

PARCELS

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October 2026

GETTING STARTED



Flying High with Food

Have you been to the restaurant at the Airport? No, we are not talking about SRQ but rather the restaurant, **Suncoast Cafe** at the Venice Municipal Airport. It's been open for many years serving every day, except Monday and Tuesday. It has that "diner" feel plus you have large windows looking out at all the airport activities. Service is ultra-friendly, atmosphere is perfect and the food is excellent accompanied by a Caribbean flavor.

Providing Input to Park Master Plan

The city is stating on its new Park Master Plan and seeks your input. There will be individual surveys as well as community meetings. Please check the information at the end of Parcels. Hopefully you will take a moment and participate.

It Really Matters

The Community Association has recently seen an increase in donations from residents. These generous contributions help offset rising costs, including insurance, printing and routine operating expenses. Notably, the Association has not raised dues in nearly 20 years of serving the community. If you would like to show your appreciation for the services it provides, please visit www.vgrcca.org/membership.



Thank you for reading PARCELS. If you have a story idea, click on "REPLY" and let us know!

VISIT: www.vgrcca.org

Wall of Something....Start Climbing

The Wall of Something is an electronic bulletin board created by the Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association (VGRCCA) exclusively for the use of current VGRC residents. This Wall is a Messaging “Bulletin Board” not a “Chat Room” and is administered by volunteers. You will find items posted For Sale, Free, For Rent, In Search Of, To Lend, Recommendations, and What’s Cookin’. Because the Wall is for our residents only, you need to request an invitation to join the Wall. Once you go through the simple invitation process once, you will only need to go to the Community Association website, vgrcca.org, and click on the Wall of Something tab to access it without inputting any username or password. Check out the Instructional Video on how to post an item. You may reach out to the Administrator for assistance if needed.



Have you found a Service Provider that you highly recommend? Our neighbors are looking for trustworthy recommendations. If you found a tree removal company, handyman, closet installer, house cleaner, pet groomer, or dog walker, (just to name a few) PLEASE write a post in Recommendations and select the appropriate category.

Are you still looking for a Service Provider? If you are searching for a particular item to buy, a service provider, or need a recommendation, etc. write about it in ISO. **ISO = In Search Of.**

Please help us clean up the Wall. If you have posted something for sale or rent, and the item is no longer available or it is for rent in another season, please delete or update your post. If you made a post and it is no longer relevant, please delete it. For example, if you were in search of something and you found it, either delete your post or turn it into a recommendation of a service provider, for example. You may reach out to the Administrator for assistance if needed.

Questions on using the Wall of Something? Email us at vgrccawall@gmail.com. The Wall is staffed by 1 volunteer. We try to answer everyone's request within 24 to 48 hours.



Unique Storage Unit on Border

You might have seen a sign on Border Rd., shortly after your turn right from Jacaranda coming from the Venetian. There are two storage units slated for the land area. One of them will be a specialty storage unit for expensive and classic cars and an area within that building housing expensive wine collections. Very few of these unique storage bins can be found in this Sarasota area. The other storage facility on the property will be the usual bring anything you want to store.

Resident Orientation and Refresher

The Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association (VGRCCA) is presenting its Resident Orientation on **Tuesday, October 20, 9:00 am to 11:00 am** at the River Club. Watch your email for when registration opens up.

This event is open to all residents, and you must register to attend. New residents (including annual renters) who moved to VGRC since 2024 are encouraged to sign up for the event. Get all your questions answered about the “Alphabet Soup” and learn what the CDD, POA, your HOA, and the VGRCCA provide our residents here in Paradise.

Take Notice

The following is a special announcement from our POA...

Please be advised that ongoing repairs to the community boardwalk will continue throughout the month of October. During this time, there may be temporary closures, restricted access, or other inconveniences as repair work is completed. Your cooperation is imperative to ensure everyone's safety, particularly around areas where construction and repair activities are taking place. For your safety, please follow all posted signs, barriers, and instructions and avoid entering restricted areas. We appreciate your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we work to complete these necessary repairs and maintain a safe environment for our community.

HALFWAY THERE

**Golf Outing Benefiting Charity**

The 10th Annual Venetian Veterans Charity Golf Event will be held on **Thursday, November 5th**, at the Venetian Golf Club. The event will begin with an opening ceremony at 8:30 am with a Marine ROTC color guard, the singing of the National Anthem by the Silver Foxes of the Venice Theater and a flyover featuring the Missing Man Formation. A shotgun start Four-Person Scramble will follow the ceremony, with lunch afterwards. Details for event registration will be forthcoming from the Venetian Pro Shop in the near future.

