



MAINSAIL

SUMMER 2024



VENETIAN ESTATES NEWS & EVENTS

President's Message

Dear Residents,

I hope this message finds you all safe and well. As the President of our HOA, I wanted to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude and admiration for the incredible resilience and community spirit each of you has shown in the wake of Hurricane Beryl.

As you are aware, our neighborhood was hit hard by the storm causing considerable damage. Yet, despite the challenges and destruction, the strength and unity of our community stood out the most. It was heartwarming to see neighbors helping neighbors-- clearing debris from yards, sharing generators, or simply offering a comforting presence. Your acts of kindness and solidarity were truly inspiring.

Normalcy is returning to the neighborhood, with the city completing tree debris pick up and Sorrento regaining power. Unfortunately, at least two homes in our neighborhood were severely damaged by falling trees.

Thank you for your patience over the past few weeks as clean up was completed; our service providers' efforts are ongoing and substantial. Please contact me, or someone on our HOA Board, should you continue to have lingering storm-related issues you need assistance with and we will try to help. I am proud to be part of this great community and to have you as a Venetian neighbor.

With gratitude,



~ Steve Tralie, HOA President



All-in-one mobile app designed to help you connect, collaborate, and stay up to date with Venetian Estates



End of Summer ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, AUG 4
4-6 PM

GOURMET OLD-FASHIONED
MILKSHAKES, BANANA SPLITS
+ ICE CREAM CONES

COME JOIN THE FUN
AT THE EMPTY LOT
ON LOMBARDY NEAR GENOVA

- CASH & CARDS ACCEPTED -

Lake Report Summer 2024

The most noticeable issue with our lake this year is that the water level has maintained itself at a relatively high, acceptable, level due to rainwater. We have not had to pump any replenishment water into the lake so far this year which saves us large amounts of money. Some of you may notice some boat activity up by the dam soon. We are conducting a localized sediment analysis in this area (pump discharge) to assess the difference over the past 3 years as a result of pumping water in from Lake Eldridge. We know that the incoming water is high in sediment content, and we are trying to assess the long-term effects because of this activity. We will continue to dye the lake as needed to appear more aesthetically pleasing.

Unlike during Harvey, our dam worked as intended during Beryl. Lake Eldridge never rose up to the top of our dam and our water continued to flow outward back into Lake Eldridge throughout the entire storm period. This prevented us from receiving excess quantities of sediment laden water and trash fish during the flooding. We are running additional testing following all the yard and street runoff, but it would be advisable to avoid swimming in the lake for a few weeks until the chemistry is balanced again.

4th of July Boat Parade

Our annual boat parade is always a beautiful sight, and this year was no different, with so many participating in boats and waving on from the shoreline. It was wonderful to see everyone's patriotism with unique decorations, making it a truly memorable event for our community. Congratulations to our décor winners—the judge's favorite boat... first place went to the Fergusons of Santa Maria. The second most favorite was the Vonderhaars of Savoy. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated!



YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners. We appreciate so many going above and beyond to keep their yards looking good, especially with this scorching heat.



Congratulations to Jennifer and Richard McKellop at 214 Lombardy, our June Yard of the Month winner.



A special commendation to Elvira Freyre of 102 Sorrento. She was our July Yard of the Month winner, and despite sustaining damage from the storm with a tree falling on her home, she remains very deserving of this award.

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) and reconvenes in September.

Venetian Branded Items

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

Visit VenetianEstates.org to learn more!



From the Deed Restrictions Committee

Ah summer in VE, boating, fishing, enjoying the evening breezes on your patio and dock (OK, not so much the mosquitoes). If you are like most of us you enjoy the outdoors and the country like vibe of VE. There were actually a couple of lightning bugs in our backyard the other evening but sadly that has become much less frequent than it used to be. Lights interfere with this country like vibe and those of us enjoying the outdoors of evenings, the night sky and stars. Today's light technology and some of the LED lights now available can be extremely bright. Therefore please be mindful of your neighbors and please be reminded that our restrictions require outdoor lights on the sides and backs of our homes to be shrouded and downcast so as not to broadcast into adjacent properties nor across the water. This applies not only to the lights attached to our homes but also lights on or near the water such as our docks. Lights on our docks and patios may look nice but they also broadcast across the water into our neighbors' yards and homes. Lighting on our docks is discouraged but allowed as long as it does not broadcast and is not of all night duration. Lighting on the bulkheads is discouraged (except as temporary holiday decoration) as it reflects off the water and therefore broadcasts across the water. All exterior lighting must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Thanks for considering your neighbors and have a great summer.

Remember, ALL exterior changes to your property must be submitted using the property improvement application form found on the venetianestates.org website prior to the commencement of construction please call MASC Austin Properties, the property management company for Venetian Estates, with any questions 713-776-1771.





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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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Flock SafeList Sign-up



VE Website



VE Closed Group

Back-to-School

DONUT DRIVE-THRU

206 LOMBARDY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:00-8:00AM

**Parents- Make the school commute a little easier!
 Simply drive through and grab a bag of donuts on
 your way to school.**

Two donuts per child – provided by the Venetian HOA

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!

