

Venetian Estates

NEWS & EVENTS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy spring, everyone!!! Flowers are blooming and the neighborhood looks great. Thank you to everyone who attended the Venetian Estates Annual Meeting in January. We love hearing everyone's thoughts and suggestions.

Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers who serve on various committees as board members. These are neighbors who manage neighborhood landscaping, lake improvement projects, along with community events and much, much more!! All of which makes Venetian Estates the best place to live.

We continue to have several knockdowns and rebuilds occurring in VE. For our new neighbors, please hold your builders to the high standard we all expect in our neighborhood. Remind them that they are not just coming to a jobsite Monday through Saturday, but to people's neighborhoods. Be respectful to your future neighbors. Make sure they clean up your property every day and park in areas that do not damage property or block driveways.

Our lake is why you have moved into our neighborhood. Make sure your builder complies with our requirement of placing a heavy screen along the lake so no construction debris falls into it. Thank you for helping us with this. Compromised/damaged bulkheads and docks add unwanted silt to our lake which will affect the depth and eventually affect boating on Lake Venetian. This will also advance the timeline needed to dredge our lake. Look at your dock and bulkhead. Please start the process to repair and/or replace your dock and bulkhead if it is damaged beyond repair. This will be of tremendous help to the appearance of our lake.

We continue to receive constant complaints regarding lights shining into other residents' properties. Be aware of our guidelines regarding outdoor lighting on your property and please be considerate of your neighbors across the lake, next door and across the street. Maybe consider timers to shut down your outdoor lighting by 11:00 PM. Timers may assist in eliminating this problem that can lead to sleepless nights for some of our neighbors.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone who has kept me in their thoughts and prayers lately. I truly feel the support, and it means the world to me!!!

Best regards, Steve Tralie
HOA President

Spring Coffee Social Brings Neighbors Together



The Venetian Estates Spring Coffee Social was a wonderful way to kick off the day and celebrate the season with friends and neighbors. The event was graciously hosted at the beautiful home of Farrah and Himesh Gandhi, who welcomed everyone with warmth and hospitality.

The morning was well-attended, filled with friendly conversation and that special sense of community that makes Venetian Estates such a great place to live. Guests enjoyed fresh coffee and an assortment of delicious breakfast pastries. A heartfelt thank-you to Farrah and Himesh for opening their home to us and to the dedicated Coffee Social Committee for organizing another successful event.



Blendin Coffee

Members of the HOA met with the owner of Blendin to discuss the plans for Beer & Wine sales, if permits allow. This is what we found out but is subject to change:

No more than three wine tastings per week ending at 9pm. No open containers allowed. Tastings are to be held indoors. No live music or DJ. Access to Savoy Street will be blocked before the tastings are over to push exiting traffic to 90A vs Savoy.

We will update when we know more. For more information about the application process, scan the QR code here.

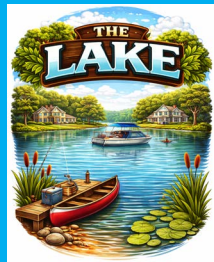
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National Margarita Day Happy Hour

"It's 5:00 o'clock somewhere!"

Venetian Estates residents celebrated National Margarita Day with a festive happy hour hosted by Bucky and Tracey Richardson at their home on Lombardy. It was a fun and sunny afternoon, and guests enjoyed frozen and on-the-rocks margaritas, complete with chips, queso, and salsa. If you'd be interested in hosting next year's National Margarita Day Happy Hour, please let us know — it's always a fun event to plan and enjoy! Contact Tracey at traceyleerich66@gmail.com.



Lake Report Spring 2026

Unlike 2025, this has been a very dry year up until this past week. This drought has resulted in our need to pump millions of gallons of replenishment water from Lake Eldridge to maintain acceptable water levels. While we reserve monies for pumping water, we would rather use it on other items.

For the first time, we are proceeding with a localized dredging project. Our first effort will commence shortly at the end of the Capri / St. Marks cove. We plan to extract approximately 200 yards of sediment and deposit it in a large porous bag in the front yard by the Piedmont / St. Marks intersection prior to disposal. If all goes well, we plan to proceed with more dredging activities in the future.



Enhancing the Entrance to Venetian Estates:

Residents driving into **Venetian Estates** will soon notice a fresh new look taking shape at our neighborhood entrance. The VE Board has approved a project designed to **protect and beautify the grassy areas** along both sides of our main entryway, creating a more attractive and durable landscape feature for years to come.

