



MAINSAIL

FALL 2024



VENETIAN ESTATES NEWS & EVENTS

President's Message

On Thursday January 16, 2025, Venetian Estates will be having our annual meeting. I have suggested to the Board—and they have agreed—that we will not invite any guests. Typically, we have representatives from various city departments who provide valuable insights on city issues and share Fire, Police, and EMS statistics. While their knowledge is incredibly beneficial, it often leaves us with limited time to focus on Venetian Estates-specific topics. This year, we'd like to dedicate the entire meeting to our community's issues and discussions.

I would like for the 2025 annual meeting to center around Venetian Estates, to discuss VE issues that concern all of us. Our small piece of paradise continues to change rapidly. With these changes comes challenging issues that our Board must deal with such as drainage, VE common area challenges, hurricanes, the VE park on Savoy, maintenance of construction sites, to name just a few. Our lake is the jewel of our neighborhood so let's discuss present and future plans addressing it. Our Lake Committee continues to search for ways to improve clarity while reducing sediment build up, especially at the end of each canal. We have just approved our 2025 budget for Venetian Estates with no increases in our assessments. About 45% of the 2025 budget goes toward our lake for water supply, maintenance, testing and coloring.

My hope is to get 100% participation from our neighborhood to attend this meeting. What we have in Venetian Estates is special, I do not believe there is another community in Fort Bend County that has what we have. Please join us so we can share ideas on preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Venetian Estates.


Carol and I would like to wish all of our Venetian Estates neighbors a Merry Holiday Season and a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year!!




~ Steve Tralie, HOA President

Halloween Hayride

The 2024 Halloween Hayride was one for the books! The weather had us change plans and meet at the coffee shop—and it worked so well, we will likely be doing that again in the future. A record-number crowd of kids and adults (100+) enjoyed pizza before heading around the hood in five trailers full of friends and neighbors; numerous others followed in cars and carts. This event has grown exponentially with many new families moving to VE over the years. Thank you to the Englemans for, once again, arranging the hay and trailers, to all the hayride drivers and to all of our awesome residents who participated in the fun! It was a great night!

All-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate, and stay up to date with Venetian Estates



CARING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Fall Y'all! Venetian Estates had wonderful National Night Out celebrations in October thanks to the hard work of our Block Captains and volunteers! It was great seeing so many of us coming together, having a good time, and meeting new friends.

Speaking of new friends, if you are new to Venetian Estates and have not received your welcome basket, please reach out to me, so I can get it to you. We're glad you are here!

The board at Venetian Estates will start working on an updated directory. Be on the lookout for more information soon. We want to make sure we don't miss anyone!

Also, if something big is happening at your home, or a neighbor's, (like surgery, death, birth, graduation, etc.) please contact me and I will make sure you/they receive a personal message from Venetian Estates.

Our Caring Committee mails out many notes to VE residents, congratulations for life events like engagements, graduations, as well as condolences cards. When you hear of a need in VE, feel free to reach out to me.

Have you heard about the Facebook VE Closed Group Page? Join by scanning the link below and answer a few questions.

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Facebook VE Closed Group

National Night Out

National Night Out was held October 1 and, as far as we know, all of our streets participated. It's a great night to visit with neighbors and our friendly police and fire forces.



Fall Wine and Cheese

A big thank you to Thelma and Russell Jones for hosting our neighbors at the annual VE Wine & Cheese in October. This was their first Wine & Cheese, having only lived here for about a year, but they already wanted to host something... and we are so glad they did! Also, cheers to our event bartenders - Jim Vonderhaar, Ralph Twiss and Pat Uselton. We appreciate you!



Block Captains

Block Captains plan many street parties throughout the year, like Memorial Day Car Parade, and National Night Out and others. Make sure to "Thank your Block Captain", and ask how you can assist them for their next Street Event.