All proceeds from the event go to the Bay Pines Fisher House. In the past 9 years this charity event has raised over \$120,000.00 for the Bay Pines Fisher House. Guests of members are certainly welcome on that day, so if you have a friend who is a member give him/her a shout out urging him/her to sign up with your name as part of the foursome. You will have a great time!

Ads in Parcels

If you desire to place an advertisement in Parcels, it is a great way to connect to our community. In this edition a larger ad option is being introduced. The VGRCCA appreciates those who place an advertisement, thus reducing the cost of publishing Parcels. As with most newsletters, we do not endorse any specific advertisement.

For more information, contact vgrcca@gmail.com.



The Question of Insignificance

In the event you have nothing to do, Parcels wanted to pose to our loyal readers an insignificant question. The question is “How many food items (except lunch) are on a Chinese Restaurant Menu”? For that answer go to www.vgrcca.org to see how close you are to that number. And remember in terms of the big picture, it’s insignificant.

Strike Up the Symphony

The popular and city gem Venice Symphony begins its season in October. The Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Troy Quinn, provides a wide range of music for all types of listeners. The Symphony also offers a number of Big Band concerts. There are Venetian residents who perform in the Big Band. Check out <https://www.thevenicesymphony.org/> for the season’s listings. This is a great event for your weekend date.



Knock Your Socks Off IV

Attached is another copy of the very popular “Knock Your Socks Off” seminars and events series. Look at the wide variety of educational topics plus those return favorites such as CPR training, Bike-O-Rama and SharPfest. Might as well start storing your stuff in anticipation of the February Shredfest/Goodwill and Junkfest. This series becomes another amenity to the list already in place. So, get your calendars out and start the list of events you want to attend.



A Special Call Out

If you attended last year’s Shredfest/Junkfest/Goodwill event, you noticed the “Bucket Boys” (two “young-looking” male CA Board members) with buckets accepting donations from passing cars as a way of thanking the Community Association for putting on this free event and defraying the costs for hosting this activity. To ensure gender equality we are putting out the call for **two Bucket Girls** for this year’s event. It’s about ninety minutes of your time and according to the Bucket Boys, a wonderful uplifting experience engaging with the residents.

C’mom, ladies, give it a try. If interested or have questions, send your contact information to vgrcca@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you.



SMH Increases Services

The VGRC is so fortunate in having Sarasota Memorial Hospital just a few miles away. Now, more good news. They have purchased a building on Curry Lane (off of Pinebrook) which will be used for gastroenterologist and expansion of services offered by the Jellison Cancer Institute.

You've Got to Move It, Move It!

Did you know that any amount of physical activity can provide immediate benefits, including reduced anxiety, lower blood pressure, and improved sleep? Over time, regular physical activity can also reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers. Staying active can improve physical function and help older adults maintain their independence. Regular movement and exercise may also help protect against osteoporosis and age-related loss of muscle mass—particularly important for older adults, who may be at greater risk for falls and fall-related injuries. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recommends that you “take it slow”. Start with activities that match your current fitness level, then gradually increase the frequency and intensity as your fitness improves. The key is to make physical activity part of your regular routine. And remember, exercise doesn't have to mean going to the gym! Walking, doing household chores, gardening, swimming, dancing, or playing with your grandchildren all count as physical activity. Planning activities for the time of day when you feel most energetic can also make it easier to stay active. For workout videos—including a series of 15-minute workouts—and examples of exercises, visit the NIH YouTube channel. If you have a chronic health condition or an injury, talk with your doctor about appropriate activities and how to increase your activity safely.



So, what are you waiting for? Get moving!

Unusual Incident in North Venice

Police responded to a reported home invasion and gunfire near the 3600 block of Laurel Road, about a mile from VGRC. After a pursuit, officers arrested two suspects near Willow Chase and a Venice Police Department (“VPD”) Labrador retriever recovered the stolen gun. Thanks to VPD and assisting agencies for their swift response leading to the capture of the bad guys.

Breaking Ground Near the Dollar Tree.

