



# MAIN SAIL

SUMMER 2023



## VENETIAN ESTATES NEWS & EVENTS

### President's Message

I would like to announce a few changes to our HOA Board of Directors. Two of our Board Members have resigned over the last several weeks, both soon moving from Venetian Estates. Tarn Springob served on the Architectural Control Committee and was a past President of the VEPOA. Tarn also assisted in numerous legal issues/questions that periodically faced the Board and the Venetian Estates community. Tarn's last position was that of a non-board member of the ACC. Ed Beckham served on the Deed Restrictions, Caring, Welcome & Block Captains and the Lake Committee. Ed also assisted in various other issues including dues collections and recruitment of Board members. We also lost a third board member, Tom Tran, due to work commitments and traveling. Tom served on Grounds, Parks and Security. Please join me in thanking all three of these Board members for their dedication, commitment and hard work to maintain the beauty and quality of Venetian Estates.

I would also like to introduce two new Board members. Greg Yund has stepped in for Tom Tran. Greg will be the Committee Chair for the Deed Restriction Committee. Greg was a past Board member who just recently moved back in to Venetian Estates. Greg brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience on various committee issues. Lori Shirley has stepped in for Ed Beckham. Lori will be serving on the Deed Restriction Committee and work with Christen Johnson on community events. Thank you to both Greg & Lori for volunteering your time for our community. As for an update on the Imperial Sugar Development project, we expect to have a meeting with Puma Development on the design of the Char House sometime in July prior to that plan being presented to Planning & Zoning. We will update everyone on the results of that meeting either via e-mail blast or through the VE newsletter. We will continue to monitor this project for the benefit of Venetian Estates.

One last community housekeeping item. Waves are a common cause of failures in bulkheads. The design of a bulkhead is dictated not by the wave forces as one might expect, but by the weight of the soil pushing towards the water on the landward side of the wall. Please keep in mind while operating your boats that Lake Venetian is a No-Wake zone. Please help in minimizing the wake that your boat creates, this will help in maintaining all of our bulkheads.

Dennis Spellman from Commissioner Andy Myers office stopped by our last Board meeting to discuss the possibility of the county passing a mobility bond. It was determined that this bond will not benefit Venetian Estates due to our proximity. We did ask him if this bond could possibly be used for noise reduction grooves on 90A between Savoy and Lombardy. Commissioner Myers office did check in to this and responded as follows: Highway 90a is a state road so anything that is done to that stretch would be the decision of TxDOT. They also learned the following: TxDOT placed these grooves on I-10 in Houston. They found that noise reduction was only applicable inside of the vehicles traveling on I-10 and that adjacent sound receivers (business/residential) did not experience perceptible noise reduction, based on their measurements/observation. Have a great summer everyone. Stay safe during these hot steamy months!!!



~ Steve Tralie

### Caring & Welcome Committee

Venetian Estates has so many amazing new residents moving; I have a great time making up their New Residents Baskets, with lots of goodies, plus their first VE Directory and Car Stickers. Our Caring Committee mails out many notes to VE residents, congratulations for life events like engagements, graduations, and more...

To be identified as a resident on our cameras, please click on this QR code to get registered if you're not already.

When you hear of a need in VE, feel free to reach out to me.

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VE Website



VE Closed Group

The VE Board recently gathered at Carol and Steve Tralie's home for a going away party for the Beckhams, who will be moving soon.



## BARKING DOGS

A number of residents have asked about the city regulations regarding barking dogs. From the City of Sugar Land: Sec. 3-14.

Unreasonably noisy animals:

(a) It is unlawful and declared a nuisance for any owner or person in control of an animal to allow the animal to bark, growl, howl, whine or make any other sound loud and long enough to unreasonably disturb the peace of other people on the same, adjoining or nearby property.

(b) Prior to filing a complaint with the city, the person having been disturbed by an animal must give written notice to the owner of the animal that the animal's conduct has disturbed the peace on more than one occasion. A copy of the written notice must be presented to the city at the time of filling the complaint. Please be kind to your neighbors by keeping barking dogs indoors.

