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SPRING 2024



VENETIAN ESTATES NEWS & EVENTS

President's Message

Happy spring everyone!! Flowers are blooming and the neighborhood is looking great! Astros opening day is right around the corner, it will be great to watch them pursue another World Series Championship!!! Even better if they play my Fightin' Phillies for that Championship!!

We are presently having a number of knock downs and rebuilds occurring in VE. We are about ready to have a fair number of additional new home construction coming soon. For our new neighbors, please hold your builders to a high standard that 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 are cleaning up your property every day and parking in areas that are not damaging property or blocking driveways.

Our lake is likely why you have moved into our neighborhood. Make sure your builder is complying with our requirement of placing a heavy screen along the lake, so no construction debris falls into our lake. Thank you for helping us with this.

Nutria has become an issue in our neighborhood. We have approved the purchase of 3 traps for use in Venetian and Haynie Stringer has volunteered to trap these critters if you see them on your property. Compromised/damaged bulkheads and docks are also contributing to this problem. This is also adding silt to our lake which will affect the depth of our lake which eventually will affect the boating on Lake Venetian. This will also advance the timeline that will be 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 our neighborhood.



~ Steve Tralie, HOA President

ANNUAL MEETING


Our Annual Meeting was held January 18, 2024 at the Sugar Land First United Methodist Church. Three positions were voted on. Anum Siddiqui was elected for a three-year term and Pat Lowrie and Ralph Twiss were re-elected for three-year terms. It was great to see neighbors and get area updates. For meeting minutes, visit venetianestates.org



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2024

VENETIAN ESTATES

neighborhood coffee



Monday, April 15th
9:30 - 11:30 AM

HOSTED BY ANUM & SAMAR YUSUF
815 PIEDMONT

*Limited parking on Piedmont. Please carpool if possible.
Please RSVP to Susan Uselton at 281-682-0815 or puselton@comcast.net*

Lake Report Spring 2024

The lake level has been unseasonably high due to the substantial amounts of rain in December and January. Through early March, we have not had to pump any replenishment water out of Lake Eldridge; this has saved us considerable expense to date. However, the long hot, dry summer is coming soon.

Please advise your lawn care people to avoid blowing grass and leaves into the lake or into the street (which ends up in the lake via the storm drains). Additionally, the tree trimming must be performed in a manner to eliminate limbs from falling and remaining in the lake.

It is the time of year that we start using our boats more on the lake. Please keep your speed and resulting wake to a minimum; particularly when the water levels are high. For those using boats after dark, make sure to use your functioning red and green bow lights and white stern lights for visibility. Also, stay more towards the center of the lake when cruising after dark for the privacy of the homeowners.

We are continuing to dye the lake for aesthetic purposes.

Venetian Annual Holiday Party

Over 100 residents mixed and mingled at our Venetian Holiday party. It was a wonderful event. Thank you to Lori and Tom Shirley for hosting!



Venetian Branded Items

Did you know you can purchase Venetian branded shirts, hats, cups and other items?

Visit VenetianEstates.org to learn more!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL VE

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MEMORIAL DAY

Classic Car Parade

CLASSIC CARS, MOTORCYCLES & DECORATED GOLF CARTS WELCOME

★ ★ ★ MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024 ★ ★ ★

START TIME AT 6:30 PM

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

EACH STREET VISITED | TREATS TOSSED TO KIDS!

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.

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 / RJungman919@gmail.com

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) unless otherwise noted

Bulkhead

Your association board has been engaged in finding solutions for protecting our neighborhood's single greatest physical asset, our lake. As you are aware our lake is owned by the association and it is all our responsibility as residents to look after our lake. It is therefore our responsibility to maintain the lake as a viable ecosystem which includes monitoring and minimizing the amount of silt and other organic debris entering the lake. Pumping water from Eldridge Lake and organic debris from trees, yards and our streets are the biggest contributors. Compromised or failing bulkheads are proven to allow erosion resulting in silt and other organic debris to enter into the lake as well. As a property owner we are all responsible to maintain our bulkheads, repair them as necessary and replace them from time to time. This can be a costly adventure but it is our responsibility and obligation as residents per the deed restrictions "It shall be the responsibility of each property owner to maintain his or her property at the water line and providing and maintaining in good condition a bulkhead of a type approved by the Architectural Control Committee so as to prevent erosion."

A quick inspection of a bulkhead and dock can indicate erosion of a compromised bulkhead. If the bulkhead is leaning toward the lake it is no longer strong enough to hold back the soil behind it. If the yard is lower behind the bulkhead, there is slumping of soil behind the bulkhead or even separation of soil from the bulkhead these are good indications the bulkhead is no longer doing its job. Additionally if vegetation is growing through the bulkhead this could be a strong indication the bulkhead is compromised. Trees and other vegetation planted too close to or against the bulkhead will eventually cause damage and compromise the bulkhead. If your bulkhead has round posts (water side of the bulkhead) then your bulkhead has been there for quite some time. This does not necessarily mean the bulkhead should be replaced if it is still doing its job preventing erosion but keep in mind it, like all bulkheads, it will require eventual replacing. Also please be mindful of your dock as they do not last forever either. A dock was actually found floating in the lake not long ago, three Board Members volunteered to remove this from the lake. We are still not sure as to which house this dock came from.

A casual inspection of bulkheads and docks takes place from time to time. If a bulkhead exhibits any of the above conditions a letter will be sent to the owner reminding them of the necessity to maintain and replace our bulkheads as required. If you need to repair or replace your bulkhead, please be reminded to submit the necessary application to the Management Company/Architectural Control Committee and hire a qualified contractor to do the work. Simply building something to mask the problem is not a solution.

Thanks to everyone for caring about OUR lake! What a GREAT place to live!

Deed Restrictions Committee



VENETIAN ESTATES 2024 FISHING TOURNAMENT

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE
VE FISHING TOURNAMENT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
6:30AM - 12NOON

>> Entry form inserted in this newsletter <<



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**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR THE ANNUAL
 VENETIAN ESTATES
 CRAWFISH BOIL**



**SATURDAY
 APRIL
 20**
 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Hosted by **THE VONDERHAARS**
 103 SAVOY

**RSVP NO LATER THAN 4/13 TO
JRVONDER@GMAIL.COM**

**EMAIL A HEADCOUNT OF
 HOW MANY ADULTS/KIDS
 WILL BE EATING
 CRAWFISH
 OR HOTDOGS**

**BYOB - MUSIC -
 NEIGHBORS + FUN!**

CARING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Venetian Estates has new residents moving; I enjoyed connecting them with their Block Captain (when possible) to join me in delivering their New Residents Basket. I have a great time making up their New Residents Baskets their first VE Directory, Car Stickers and much more.

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 QR code and answer a few questions.



2nd ANNUAL VE FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

This past December, the 2nd Annual VE Flag Football game and Cookie exchange was held for our kids at a Sugar Land area park. Thank you to Melanie Cox for organizing it!



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!