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•**Publix Opening Date Set** The new Publix will open its doors on August 29 at 8am, so be ready to get in line! This store and shopping area marks what some consider as the start of development in the north Venice area. As far as other stores at the plaza, according to the property manager, they are in the discussion process with a yogurt franchise and sports restaurant. Negotiations are also underway for one of the two outparcels....can you say "Big Mac"! Venetian residents are sure to enjoy and support this new and important shopping area.

•**New Commercial Listing** Yes, things in North Venice are beginning to sprout. On the south side of Laurel Road near CVS, there has been a noticeable For Sale sign. In speaking to the realtor, this is a 10 acre plot zoned for commercial use. The plan is to build a small strip shopping center.

•**Gate Clickers** For those heading back to the Venetian, please remember that your entry gate clicker needs to be re-activated. To do this, please stop by the Castle Management office at the Welcome Center Monday through Friday during normal business hours, or call them at 441-1813. Please bring your clickers and drivers licenses with you. This process is necessary and an important security measure to ensure that the right people have front gate access.

•**Jacaranda Progress** Soon you'll be able to turn left out of the Venetian to head south on Jacaranda Blvd. This new road provides a long awaited secondary outlet for Venetian residents. There will also be a new lane for left turns off Laurel Road going east as you enter into the Venetian. The ribbon-cutting is planned for the end of September, and here's how it looks today.



•**School Is Back in Session** Schools in Sarasota County are open again. For all of us, this means driving carefully and slowly through school zones. The school zone speed limit on Laurel Road is 30mph. However, if you turn left on Albee Farm Rd. it changes to 15 mph. Based on a source very close to *Parcels*, the Sarasota County sheriff carefully monitors cars on Albee Farm Rd.

With schools opening, this will give Venetian residents an opportunity to consider volunteering or mentoring a student. For more details about this wonderful opportunity, contact the Sarasota County Schools at (941) 927-4009

•**Update on Toscana Isles** A number of residents have asked *Parcels* about the status of the new development located on Knights Trail Road called Toscana Isles. *Parcels* contacted the developer who indicated that the project is moving ahead. It will consist of a mix of single and multi-family homes, and the first phase of 296 lots will be single-family home sites. They plan to commence the first phase of development at Toscana the end of this year/beginning of 2014.

•**New Pool Addition** A visible change in the River Club pool area is the addition of two pool lifts, one on the main pool and one for the spa. These lifts will allow physically disabled users to enter the pool and keep the CDD in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Other improvements were made in the pool area during the summer shutdown period.

•**New Entry Lighting** Residents will notice that landscape lights have been added to the bases of the palm trees along our entry way. These low-voltage LED lights provide illumination to the trees and give the boulevard a nicer appearance, plus make the road safer at night.

•**Architectural Review Committee (ARC)** This committee of the POA is staffed by Venetian homeowner volunteers, with assistance from Castle Management. Its job is to ensure compliance by all residents with the appropriate building and landscaping regulations. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm (new time) at the River Club. Please remember that if you are considering painting your house, installing new landscaping or a satellite TV dish, or making any other exterior changes, you must have written approval from the ARC. Please contact Castle at 441-1813 for the proper form.

•**Quality of Life in Venice** On Friday, August 23, the City of Venice will host a workshop entitled “High Tech – High Touch” from 8:30am to noon at City Hall. This is a very unique event that focuses on the quality of life in Venice. For details, visit the City’s website at www.venicegov.com

•**A Peach of a Place** The well-known Detwiler’s Farm Market has found its way to Venice. It’s near the bowling lanes at 1250 Hwy 41 Bypass. This Amish based market has every type of fresh produce, bakery goods, and bulk produce. It plans to add a deli and fish market in the future. The hours are Monday to Saturday from 8am to 7pm. If you visit, you will find the ice cream wonderful, so don’t leave without a cone.

Venetian Calendar

Upcoming meeting dates

These meetings are held at the River Club and are open to all residents:

August 21 – POA board meeting – 10:00 am dliston@castlegroup.com

August 21 – Rules Committee (of the POA) – 3:30 pm dliston@castlegroup.com

(meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 3:30 pm)

Aug. 26 – VCDD board meeting & budget hearing – 1:30 pm www.vcdd.org

Aug. 27 – VGRCCA board meeting – 4:00 pm www.vgrcca.us

Sept. 9 – VCDD board meeting – 9:30 am www.vcdd.org

Sept. 10 – Venetian Architectural Review Committee (ARC) – 2:00 pm

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