

# MAINSAIL



The activity on the lake around Memorial Day and July 4th was amazing. There were plenty of children and adults using inner tubes, kayaks, and boats, pretty much anything

moved into this beautiful community. Our Lake is the biggest asset we have in Venetian Estates... well our neighbors are pretty important too. Lake Venetian is the main reason why most of us have moved into VE. Please treat it as such. Watch how much trash, lawn clippings and tree limbs fall into the lake from your property. Help us keep our lake beautiful by being a good neighbor and pulling out of the lake any trash or tree limbs that you see floating or that may be around your dock. We do have a service that tests and cleans our lake each month but they are not going to catch everything. Stuff may fall in the lake after they leave and before they return. I have pulled out everything from chairs to tree limbs to tops of bulkheads. We all enjoy our lake; let's all help keep our lake clean so we can all continue to enjoy it.

Our Board has been discussing some pretty cool things concerning Lake Venetian. Discussions are ongoing on methods and practices to improve the clarity of our lake. We are looking at ways to break down the silt that has been accumulating on the bottom of our lake and improving the quality and numbers of fish. One of our Board Members will be contacting some of you to see if you will be able to assist us in accomplishing some of these goals. The community of Venetian Estates is over 60 years old; we have not really done much to our lake to maintain the quality and fitness of our lake. In the coming months we will be finalizing ways to further improve and maintain the quality of Lake Venetian so many more generations of Venetian Estates residents can enjoy our lake for many, many more years to come. Be safe and have a great summer!!!



~ Steve Tralie



# **Memorial Day Classic Car Parade**

Over a dozen cool cars, motorcycles and golf carts were part of our 2022 Venetian Memorial Day Classic Car Parade. There was a great turnout of spectators too... and kids of all ages received candy tossed from parade cars. This 3rd annual event has turned into a very special one for the neighborhood. A very special thank you to all who participated!





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#### YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS!

Our 'Yard of the Month' program has started again for 2022 and runs through October. Chosen by neighborhood volunteers, we are grateful for everyone who keeps their yards looking beautiful. Sometimes it's hard to pick just one!



The Venetian May Yard of the Month winner was the Grubich family at 814 San Marino. *Congrats!* 



Our June Yard of the Month winner is Kelly Siler at 810 San Marino. *Looks great!* 

#### **Welcoming Committee**

As the head of the Welcoming Committee Chair, I have been busy welcoming many new residents to our wonderful neighborhood. If you would like to join me to meet our new neighbors when I deliver a new resident basket, please let me know.

#### **Welcome Baskets**

Each of our new residents 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 reach contact me. I'd love to meet you!

# **Caring Committee**

Venetian Estates has beautiful views and great neighbors, but really, it's the Caring Committee that helps make it so special. 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, the residents of Venetian Estates are often quick to assist. Most often this consists of delivering meals to a family that has suffered a loss. The committee chair coordinates directly with the family in need. Additionally, cards are sent for happy and sad occasions such as births, deaths, and graduations. Assistance is available to those wanting to send out an announcement to the community. As the current Committee Chair, I am here to help.

# **Block Captain**

A Block Captain assists Venetian Estates in many ways. The most fun is planning annual street parties for National Night Out, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. Additionally, they are the first point of contact for new residents on their block. If you are interested in helping as a Block Captain, please let me know. You can also check the newsletter for opportunities to volunteer or to assist your current Block Captain.

See a list of 2022 Block Captains on the next page.

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

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#### **Architectural Control Committee (ACC)**

Major projects have slowed in the neighborhood. Several new homes are being finished and two are about to start. A number of smaller improvements are on schedule.

#### **Some Deed Restrictions to Note:**

- Remember that all improvements/alterations to the outside of your property need to be approved by the ACC. Applications can be found on the VE website at venetianestates.org under 'Documents'. They are very short and simple.
- Be considerate of bright outside lights. Avoid LED they are super bright and have a doubly glare over the water.
- Be neighborly regarding barking dogs. A barking dog at 5:30 a.m. is not a welcomed sound nor is a continual barking in the afternoon. There is a limit of 2 dogs per residence.
- Please urge you lawn maintenance people to avoid leaving bags of leaves/grass clippings at the curb over the weekend or for multiple days. Your neighbor may be having an event at their home and would appreciate the street look its best.
- No temporary structures such as sheds are allowed.

If you are a homeowner with a rental in VE please pass this on to your tenants. On another topic. Our committee sends a monthly email from the **onlinevenews@gmail.com** address regarding reminders of issues with deed restrictions and guidelines. Residents that have a Windstream email address need to put venetianestates.org in their address book. Windstream kicks them back as spam so you might not receive information on VE events or other important news.

Pat Lowrie, ACC Chair



#### **Venetian 2022 Block Captains**

Bel Mar	Ralph Twiss
Capri	Bob Wilson
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 & Don McGinty
Savoy	Sandra Cornelius (addresses 103-315)
Savoy	Nadine Scott (addresses 403-507)
Sorrento	Tricia Rathwell
St. Marks	Alice & Tom Tannahill
Tuscany	Pat Lowrie

# Your Venetian Estates Board:

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

#### **Trustees:**

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Ruth Jungman
Tarn Springob
Tom Tannahill
Tom Tran
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- Wesley Hall (431 Eldridge Road, Sugar Land, TX 77478) unless otherwise noted.



### **Pete and Nancy Olson**

Pete and Nancy Olson live at 903 San Marino. They moved into the neighborhood from Alcorn Bend in November, 2020. They are enjoying life on the lake and try to take advantage of sunset cruises whenever they can. The Olson's have two children, a daughter, Kate (25) who lives and works for a consulting firm in Washington, DC and a son, Grant (22) who is headed back to college this fall. Pete retired from the U.S. Congress in 2021 and is now an energy industry consultant. Nancy is busy as President of Child Advocates of Fort Bend.



# **Barbara and Haynie Stringer**

Barbara and Haynie Stringer moved to Venetian Estates from Houston in 1977 and have now lived on St. Marks for 45 years. They remember being the youngest family in the subdivision just as Venetian Estates was beginning to be discovered by people moving from the city. Both treasure VE's community camaraderie and old fashioned neighborhood atmosphere which have existed since their arrival. Barbara grew up in Houston, and Haynie moved to Houston from Mississippi in 1968. Barbara graduated from SMU and Haynie from Mississippi State University. Both worked at Western Geophysical with Barbara retiring when their children, Faith and Tim, were born. Haynie retired years later after a merger with



Schlumberger. Faith now lives in Doha, Qatar, and Tim lives in Houston. Barbara enjoys playing canasta weekly with other ladies in the neighborhood and line dancing several days per week. Haynie keeps busy as a board member of the Geophysical Society of Houston and as a volunteer at several organizations. They are members of Sugar Land First United Methodist Church.

#### **Welcome to our Newest Residents!**

Suzanne & Michael Higdon Shyam Bhatia Monica & Colin Taylor Marvin Terrell, Jr. Kelly & John Rainbolt Melissa & Matt Hayslip 402 Piedmont Street 914 Piedmont Street 403 Lombardy Drive 906 San Marino Street 830 Bel Mar Street 906 Gondola



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#### KEEP UP WITH VENETIAN ESTATES ON TOWNSO

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. To register your account, log onto the following website: www.venetianestates.sites.townsq.io, use your account ID (located on the 2022 assessment invoice) and the association zip code (77478). Set your password and account preferences.