Over time, city trucks and other large vehicles have been using the grass along the entrance as a convenient parking spot. Unfortunately, this has left **deep ruts, exposed dirt, and broken sprinkler heads**, all of which require ongoing repair and detract from the welcoming feel of our neighborhood.

To solve this problem—and enhance the visual appeal of our entrance—the Board has initiated a **landscape enhancement project** that will run approximately **85 feet along each side of the entryway**. The new design features large natural boulders set in beds of river rock, accented by **low-maintenance plants** around the base of each boulder.

The boulders will serve as an attractive **natural barrier**, deterring vehicles from damaging the grass and irrigation system, while the river rock and plantings will complement our existing landscaping. The result will be a clean, polished entrance that better reflects the pride we all take in our community.

Work is expected to begin soon, and we ask residents for patience during installation. Once complete, this enhancement will improve both the **function and beauty** of the Venetian Estates entrance—a lasting investment in our neighborhood's charm.



Venetian Estates Annual Crawfish Boil!

Mark your calendars for one of Venetian Estates' favorite traditions — the Annual Crawfish Boil — on Saturday, May 9th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the home of Janine and Jim Vonderhaar, 103 Savoy.

It's going to be a fantastic afternoon filled with mudbugs, neighbors, music, and fun! Bring your appetite and get ready to **PEEL, EAT, AND REPEAT!**

To make sure we have plenty of crawfish (and hotdogs for the kids!), please RSVP to jrvonder@gmail.com with:

- The number of people attending who will be eating crawfish
- Whether you'll have children eating hotdogs and how many children.

We'll start the day bright and early with the VE Annual Fishing Tournament, beginning at 6:30 a.m. and running until noon. The Weigh Station will be located at the dock of 907 San Marino. Entry forms and Instructions are included as an insert to this newsletter. It's shaping up to be a great day of fishing, feasting, and fellowship — a true Venetian Estates classic!

Get Ready to Dink, Drop, and Rally – Our Pickleball Courts will be Ready Soon!

Venetian Estates players and fans — Construction on our pickleball court is moving right along! After months of planning, we're looking forward to serving up some fun and friendly competition right here in the neighborhood.

We'll be celebrating this new addition with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open the courts for play. Stay tuned for the date and time. Bring your paddles and your best "game face!"

A few friendly reminders before you hit the court:

- Access requires an entry code (details to come).
- Courts are for Venetian Estates residents and their guests only.
- Play is limited to daytime hours — let's keep the peace while we play!

Dust off those paddles, find your doubles partner, and get ready to "let the good times dink!"



Yard of the Month is Back!

We're excited to announce that our Yard of the Month contest is returning this May! As the weather warms up and our neighborhood comes back to life with fresh blooms and green lawns, it's the perfect time to showcase the pride you take in your home's outdoor space.

Each month over the summer and early fall, a standout yard will be selected and recognized for its beauty, creativity, and overall curb appeal. Whether you have a lush landscape, vibrant flower beds, or a perfectly manicured lawn, this is your chance to shine and inspire your neighbors.

Winners will receive a Yard of the Month sign proudly displayed in their yard, along with recognition in the neighborhood newsletter and community channels.

We encourage everyone to participate by sprucing up your outdoor spaces and helping make our neighborhood even more beautiful. Get ready to dig in, plant something new, and show off your curb appeal—Yard of the Month is back, and we can't wait to see your yards in full bloom!



Block Captains

Our Block Captains are currently stepping into flag season, placing American flags in front of each home for both Memorial Day and Independence Day. This is no small task, especially under warm Texas skies, and it reflects a deep level of dedication to our neighborhood.

Block Captains hold an important role within Venetian Estates. Beyond flags, many help bring neighbors together through gatherings and celebrations, while also being a welcoming presence for new residents.

Take a moment to thank your Block Captain and ask how you might lend a hand for an upcoming gathering or event. Even a small bit of help can make a meaningful difference.

The 2025 National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th, and will be another wonderful opportunity for connection across our neighborhood.

- Bel Mar - Ralph Twiss and Christen Johnson
- Capri - Karen Withrow
- Genova - Toni McConnell
- Gondola - Staci Pierce
- Lombardy - Tracey Richardson (addresses 103-318)
- Lombardy - Susie Murray (addresses 403-542)
- Piedmont - Angie Schultz & Susan Usetlon
- 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
- Tom Shirley - VICE PRESIDENT
- Anum Siddiqui - TREASURER
- Christine March - SECRETARY

Trustees:

- Bob Buck
- Peter Linder
- Tracey Richardson
- Ruth Jungman
- Pat Lowrie
- Haynie Stringer
- Pat Usetlon

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) unless otherwise noted

Caring Committee

Venetian Estates holds something very special. Beyond stunning views and lovely homes, our strength comes from how we show up for one another.