Notice when driving west on Laurel Rd. near the Dollar Tree a large area of land is being cleared. What's happening? It will be the site for Pool Corp, a Fortune 500 Corporation (<https://www.poolcorp.com/>). The firm's inventory includes a diverse range of products from pool creation materials, replacement parts, pumps, heaters, filters, spas, lanai furniture, and other pool care products. The proposed regional wholesale Sales and Distribution Center will occur in a single-story building of 40,800 sq. ft.

ALMOST THERE!

Venice Crossings

*Parcels reached out to the developer to get more information about the Venice Crossings. The cooperation from the developer was outstanding and what he furnished below gives a picture of this major development in the area. **When reading this story please note the Venice Crossing map.***

We are nearing completion of the “site work” for the entire 82 acre Venice Crossing development – i.e. cleared, ponds created, storm water piping installed and all utilities in place to each of the 16 parcels. The County asked us to provide them a very large (regional) lift station which is right in the middle of our site in front of the Walmart parcel and that will be operational shortly. It will initially serve only our development but it is designed to accept flow from the Talon Preserve coming down Honore into our adjacent project (Honore Vista), around the bend in Twin Laurel Blvd which is still privately owned by 2 homeowners, and then down the rest of Twin Laurel Blvd (which we are paving as part of the project now) and to the lift station which has a 12'x 25' wet well – which is then pumped via (3) alternating 60hp pumps back to Laurel Road via a new 12" force main pipe. All that said, we will complete with our ‘site work’ by November. What remains?

1. Twin Laurel Blvd – as noted above we are paving – work is permitted and has started – will be done in 60 days.
2. New Chillingham signal (at the Reserve) and our east entrance – a new traffic signal will be installed this Fall – work starts this week on the footers, and it should be operational by yearend 2026.
3. Laurel Road – we will totally redo Laurel over the 2000+ feet of frontage we have, adding turn lanes and a new bike path on the north side. An amendment to the previously approved plans is being reviewed by the County now (given the addition of the new signal noted) and work should occur by yearend 2026.

Retailers – as we finish the work noted above this year, we have the following folks who are starting construction on individual parcels:

1. Walmart – just had a neighborhood workshop and will be submitting their S & D (**Site & Development**) plans shortly – they plan to start construction in summer 2027 and open summer 2028.
2. Home Depot – already under construction – plan to open summer 2027.
3. On Laurel Road from west to east:
 - a. Texas Roadhouse – (on October 6 Planning Commission agenda for final S&D approval) construction will start in October and should open next summer 2027
 - b. Next parcel is TBD
 - c. Brahman entrance (across from Laurel Nokomis School)
 - d. Walmart gas – Walmart has a separate fuel parcel which will open with their superstore summer 2028
 - e. Mavis Tires and Brakes – approved and starting construction in October – should open next summer
 - f. Lightning-Fast Car Wash – approved and will start construction by yearend 2026 – should open fall 2027
 - g. Heartland Dental – just getting ready to submit the S&D application – will start construction next Spring and open by end of year 2027
 - h. Next parcel is TBD
 - i. Panda Express – approved and will start construction by yearend 2026 and open next Summer
 - j. Chillingham Avenue entrance (across from Reserve apts)
 - k. Chick-fil-A – going thru approvals now and will start construction next April and open Fall 2027
 - l. Whataburger – going thru approvals now and will start construction early 2027 and open late summer 2027
 - m. Chipotle – going thru approvals (on Planning Commission's October 6 agenda for final S&D approval) – construction expected to start October and should open next summer 2027
 - n. PNC Bank – just starting design now and will start construction next spring and open by end-of-year 2027
 - o. TBD – we have a 4.5 acre parcel available and TBD at the moment on the far west side (north of Texas Roadhouse and the parcel next to it)

Again, we applaud the developer for providing this outstanding report.

FINAL THOUGHTS



Do you have grandchildren or great-grandchildren around 18 years old? If so, give them a call on November 2nd and remind them to vote on November 3rd. With so much going on in their lives, first-time voters may simply forget. A call from Grandpa or Grandma explaining how important every vote is to our democracy could provide just the encouragement they need to step away from the computer and cast their first ballot in a national election.



