

# 2021 SUMMER



## NEWSLETTER



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THE OFFICIAL VENETIAN  
ESTATES NEWSLETTER

# THE Venetian Estates MAINSAIL

## Upcoming Events



**End of Summer Popsicle Social**  
**Sunday, August 15 @ 4-6pm**  
**Ride your bikes or golf cart by**  
**and enjoy complimentary**  
**popsicles served at 311**  
**Lombardy near Genova.**  
**Courtesy of your Venetian**  
**HOA.**



**Back to School Donuts**  
**It's almost back to school time**  
**and Venetian will host our**  
**first-ever 'Back to School**  
**Donut Drive-Thru'. Location**  
**206 Lombardy Circle Drive.**  
**Save the date for Tuesday, Au-**  
**gust 24 from 7-7:30am. Just**  
**drive through and we'll hand**  
**you breakfast for the kids!**

**Be on the lookout for more events**  
**coming soon including our Fall**  
**Wine & Cheese (adults only) in**  
**October, National Night Out,**  
**Halloween Hayride and more!**

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Steve Tralie*

Summertime in Venetian Estates— what a time to be a member of this great community. Children (and some adults) frolicking in the lake, boats setting sail enjoying some beautiful sunsets, friends and families once again gathering by the lake. There is nothing better than seeing a community within a city become a neighborhood.

Now a neighborhood summertime challenge. Who can all say that they know some of or most of or all the neighbors on your street, other than just to wave as they drive by? Good HOA's are designed to assist in maintaining the integrity, the beauty of a neighborhood. This with the help and cooperation of all the neighbors within that community. Communication is a powerful tool; some great neighborhood ideas can be hatched, or issues are more readily resolved among friends and acquaintances, among good neighbors. Challenge yourself to use this time of the year to introduce or re-introduce yourself to your neighbors on your block. Take the initiative to have a block social gathering, a block party. If you need assistance, my roots are from South Philadelphia so I can show you how to throw a good old fashioned Philly block party!!!! Can someone say Mummies!!! I hope everyone has a fantastic and safe summer!! I hope to see everyone at the next Venetian Estates social gathering.



**To all who participated in the 4th of July Boat Parade...  
Thank...Thank you..Thank you!!**

We had a lot of neighbors cheering us on from their backyards.

The weather cooperated just in time.

First Place went to the Somers on Bel Mar  
Second Place to the Marblestones on Salerno  
Third Place went to the Vondehaars on Savoy

# Generator Rebate Pilot Program

Sugar Land City Council recently approved an ordinance establishing a generator rebate pilot program -- a move intended to promote preparedness, resiliency and residential reinvestment.

Qualifying homeowners must apply for the rebate by Nov. 30, which will be issued after completion and approval of all required city building inspections.

For more about generator permits and to submit a complete application, visit the following website:

[www.sugarlandtx.gov/193/Forms-Applications](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/193/Forms-Applications)

## Before Starting An Improvement



If you are making any type of improvement to the exterior of your home, you must submit an Architectural Improvement request form to MASC Austin Properties, Inc. before starting the work. (This includes painting the exterior, room additions, and replacement of the roof, driveway and fence, etc.) Replacement of plant material due to freeze damage does not require an ACC form unless the entire lawn landscape hardscape needs replacement.

You can find the required form on our website at [www. https://venetianestates.org](https://venetianestates.org) under DOCUMENTS- Request for Home Improvement Approval. Please make sure to submit the form with the necessary information and as much detail as possible along with samples for a quicker response.

## YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS!



Winner of the **May 'Yard of the Month'** was the **Freyre family** at 102 Sorrento. This was our first-ever winner for the community. Say congrats to the Freyres!



Winner of the **June 'Yard of the Month'** was the **Krajka family** at 811 San Marino. Congrats Krajkas!



**Lena and John Spivey** at 515 Lombardy won **'Yard of the Month'** for July. Beautiful yard Spiveys!

# NEW RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

## The Cox Family (706 Salerno)

Hi! We are so excited to be in Venetian Estates! We are the Cox family: Adam, Melanie, Cora (9), and Duncan (8). Adam works in the oil and gas industry and I work in technology for Wells Fargo. Our kids attend Logos Prep and will be in 4th and 3rd grade this August. I grew up in Missouri City and have always loved VE. We've looked at several houses over the past few years and are so happy to have finally found a home here. We are members at Sugar Creek Country Club and play tennis and golf. After living in Sienna we are so excited about being in a small close knit neighborhood!



