



PARCELS FROM *Paradise*

KEEPING VENETIAN RESIDENTS CONNECTED...

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THANKS TO OUR VETERANS

The flags placed on the front driveway by your VGRC Community Association are in honor of Veteran's Day. Thank you, Venetian Veterans for your service to our country.



A PUSH FOR A "BEST OF POST" FOR THE WALL OF SOMETHING!!

Based on requests from residents, four years ago the VGRCCA started an electronic messaging Board called the "Wall of Something." The Wall is for VGRC residents only as all those who post must be Venetian residents. We carefully monitor every posting to avoid political or negative statements. Although many of the postings include items for sale, let's broaden the postings by adding a "BEST OF" category such as:

- The Best of **household services** such as electricians, roofers, appliance repairs, landscapers, plumbers, pest control, etc.
- The Best of local **restaurants** where you have had that wonderful meal and great service, all with health protocols in place.
- The Best of **enjoyable activities** you have participated in during these tough times.
- The Best of movies you have seen on **Netflix, Amazon, Hulu.**
- The Best of **Special Services** such as estate attorneys, physicians, veterinarians, home nursing services.
- The Best of about **Anything Else** you would want your fellow residents to know about.

THE WALL OF SOMETHING

An Electronic Bulletin Board for all Venetian Residents!



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

Let's soon see your Best of Post! In fact, we will have posted a special "Best Of" category on the Wall for your best. CLICK ON WWW.VGRCCA.US/WALLOFSOMETHING to start your "BEST OF...."

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

THE MAN IN THE RED SUIT WILL BE HERE THIS YEAR.

Breakfast with Santa has been a tradition for Venetian residents. However with the pandemic, The River Club and Santa have had to engage in midnight negotiations attempting to figure out the best event possible during these times. After plenty of eggnog, Santa, with the wise counsel of Mrs. Claus, has agreed to come to the Venetian for Cookies and Cocoa with Santa on **Saturday, December 19th from 10 am till noon**. Santa is planning to arrive around 10:30 am as long as there is not a traffic jam on Laurel Rd nor Rudolf wants to stop off for his favorite Big Mac. It was difficult to explain to Santa about social distancing, but now that he understands, he has agreed to speak to the kids, socially distanced, plus have a picture with them. Hot chocolate to sip on and cookies to decorate will be part of the event. Adult eggnog will be available for sipping.



Santa has made a special request. He ask our generous residents to think about those you know who have children who might appreciate an invite to this special event. Consider extending an invitation to an outside friend or employee who has youngsters. Yes, things are different but the face on the youngsters is the same with the arrival of Santa. Let's make this event a success!!

HRT RECOGNITION

Although the Florida Hurricane season is officially over at the end of this month, we are facing, as of this printing, the possibility of dealing with Tropical Storm ETA. Our Hurricane Readiness Team, created by the VGRC Community Association, has been well prepared since June

1st for any hurricane and have kept their eyes glued to the radar with the many tropical storms we have faced this summer. Rarely, does Parcels includes names of residents in any edition, but HRT members not only volunteer their time but are always on standby ready to be activated to deal with the possible aftermath of a destructive hurricane. Therefore, we have listed current members of the HRT at the end of this edition of Parcels and hope residents will thank them for their willingness to serve on this year's team.



DID YOU COMPLETE THE ALL IMPORTANT PARK SURVEY?

Only a few more days to take the very important **VGRC Park Survey**, which was distributed to residents via email on Sunday, November 8th. The City is considering providing a park for Northeast Venice residents and now is the time to provide your input. Thanks to the VGRCCA for spearheading the effort to establish this important amenity in our area. You can find the survey at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehdmd5xtkgr7a8sy/start>

COUNTING ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the overwhelming number of Venetians who are members of the Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association. With your support, our totally volunteer organization is able to publish Parcels each month, lobby the Venice City Council on behalf of Venetian residents to preserve your paradise, hold many interesting and informative events, such as the Candidate Forum, Bike-O-Rama, Shredfest, CPR training, and more, and run the Hurricane Readiness Team (HRT). All of this is made possible by your membership dues. Some of the outside of the gates initiatives we are actively working on presently are advising the City on the needs of Venetian residents for a Northeast Venice park, working on plans for the improvement of Laurel Road to safely handle the expected increased traffic in the coming years, serving on the Sarasota Memorial Hospital/Venice Neighborhood Advisory Council, and focusing on several initiatives to stem water pollution. There is immeasurable value to our residents in having the Venetian's voice heard at City Hall. We know that Parcels is also one of the favorite emails you see monthly in your inbox. Whether you are here in Venice full time or part time, everyone loves reading about what is going on here.

You can check the status of your membership at <https://www.vgrcca.us/membership/> and if your membership is due to expire at year end or, if you are not currently a member, we ask that you renew/join, so that we may continue our work on your behalf. Also note that a Membership Enrollment Form can be found at the end of this edition of Parcels.

BETTER AND MORE CONSISTENT WATER PRESSURE ON THE WAY!

The City of Venice will host a virtual Public Workshop to discuss their new proposed Water Utility Booster Pump Station (BPS). **It will take place at 5:30pm on Monday, November 16, 2020.** The BPS will be located on the northern 15 acres of the City owned parcel north of the Venetian and directly east of the concrete ready-mix plant and west of the old mining pit now referred to as the future Dona Bay Water Storage Facility. Also included in this project are dual pipelines buried under the Perimeter Road bordering the north and west boundaries of the Venetian.