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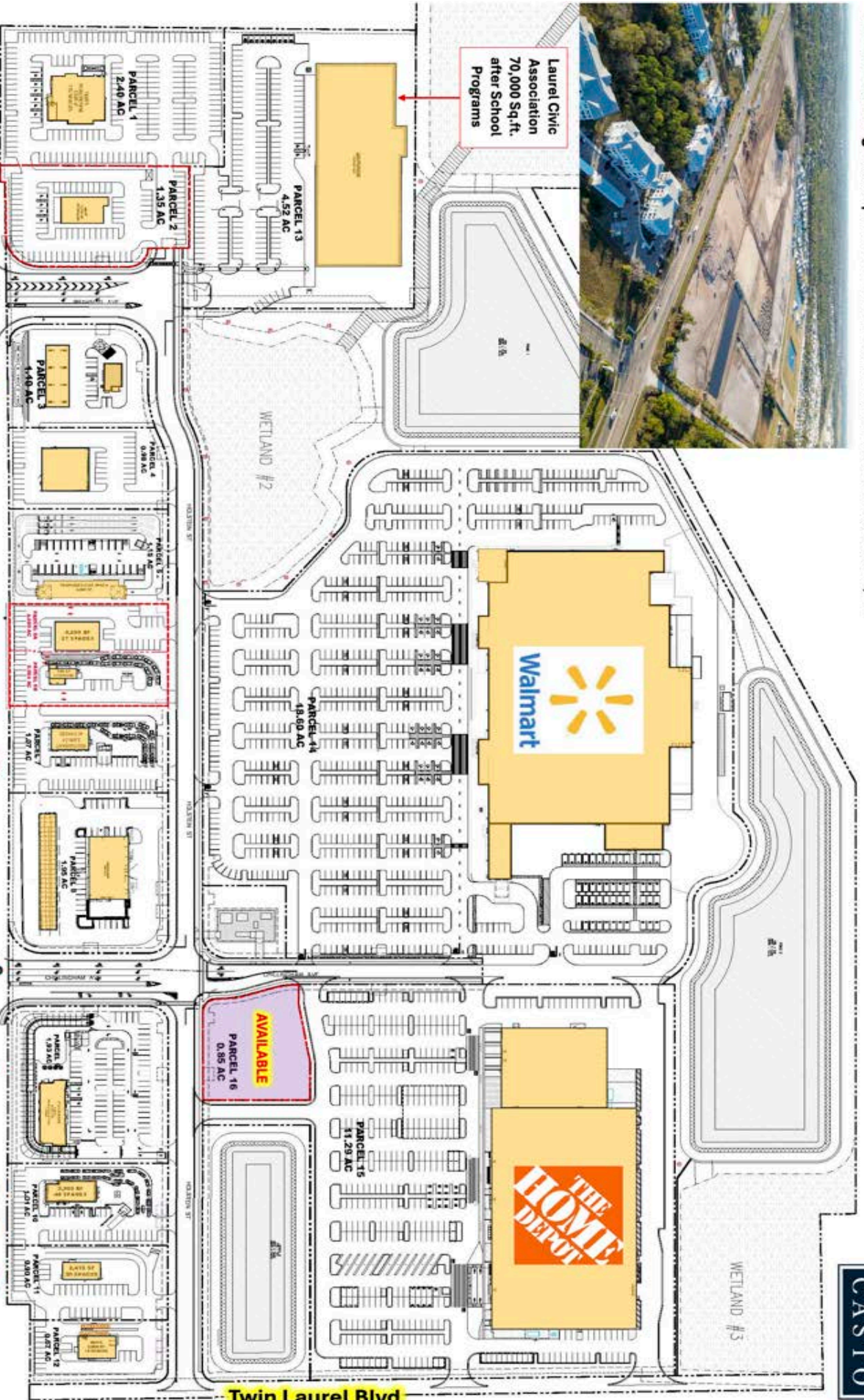
QUALITY INSTALLS

CLEAR COMMUNICATION

Venice Crossing Retail | NWC of Laurel Rd & Twin Laurel Blvd Venice, FL



Laurel Civic Association
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Membership Enrollment Form

The Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association, formed in 2008, has a long and successful record of community engagement with a strong emphasis on communication to residents.

Your membership demonstrates the value you place on living in this community. For more information, visit our website, **vgrcca.org** or send a message to **vgrcca@gmail.com**.

