



MAINSAIL

FALL 2022



VENETIAN ESTATES NEWS & EVENTS

President's Message

Our lake is the greatest asset we have in Venetian Estates, we all need to make sure that we are good stewards of this precious resource for future generations to enjoy. Our property values are tied directly to this lake, as goes Lake Venetian goes the neighborhood. The Board has recently voted to move from a lake maintenance program to a lake management program. This lake management

approach will involve additional testing of the water, both in Lake Venetian and one of our main sources, Lake Eldridge. We want to make sure that the water quality of Lake Venetian is maintained so we all can continue to enjoy the recreational aspects of our lake. Each summer I see more and more activity in Venetian Lake, if you have seen some of the Halloween Hayride pictures you can see why. There were close to 90 children that participated in this event. Another part of this management program will be to set up an aeration system throughout the lake. We have identified about 10 houses where a small generator can possibly be located to feed the aeration hoses throughout the lake. A board member will be contacting those homes in the coming weeks to see if you can assist the neighborhood with this project. This all will be followed up by adding vegetation and more fish to enhance the beauty and health of our lake. The Board is also looking at ways to remove the silt in our lake that has been building up since the beginning of Venetian Estates. There is no easy solution to this removal process, so we are taking our time to listen to ideas and proposals that are most cost effective and less intrusive to our daily lake life. So, stay tuned, good things to come soon to enhance our lake life on Lake Venetian!!! Carol & I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party and at our annual meeting in January.



~ Steve Trahie

ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY 2023

Please be advised the Lake Venice Property Owners Association, Inc. annual meeting will be held January 19, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. (sign into begin at 6:30). 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.

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 2, 2022, 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



We encourage all homeowners to sign up for TownSq - an all-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate, and stay up to date with Venetian Estates - any time on any device. With TownSq, you will be able to check your account balance, make payments online, receive alerts from the HOA management team and much more!

2023 Annual Assessments

The 2023 annual assessments invoice will be sent out soon. **Annual assessments are due on January 1, 2023.** They are considered late after Jan 31, 2023 with all past due accounts assessed a late fee of \$10.00 along with a monthly collection fee of \$15.00 until paid in full.

Your assessments are what allow your Board of Directors to maintain your community. The assessments cover all operational costs of the Association.

PAST DUE BALANCES: If owners are experiencing difficulties related to the pandemic, a request can be submitted for payment deferral and/or extended payment plans to the Board for review. Please contact Pennie Mancuso in our accounting department at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. via phone at (713) 776-1771 or via email pmancuso@mascapi.com to make the necessary payment arrangements if you have a past due balance.

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Our 'Yard of the Month' program concluded in October and will resume again in the spring. We are grateful for everyone who keeps their yards looking beautiful throughout the year!



August Winner:
802 Piedmont, Mike and Angie Schultz. *Looks great!*



September Winner:
131 Lombardy, Larry and Kathy Hanson. *Congrats!*

Welcoming Committee

I have visited a few new residents to our wonderful neighborhood. Each received a basket with hand-picked items that were personally delivered with a warm smile and a friendly greeting. If you are new to VE and have not received your Welcoming Basket, please contact me. As Welcoming Committee Chair, I'd love to meet you! If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Committee, I'd love to talk with you about it.

Caring Committee

Venetian Estates has beautiful views and great neighbors, and how we care for each other takes it to an amazing level. A large part of what makes it so special is the VE Caring Committee. When there is a need in our community, the whole neighborhood rallies together to help. When a family experiences a death, an illness, or a challenging event, residents of Venetian Estates are always quick to assist. Most often this consists of delivering meals to the family that has suffered. As VE Committee Chair, I coordinate directly with the family in need; which allows an easy flow of neighbors to drop by with special meals, or assistance.

I also send about 5 to 10 cards to VE residents a month for many occasions including births, deaths, graduations, and more. My assistance is available to those wanting to send out an announcement to the community as well. Please contact me if you have a need or are interested in joining the Caring Committee.