Venetian 2024 Block Captains

Bel Mar- Ralph Twiss and Christen Johnson
Capri- Karen Withrow
Genova- Toni McConnell
Gondola- Staci Pierce
Lombardy- Kelly Rainbolt (addresses 103-318)
Lombardy- Susie Murray (addresses 403-542)
Piedmont- Angie Schultz & Susan Uselton
Salerno- Susan Marblestone
San Marino- James Wong
Santa Maria- Cindy McCoy
Savoy- Sandra Cornelius (addresses 103-315)
Savoy- Nadine Scott (addresses 403-507)
Sorrento- Tricia Rathwell
St. Marks- Alice Tannahill
Tuscany- Madge Jones

Your Venetian Estates Board:

Steve Tralie - PRESIDENT
Jim Vonderhaar - VICE PRESIDENT
Anum Siddiqui - TREASURER

Trustees:

Bob Buck	Pat Lowrie
Bob Vacek	Ralph Twiss
Christen Johnson	Ruth Jungman
Haynie Stringer	Lori Shirley
Pat Uselton	Greg Yund

The Board of Directors meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sugar Land Methodist Church. Room-600 (431 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478) and reconvenes in September.

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

Dear Neighbors,
We would like to inform you that your neighbors at 415 Lombardy Drive and 131 St. Marks Street have kindly opened their beautiful homes for the Child Advocates of Fort Bend's Christmas Home Tour on December 6th & 7th.

The Home Tour is a major fundraising event for Child Advocates of Fort Bend and they are celebrating our 33rd anniversary. This year's Tour features four homes located in Sugar Creek, Alkire Lake and two in Venetian Estates. By opening their homes, your neighbors are making an extremely generous donation to support their agency and help victims of child abuse.

Lake Report Fall 2024

The ACC would like to welcome Jay Sherman to our committee. Jay lives on Savoy and has been in the home building business for 23 years. He will be a great asset to have with so much building in VE going on.

A friendly reminder, all improvements on the exterior of your home needs to go through The ACC. You will find all the information for the steps you need to take on our website, Venetianestates.org click on Documents and Applications and Forms. Right next-door is Deed Restrictions and Architectural Control for your perusing, always an informative read.

A lot of new bulkheads have been going in. A well-maintained bulkhead prevents slippage of soil into the lake (and a home for nutria). Please ask your lawn maintenance workers to avoid blowing leaves/grass clippings into the lake. That only adds to the silt.

Those who live in section 3 and 4 that have curbs and gutters, remember that whatever goes in the street gutters goes straight to the lake. Help keep those free of debris especially during heavy rains.

ACC members are your friends and neighbors. We only want to help maintain the sterling reputation we've had for so long. We spend many hours as volunteers as do other board members.

Pat Lowrie, Ralph Twiss, Bob Buck, Chuck Howell and Jay Sherman

Driving Safety

Please drive slowly through the neighborhood, especially on Piedmont.

Lately there have been reports of several cars driving too fast.

FOOD DRIVE

The East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry provided relief to nearly 12,000 families last year. A truck will be in our neighborhood to collect food for this year; please consider helping with the requested items below if you're able.

Wednesday, December 4
130 St. Marks | 3:30 - 6:30pm



Cream of Mushroom Soup
Condensed Milk
French Onion Topping
Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Pumpkin
Box Pie Crust
Canned Yams
Green Beans
Stuffing





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Lake Venetian Property Owners Association, Inc. DBA
 Venetian Estates Property Owners Association, Inc.

2025 SOLICITATION

Please be advised the Lake Venice Property Owners Association, Inc. annual meeting will be held January 16, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sugar Land First United Methodist Church in the "Great Hall" (located in the Education Center), 431 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

There will be two (2) positions available for three-year terms with the following Trustees running for re-election.

1. Steve Tralie
2. Tom Shirley

If you are interested in running for a position, please submit your request in writing providing your name, address, telephone number and email address by **December 6, 2024**, via one of the following means:

email – lgomez@mascapi.com, fax - 713-776-1777 or

mail – Venetian Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. c/o MASC Austin Properties, Inc., 945 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

SAVE THE DATE
MARGARITAVILLE IN VE
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 "NATIONAL MARGARITA DAY"
 DETAILS TO COME!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2024
VENETIAN ESTATES
HOLIDAY PARTY
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 6-9 PM

AT THE HOME OF SARAH & BRIAN SMITH, 715 SALERNO



ADULTS ONLY - LITE BITES FROM BRANDANI'S
BRING A BOTTLE PER PERSON TO SHARE
NO RSVP NECESSARY - FESTIVE HOLIDAY ATTIRE

VENETIAN'S
3RD ANNUAL
FLAG FOOTBALL
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH | 3-6PM

SUGAR LAKES PARK
 120 BAY VIEW DRIVE | SUGAR LAND

GIRLS COOKIE EXCHANGE (OPTIONAL)
 BRING A DOZEN TO SHARE

RSVP TO MELANIE: 832-287-8142