Our Caring Committee reflects this spirit in action. During times when a neighbor is walking through loss, illness, or a difficult season, our community gently surrounds them with support. Many times this looks like meal deliveries, small acts of kindness, or simply showing presence when it matters most.

In my role, I stay connected with families so support flows with ease, allowing neighbors to step in with care in a way that feels natural and helpful.

I also send cards for meaningful life moments such as births, graduations, and times of loss. If you would like help sharing an announcement with our community or have a need, please reach out.

If you feel called to be part of this heart centered support system, I would love to connect with you about joining our Caring Committee.

Welcoming Committee

I have had such a joy visiting several new neighbors across our beautiful community. Each visit includes a welcome basket filled with hand selected items, delivered with a warm smile and a heartfelt hello.

If you are new to Venetian Estates and have not received your welcome basket yet, please reach out. I would truly love a moment to meet you, welcome you personally, and help answer any questions as you settle in.

If your heart feels called to help welcome new neighbors and be part of creating first impressions full of kindness, I would love to visit with you about joining our Welcoming Committee.

Ruth Jungman
713-962-0114 (cell)

VE Directory Update

I am beginning the process of updating and printing a brand new Venetian Estates Directory. This will help keep our neighborhood connected and make it easier to reach one another when needed.

A scan code will be provided for each household to quickly fill out and submit updated information.

Please complete and submit your information by **June 1st** so we can ensure everything is accurate and included in the new directory.

Ruth Jungman
713-962-0114 - cell phone

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VE Directory

Scan code to update your information for a new 2026 Resident Directory





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SAVE THE DATE!

MEMORIAL DAY

'ANYTHING WITH WHEELS' PARADE

GOLF CARTS, CLASSIC CARS
& BIKES ARE HOW WE ROLL

★★★ **MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026** ★★★

START TIME AT 6:30 PM

**BEGINS FROM THE BANK PARKING LOT
STARTS DOWN PIEDMONT**

EACH STREET VISITED

BRING TREATS TO TOSS!

Know When to Call Sugar Land 311!

Sugar Land 311 is your go-to line for quick answers and non-emergency city help — keeping our neighborhood safe, tidy, and running smoothly.

How to Reach 311:

- **Dial:** 311 (inside Sugar Land) or (281) 275-2900 (outside city limits)
- **Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- **After Hours:** Same numbers connect you to an **automated service** for urgent issues like water leaks or traffic signal outages

When to use 311:

- **Waste Services:** Missed trash pickup or bin repairs
- **Infrastructure:** Potholes, sidewalk repairs, or streetlight outages
- **Public Safety:** Animal concerns or tall-grass/code violations
- **General Info:** City events, permits, or job opportunities

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Venetian Estates

4TH
OF July
BOAT PARADE

Meet at the Bridge at 7:30 pm

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Reminder: Architectural Approval Required for Exterior Changes

As a reminder to all **Venetian Estates homeowners**, any **exterior changes or improvements** to your property must receive **prior approval** from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). This includes—but is not limited to—changes such as:

- Roof replacements
- Fence installations or modifications
- Landscaping projects
- Exterior painting
- Driveway, patio, or structural additions

These requirements help maintain the consistent look and high property values that make our community so attractive. Seeking approval in advance also prevents costly rework if a project does not comply with Venetian Estates deed restrictions.

How to Apply: Visit www.venetianestates.org. Under “**Documents**,” select “**Applications and Forms**,” “**Deed Restrictions and Architectural Control**.”

For detailed information, see “**Functions of the Architectural Control Committee and Architectural Requirements Rev. 2017**.”

If you have any questions, please contact Austin Properties. Thank you for helping preserve the beauty and integrity of **Venetian Estates!**

When Trees Cross the Line (Literally!)

We all love the shady trees in Venetian Estates, but sometimes branches (or roots!) wander past property lines.

If a neighbor’s tree hangs over your yard, you can usually trim what’s on your side — just be careful not to harm the tree. A friendly chat first is always the best approach.

If a branch or tree from next door damages your property, your own insurance typically covers it — unless the tree was clearly neglected or dead and your neighbor had been notified.

A quick conversation and a little trimming now can prevent bigger problems later — keeping both trees and neighbors happy!

(Everyone’s homeowners insurance is different, so check with your agent to confirm how your policy applies.)