Your membership provides the necessary financial support for:

- Publication of the monthly *Parcels from Paradise* newsletter
- Hurricane Response Team
- Wall of Something – a community bulletin board
- Exciting seminars presented by local experts and events including Shredfest, Bike-O-Rama and CPR training

There are 2 ways to join and/or make a donation:

1. On-line at **vgrcca.org/membership** We accept credit cards and use Pay Pal as our secure server.
2. Write a check, payable to VG&RC Community Association and mail with this form to:

Membership
230 Padova Way
North Venice, FL 34275

Membership Dues Per Household

(Please Check Appropriate Line):

SIGN UP

TERM DUES

- ☐ Three Years (best deal) \$70 (\$20 discount)
- ☐ Two Years \$50 (\$10 discount)
- ☐ One Year \$30

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY DONATION:

\$

*If you appreciate the value of *Parcels*, Seminars, Hurricane Response and other contributions of the Community Association, please consider making a donation in excess of required dues.*

MEMBER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT AND PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION):

NAME and ADDITIONAL NAME: _____

PREFERRED TELEPHONE #'s: _____

ALL E-MAIL ADDRESSES: _____

VENETIAN ADDRESS: _____

OTHER MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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Knock Your Socks Off IV

To astound or greatly impress someone

The **VGRC Community Association** is proud to present its 2026-27 series of events and seminars referred to as the **Knock Your Socks Off IV** season. As you peruse the list, you will see some new and exciting events as well as repeats of previous resident favorites. We will elaborate on all of these events via our monthly newsletter, **Parcels from Paradise**. Get your calendar out and mark those events you would like to attend.

Seminars & Events 2026



October 6, 10:00am
Candidate Forum
Venice City Council

Meet the candidates for the 2 open seats.



October 13, 5:00pm
"Dealing with Difficult People"

Insights and tips from Dr. Cortman, a noted and entertaining psychologist.



November 10, 10:00am
CPR/Use of AED

Venice Fire Department: hands-on training for residents.



November 14, 9:00am-2:00pm
SharPfest Location:
Golf Course Parking Lot

Bring your tools and kitchen knives for this wonderful service, at a reasonable cost.



November 17, 5:00pm
Venice History Museum

"Ten things to know about Venice for cocktail parties"



December 15, 5:00pm
"Current Scams"

Venice Police Department: Latest update of current predatory scams.

December 7, 5:00pm
"Memory Loss /Reversing Alzheimer's Disease"

Learn from Dr. Glenn of The Carroll Institute how to reverse cognitive decline and restore hope.



Seminars & Events 2027



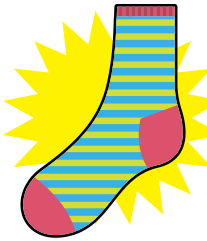
January 12, 5:00pm "Sea Turtle Biology / Nesting Behavior"

Fascinating learnings from the experts at Mote Museum.



January 23, 9-11am Bike-O-Rama

Free maintenance bike inspection by Bicycles International pros.



January 25, 5:00pm "Sports Injuries"

Learn how to prevent sports injuries from an Orthopedic Surgeon.



February 2, 9:00-10:30am Estate Planning

Al Pandl, ESQ, returns with practical advice about getting your estate in order.



February 27, 8:30-10:30am Shredfest/Junkfest/ Goodwill

Bring your unwanted papers, junk & giveaways to this annual, free event.



March 6, 9:00am-2:00pm SharPfest Location: Golf Course Parking Lot

Back by popular demand! Get your tools and kitchen knives sharpened at a reasonable cost.



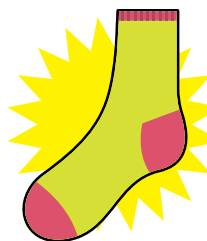
March 15, 4:30pm at the River Club Community Forum

Annual meeting with updates by key local decision makers.



April 13, 5:00pm Sarasota County Mosquito Control

Timely information about mosquito control by local specialists.



April 20, 5:00pm "History of Golf in Sarasota County"

Dr. Goodman returns for a entertaining history lesson.

- Due to space or time limitations, registration will be required. Current Community Association members will receive priority registration.

All events are subject to date/time changes. Please check www.vgrcca.org or scan the QR code at the top of the other side for updated announcements.



Help shape the future of our parks!



Share your ideas and be part of the Venice Parks Master Plan.



Participate!



Public Workshops

Sun Fiesta
Friday, October 16
5pm-8pm
Centennial Park
200 W. Venice Ave

Venice FL Farmers Market
Saturday, October 17
8am-1pm
Venice City Hall
401 W. Venice Ave

Tuesday, October 27
5:30pm-7pm
Venice City Hall
Community Hall
401 W. Venice Ave

Thursday, October 29
11:30am-1:30pm
Venice City Hall
Community Hall
401 W. Venice Ave



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