



PARCELS FROM *Paradise*

KEEPING VENETIAN RESIDENTS CONNECTED...

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RIGHT IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AT THE VENETIAN

Candidate Forum

The Annual Candidate Forum will be held this year on **Tuesday October 1st at the River Club beginning at 5pm**. With current Mayor Holic reaching his term limit, the Mayor seat is now vacant. The three candidates who will be running for this seat will be featured at the Forum. If you have any questions that you think should be posed to all candidates, please forward them by clicking "Reply" to this email.

Isn't it Simply Beautiful?

The daily summer rain may inconvenience some of us but coming into the Venetian and seeing the beautiful luscious greenery of our golf course makes it much more tolerable. Hopefully as you slow down you will take a moment to look at this beautiful site and say to yourself "I live here." Speaking of the golf course, according to a top level representative of Lennar there is no movement in the sale of the golf course or Welcome Center.

Fire at the Venetian

Recently a home on Medici was hit by lightning resulting in a house fire. A neighbor called 911 and the Venice Fire Department, along with other local departments, responded in full force. The fire was basically contained to the roof area above the garage. Noticeable damage was done. Parcels spoke with a representative of the VFD asking whether our tile roofs serve as a deterrent to lightning strikes. The answer was "no" as lightning can basically go through anything. In this case, once it went through the roof, it ignited also the wood frame and insulation. The fire official stated that lightning has an entrance and exit point and can even go through a soaked piece of wood. With the afternoon thunderstorms and accompanying lightning, first, take cover once you hear that thunder and be vigilant of your home and your neighbor's homes, especially for those where the house may be vacant.



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

Keeping Palms In/ Out Florida Landscapes

The first of two nature seminars sponsored by the VGRC Community Association will be held at the River Club on Monday, November 4, 4 pm. Topics will include palm morphology, planting/transplanting, fertilizing, pruning, diseases and how to increase the odds of keeping palms in our Florida yards. Get it on your calendar now.

Wonderful Veteran Golf Charity Event

The Annual Veterans Day Golf Charity Event this year will take place on **Thursday, November 7th** in the morning at our own Golf Club. Proceeds go to the Fisher House in Tampa, Florida which provides a home away from home for families of those patients/veterans who are recovering in the nearby VA hospital. Fisher Houses are located throughout the country. Details of this wonderful golfing event will be forthcoming. **The event is open to all residents** and includes a golf scramble and a wonderful luncheon where veterans are honored. The opening ceremony for this event is like none other. You do not have to be a veteran or golf member to participate. Get it on your calendar. Details will be available by September 1st.

Hurricane Information for all Residents: Special Care Application

We are approaching the month of September which is the month with the most numerous hurricanes. Your Hurricane Readiness Team, sponsored by the VGRC Community Association, is prepared especially with the training held in July. Are you prepared....extra water; tie downs for furniture; someone or some vendor to put up your shelters; a game plan considering whether stay or evacuate (at least four days ahead of the impending event); food in the pantry if we face a five day power outage?

The second important information is our **Special Care Team**. This team, part of the HRT, will check on those who may need that special care before and after the hurricane. At the end of this edition is a form to be completed if you may require the services of the Special Care Team. Once you complete this form, please drop it off at the receptionist desk at the River Club. Extra forms are available there also.

Community Association Meeting

The next meeting of the VGRC Community Association Executive Board will be held this time on the **third Tuesday of the month, August 20th , 3 pm, at the River Club**. All residents are invited. Most meetings for the VGRC Community Association are regularly held the 4th Wednesday of the month, 3 pm, at the River Club

YOUR VGRC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS KEEPING AN EYE ON

North Venice is Getting Bigger

Venice City Council approved the annexation of what is known as the Rustic Road/Hurt properties, land that is off of Knights Trail. Your Community Association supported this move, as it will benefit us at the Venetian. As part of this, a road will be built that goes from Knights Trail to Honore, which will divert some traffic away from us. Moving the land from Sarasota County to Venice provides us with greater control over what can happen on it. People living in this area will take advantage of Venice services, so Venice might as well get the tax revenue instead of Sarasota County.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Our new neighbors, The Cielo Community

Across the street from the Venetian is a big sign advertising one of the newest communities, Cielo. Parcels reached out to Pat Neal, CEO of Neal Communities regarding early details of Cielo.

His response was: *Cielo will be a family community not unlike our very successful Windwood on Pinebrook just south of Publix. Cielo, like Windwood will be designed as moderate priced homes from the high \$200,000's with family plans, family amenities, and low fees. Families, of course, have the challenge of price and down payment to get into their initial or first move up home. Cielo will be designed with a higher room count than a home for Active Adults with more two-story plans, and cost-effective construction in the Northern Mediterranean Style. Cielo will have no CDD, low fees, and a family recreation area, but no separate pool or amenity package. We contemplate that homes will open at our Grand Opening in October 2019 (currently delayed because of the rains that we have had this Spring). With only 71 lots, we think that it will be fast-selling and successful to an unusual "demographic" in the City of Venice. There is a possibility of a second phase north of the current community with an additional 24 homes of the same product which may start in the Fall of 2020.*



Back to School

The first day of School for Sarasota school youngsters was Monday, August 12th. We should note that our neighborhood school down the road, The Laurel Nokomis School, again achieved last year an "A state rating." Congratulations to Principal Ray Wilson and his wonderful team of educators.

With schools opening, there will be intense monitoring of school zones by local law enforcement. Please slow down and just as a wallet reminder, here are the fines for speeding in a school zone:

-  1 mph to 9 mph over the limit: \$50 (no warnings are issued for school zone violations in Florida)
-  10 mph to 14 mph over the limit: \$200
-  25 mph to 19 mph over the limit: \$300
-  20 mph to 29 mph over the limit: \$350
-  30 to 39 mph over the limit: \$500 (and that's for a first offense!)
-  50 mph or more over the limit: \$2,000 for first-time offender

Speeding in a school zone in Florida may result in additional points added to your license.

Of more importance, Parcels wishes all VGRCC youngsters to have a super great school year!!



And the Oscar goes to _____

Imagine hearing your name stepping up to receive this prestigious award for your great acting. Well, it's not too late to start that career as our own Venice Theatre offers some excellent Adult Classes and Workshops for that budding actor beginning in September. Courses such as Voice class, Acting 2.0 and even "Stand Up Comedy" are offered for a modest cost. Early bird discounts are available if you register by **August 23rd**. For more information, click on VeniceTheatre.org or call the theatre at 941-486-8679. And remember, when you get that award, save Parcels a spot on the red carpet.

SAD..... SIMPLY SAD

Surely all of us share our thoughts and prayers to the families who lost loved ones in the recent shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, OH. Another sad event in our country.





SPECIAL CARE TEAM: A SERVICE OF THE VENETIAN'S HURRICANE READINESS TEAM

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

Secondary Contact with Phone Number if we need to reach someone: _____

Special Instructions: Please explain below the circumstances you face that may require a member of the Hurricane Response Team to check on you:

Please submit your completed form to the receptionist at the River Club.