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2023



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Our neighborhood had a wonderful Memorial Day parade with a perfect mix of cool cars, golf carts and motorcycles. We truly appreciate everyone who participated! It was great to see so many residents out enjoying the parade and visiting with neighbors. Thank you to everyone who made this Memorial Day extra special!



# Yard of the Month

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



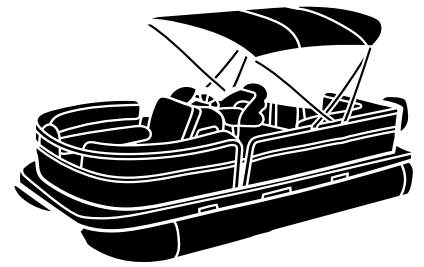
Congratulations to Debbie and Marvin Marcell at 603 Salerno for being the Venetian May 2023 Yard of the Month winners!



Our June Yard of the Month winners are Beth and Steve Dewey at 518 Lombardy. Looks great!



Congratulations to the Whichard family at 411 Savoy for being our July Yard of the month winner!



## LAKE REPORT

Summer 2023

The lake level has been unseasonably high due to the substantial amounts of rain in April and May. Unlike in the past, we want to preserve the manageable amounts of rainwater to prevent the expensive replenishment pumping out of Lake Eldridge. With nearly half of the year behind us, we have pumped little water to date. However, with summer upon us, we can expect to see a minimum of ½" of evaporation and seepage a day moving forwards so the level can come down quickly.

Please advise your lawn care people to avoid blowing grass into the lake. Additionally, the tree trimming must be performed in a manner to eliminate limbs from falling and remaining in the lake. We have observed an excess of both of these activities in the past week or two.

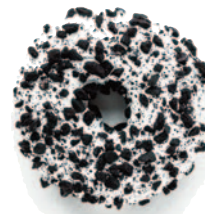
We have also seen people throwing limbs and other debris in the lake. Please refrain from throwing anything in the lakes. Additionally, the lake should not be the tennis ball graveyard for dog owners. We retrieve at least 20 balls from the lake most weeks. Please retrieve your stray balls or use the front yard for playing catch.

We are continuing to dye the lake for aesthetic purposes. The lake aeration project is still moving forward, and we hope to have it operational before the end of summer.

### Back-to-School Donut Drive Thru

Wednesday, September 6th, 7-8am  
at 206 Lombardy

Free donuts for the kids - just drive through and grab a bag on the way to school.  
Compliments of the VE HOA!





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## Venetian Neighborhood Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 30th from 4-6pm

In the circle driveway at 842 Bel Mar (@ Lombardy)

*Thank you Cindy Pack for letting us use your driveway!*



Mary Had a Little Party Ice Cream Truck takes cash and cards  
 Come enjoy ice cream/shakes and more!

PS- This is gourmet ice cream so prices are similar to an  
 ice cream store. Come enjoy the fun!

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Please remember to look at your Deed Restrictions and Guidelines on your Venetianestates.org website before starting any project on the exterior of your home and make the appropriate application. We are here to help you and to maintain the beautiful neighborhood we have.

We recently prevented an elderly resident from paying thousands in costs for solar panels on the shady side of his roof. He was badgered by a persistent salesman. The situation was only brought to light when he applied for approval to install the panels.



## FISHING TOURNAMENT & CRAWFISH BOIL



Our annual fishing tournament was windy and chilly but that did not deter everyone from a great day. Thank you Bob Buck for organizing and Larry Olson for overseeing the fishing weigh station.

After the fishing tourney, the day wrapped up with an awesome time at the annual VE Crawfish Boil! A big shout out to Janine and Jim Vonderhaar for hosting and to the many people who helped it come together including Robert Gulliver (head chef) and to Larry Olson and his jazz band. They definitely made the atmosphere festive. Many new residents attended and lots of long-time ones too. What a great annual event for Venetian! We certainly live in a special community.