As we all know, our water pressure can drop during peak demand times. This BPS will assure more consistent water pressure to the Venetian and other residents in our part of the City. The purpose of this virtual meeting is to inform us and neighboring residents of the project, to discuss the concept plan and to seek comments.

To watch or participate in the workshop, please visit:

<https://zoom.us/j/97263652965?pwd=bk5nTFd4K3pFNmIUk2xhNGlxN21tUT09>

You can also listen by phone by dialing 1 646 588 8656; Meeting ID: 972 6365 2965; Password: 139982

You Community Association has been working with the City on this project for over two years. It's finally going to happen!

Again, it's Monday, November 16 at 5:30pm. See (or hear) you then!



CHARITY GIVING FOR THE SEASON

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE BY OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

Ajax Paving, located on our northern border, has been a good neighbor over the years. In addition to resolving some noise issues a few years ago, they have been made generous donations to charitable events at the VGRC over the years. Now we can assist them in a **"Fill That Truck Thanksgiving Food Drive,"** that Ajax is, leading. Recommended food items list can be found on the Wall of Something; www.vgrcca.us/wall-of-something. As with our Supply the Supplies drive, you can drop off your food items in the lobby of the **golf course clubhouse, any day between 7 am – 5 pm**. Please drop off your donated items by November 17th. Your support is appreciated!

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

Our River Club is once again a collection point for the Marine Corps Reserve **Toys for Tots Program**. Members of the community are asked to drop new, unwrapped toys in these collection boxes outside the tennis office. Coordinators pick up the toys and store them in central warehouses where the toys are sorted by age and gender. At Christmas, coordinators, with the assistance of local social welfare agencies, church groups, and other local community agencies, distribute the toys to needy children in the community. **Citizens are asked to drop off toys by the 2nd week of December.**

For more information on the program, or to make a financial donation online, visit <https://toysfortots.org/>.

MASK AND MUSIC

For classical music lovers, The Sarasota Symphony has begun its season but on a very limited basis calling it "A Reimagined Season." Concerts will be orchestra led, without a conductor. There will be the very well thought safety protocols for those attending these live concerts. So if you need your dose of Bach, Beethoven and Bartok, including a streaming format, click on <https://www.sarasotaorchestra.org/>

CAR WASH NOW OPEN.

The Lightning Fast Car Wash on Jacaranda next to Culver's is now open and seemingly has many new customers. It's vacuuming system is in the Hurricane 5 category. This car wash, unlike many others, can do cars which have bike racks. While we are giving this new business a plug, we can't forget the many locally owned stores in downtown Venice. Take time to visit the many stores, have a wonderful meal and end the day with a double dip chocolate ice cream cone while sitting on a bench in a state of euphoria.

HRT TEAM - 2020

Leslie Chaput	Robert S. Fossaceca	Jeffrey Klein	Joseph Procopio	Nancy Zmary
Richard Cirelli	James Fullerton	Phil Knight	Scott Richards	George Zmary
Paul Clough	Marc Goldsmith	Mark Kreighbaum	Patrick Riotto	Tim Scanlon
John Dabney	James Hardigan	Bill Lachman	Paul Ryan	Randy Sellers
Jack Daut	Steve Harris	Paul LeFevre	Bill Saro	Philip Spokowski
Joseph DeVirgilio	Stephen Hefler	Tom Long	Tim Scanlon	Valerie St. John
Robert Dooley	Pamela Henard	Ken Nolan	Randy Sellers	David Trent
Mike Downey	Truman Henard	Angie Nuzzo	Philip Spokowski	Michael Wendroff
Roger Effron	Karl Hinsch	Philip Occhino	Valerie St. John	Nancy Zmary
Bruce Fiedler	Lutz Hoffmann	Virginia Pavloff	David Trent	George Zmary
Gayle S. Fossaceca	Tom Jones	Jill Pozarek	Michael Wendroff	



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- ✓ Seminars
- ✓ Key Speakers at Annual Meetings
- ✓ Parcels From Paradise
- ✓ Shredfest
- ✓ Bike-O-Rama
- ✓ Candidate Forum

JOIN/REJOIN NOW
so our work can continue!

www.vgrcca.us/membership/





2021 Membership Enrollment Form

Thank you for joining the Community Association, which is dedicated to preserving your paradise. The board of this volunteer organization interfaces with local government on key issues “outside the gates,” such as ensuring our local waterways are clean and beautiful, helping prevent overdevelopment, and reacting to any potential activity that can have an impact on your property value. The Community Association also runs important initiatives inside the gates. These include the Hurricane Readiness Team (HRT) and CPR training, activities to make your life easier, such as Shredfest and Bike-O-Rama, and presentations on a variety of topics to keep you up to date and informed. We also publish the popular “Parcels from Paradise.” All of this is made possible by your membership dues, for which we thank you.

There are two ways to become a member:

1. **On-line** at <http://www.vgrcca.us/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
305 Martellago Dr.
North Venice, FL 34275

Membership Dues per Household (Please check appropriate line)

Membership Term	Membership Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> One Year	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Years	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Years (Best Offer)	\$70.00

Member Information (Please Print)

Name		Additional Name	
Telephone #		Telephone #	
E-Mail Address		E-Mail Address	
Venetian Address			
Other Address			