Block Captain

VE had a great turnout for the recent National Night Out! Block Captains are an integral part of Venetian Estates, they plan many street parties throughout the year, and are usually the first point of contact for new residents. Make sure to thank your Block Captain and ask them how you can assist them for your next block party/event.

As a longtime resident of Venetian Estates, I am proud to call it home. If I can assist you in any way don't hesitate to ask!

Ruth Jungman, 114 Sorrento
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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2022
Venetian Estates
Holiday Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
AT THE HOME OF CHRISTINE & JAY SHERMAN
203 SAVOY | 6-9 PM

Holiday Festive Attire
Please bring a bottle of wine per
person to share.

Adults only.

RSVP: clh2719@yahoo.com

Talyard Brewing Co. has broken ground on a more than 15,000-sf production and tap room facility in Imperial, near the Hwy 6 side of the community. Owning Principals Keith Teague and Chuck Laughter, Sugar Land-area natives, project the facility to open early 2024.

The brewery will feature a 20-barrel brewhouse with an annual production capacity of 10,000 barrels. Guests will be able to sample the brews at a family- and pet-friendly beer garden that comprises

over an acre of shaded seating, pickle ball courts, a playground, backyard games and a stage for live entertainment.



Fall Wine & Cheese Party

Our recent neighborhood Wine & Cheese ushered in the great weather and about 85 residents mixed & mingled at the beautiful home of Linda and Chuck Howell on Salerno. It was a fabulous event and it was wonderful seeing everyone who attended.



Halloween Hayride



Halloween 2022 was a night to remember with costumes of every kind in sight. There's a rumor that just a few years ago there were not that many kids on the hayride... and look at us now... over 90 kids! Everyone enjoyed James Coney Island hotdogs courtesy of the Venetian HOA and then the festivities began. Thank you to our great neighborhood for making it such a wonderful night!! A special thank you to Brigit and Andrew Engleman for always being so great to secure the hay and trailers and to our drivers Jason Pierce and Ryan McGowen.



National Night Out

National Night Out was held in early October and every street participated in some way. It was great to see neighbors out mingling. Many police and firefighters turned out also.





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Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

The ACC would like to remind everyone to submit plans for any exterior changes to their home, bulkhead, dock, fences. We want to help head off any problems down the road for homeowners with as drainage, view of the lake being obstructed by fences.

Questions and applications regarding the deed restrictions/guidelines can be found on www.venetianestates.sites.Townsq.io under documents, forms, or our website venetianestates.org. Look under documents, Functions of the Architectural Control Committee 2016. Feel free to contact Brittany Austin at MASC Austin Properties, Inc. at Bwigley@mascapi.com. Committee members are Ralph Twiss, Chuck Howell, Bob Buck, Pat Lowrie and Tarn Springob (ACC Liaison).

Lake Report

We recognize that the lake is our most cherished asset in the neighborhood. Our lake is unique in a few ways. The lake does not have an incoming and outgoing water source, it is 100% bulkheaded, and it serves as the neighborhood storm drain. These issues lead to several difficult problems to address. For this reason, we are in the process of forming a partnership with a lake management company that specializes in addressing urban lake issues. The problems we face cannot be addressed overnight, and we hope to share some specifics with you during the upcoming annual meeting.



Your Venetian Estates Board:

Steve Tralie - PRESIDENT
 Jim Vonderhaar - VICE PRESIDENT
 Cindy Pack - SECRETARY
 Pat Krajca - TREASURER

Trustees:

Bob Buck	Pat Lowrie
Bob Vacek	Ralph Twiss
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Don Wilson	Tom Tran
Ed Beckham	Haynie Stringer
	Pat Uselton

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

Stay in the Know...



On Facebook? Join the Venetian Estates Closed Group for community news.



To be added to the community email list, contact Pat Lowrie at pblowrie@yahoo.com

Need a resident vehicle sticker or neighborhood directory? Contact Ruth Jungman at 713-962-0114.



Visit VenetianEstates.org for information on our community, past newsletters, deed restrictions, and more!