## The Sherman Family (203 Savoy)

We are the Sherman family, Jay and Christine, and we moved from Memorial to be closer to family. Our two kids will be attending FBCA this fall- Dylan is in 3rd grade, and Zachary will be in 1st. We have always loved Venetian Estates and we are so happy to be living here!

## The Buell Family (106 Sorrento)

We are the Buell family: Brandon, Mackenzie, Jackson and Madeline. Brandon is a Senior Managing Director at Berkadia and Mackenzie is a Dyslexia specialist. Our children attend Logos Prep-- Jackson is going into 9th grade and Madeline is going into 7th. Brandon and Mackenzie both grew up in the area and have always loved VE so when the opportunity came up to move from Sienna we jumped at it.



## KEEP UP WITH VENETIAN ESTATES ON TOWNSQ

MASC Austin Properties, Inc. would like to remind everyone to make sure they have registered their address on TownSq — a new all-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate and stay up-to-date with your association – any time on any device.

- Easily communicate with your management team
- Manage your account and pay online
- Get up-to-date news and alerts

To register your account, log onto [www.venetianestates.sites.townsq.io](http://www.venetianestates.sites.townsq.io) use your account ID (located on the 2021 assessment invoice) and the association zip code (77478). Set your password and account preferences. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this new process as we are excited to offer these new services to your community.

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

The role of ACC is to protect the integrity of neighborhood property values by monitoring and ensuring all exterior changes and improvements to your property are within the VE Deed Restrictions and ACC Guidelines. All exterior work on your property is reviewed by the ACC. Applications, guidelines and rules are found on the VE website [www.venetianestates.org](http://www.venetianestates.org). Under Documents, is a link to the Architectural Control Requirements. Please take a look at the Table of Contents for information concerning what must be reviewed by the ACC.

Also under Documents, is Applications and Forms, which includes links for various applications. With all the new homes under construction, please look carefully at the Application for New Home Construction, Home Additions, Remodels and Pools for requirements for drainage. This is of utmost importance because the City and FEMA requires the finished floor elevation of new construction to be 2' above base flood elevation.



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## HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM



Sugar Land  
 Police Department

Contact the Sugar Land Police Department to set up a "House Watch". The House Watch Program is designed to provide homeowners a means of having their residence checked periodically by an officer or trained civilian volunteer when they are away from home on vacation or an extended weekend. In order to participate in the program, you can come by the Police Department or complete the on-line form at: [http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/programs/house\\_watch.asp](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/police/services/programs/house_watch.asp). The homeowner must be away from his/her residence for more than three (3) days and must not have anyone staying at the home while he/she is away. Homes can be placed on house watch for a maximum of three (3) weeks.

## Lake Levels

The water level in Lake Venice has been an issue ever since the lake was built. What works for some homeowners is unacceptable to others. As new bulkheads and docks are being replaced, they are going in at higher elevations to minimize water in the backyard during flooding. There is about a 12+" disparity between the lower bulkheads and the newer, higher ones. The only place for water to drain off the lake is at the dam (and evaporation). However, the dam weir is only about 6' wide, and our lake is 43 acres with a similar amount of property that also drains into the lake. We have a couple of 4"x4" boards in the dam to hold water back on the Lake Venice side. If we know that there is going to be a lot of rain, or there has been a lot of rain, we remove the top board to facilitate quicker runoff. Despite this, it may still take several days to get the water back to "normal" levels. This is a manual process of removing and replacing these boards so sometimes there is a delay due to one reason or another. Up until about 8 years ago our replenishment water came from our own wells and the water was clear, however we now must get our water from Lake Eldridge due to the Sugar Land subsidence requirements mandating the use of surface water. Not only is this water not desirable from a clarity and quality perspective, but we must pay for every gallon that we pump into our lake. Therefore, it behooves us to be prudent in preserving rainwater during drought periods to minimize pumping expenses which went up 30% this year.

## HAVE YOU HEARD?



Have you heard? Show your Venetian pride with our new resident shop with branded community gear-- including fishing shirts, insulated cups and more!

Items are made once ordered, so please plan on a 2-3 week turnaround to receive the items.

<https://stores.inksoft.com/shopvenetian/shop/home>