basic Obedience at 11:00 AM
Basic Obedience Level 2/ Canine Good Citizen at 12:15 PM

Friday, May 31, 2024:

Small Dog Fungility (20 lbs. and under) at 10:00 AM
Large/Medium Dog Fungility at 11:30 AM
Mixed Sizes of Dogs Fungility at 7:00 PM

Fungility is a combination of obedience and easy agility that's fun and yet builds a dog's self-confidence, trust and is a great bonding tool. All classes are 5 weeks long and are held at the Venice Dog Club.



“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much”
~ H. Keller



Membership Enrollment Form

Your Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association membership demonstrates the value you place on living in this community. For more information, visit our informative website, www.vgrcca.org

Your membership will provide the necessary financial support providing for the:

- Publication of the monthly Parcels from Paradise distributed to all Venetian households
- Continuation of the Hurricane Response Team, activated during an approaching hurricane
- Support for the Wall of Something, an electronic messaging board for members
- Scheduling of exciting seminars and events including Shredfest, Bike-O-Rama, CPR training and a host of presentations made by local experts

Quick Facts about the VGRCCA:

- Formed in 2008, the Community Association has a long and successful record of community engagement
- Managed by a volunteer Board of up to 11 members
- A history of approximately 60-70% of the Venetian residents who join
- Board meetings once a month, open to residents and accessible on Zoom
- Strong emphasis on communications to residents

There are two ways to join:

1. On-line at <http://www.vgrcca.org/membership>
We accept credit cards and use Pay Pal as our secure server.
2. Write a check, payable to **VGRC Community Association** and mail with this form to:
Treasurer
230 Padova Way
North Venice, FL 34275

Membership Dues Per Household

(Please Check Appropriate Line):

SIGN UP	TERM DUES
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Years (best deal)	\$70 (\$20 discount)
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Years	\$50 (\$10 discount)
<input type="checkbox"/> One Year	\$30

MEMBER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT AND PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION):

NAME: _____

PREFERRED TELEPHONE #: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDITIONAL NAME: _____

PREFERRED TELEPHONE #: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

VENETIAN ADDRESS: _____

OTHER MAILING ADDRESS: _____