

2022  
WINTER



NEWSLETTER



*HOME. SWEET. HOME.*

THE OFFICIAL VENETIAN  
ESTATES NEWSLETTER

# THE Venetian Estates MAINSAIL

## UPCOMING EVENTS



*We had 10 events in 2021, with a few new ones like the Back-to-School Donut drive thru; we finished the year with the annual Christmas party held at the Beckers on Lombardy.*

*We saw great turnout at all of our events and we're getting feedback that everyone is really enjoying the variety of events.*

*In 2022, 13 events are planned, including some annual favorites like our Memorial Day Car Parade and a Crawfish and Fishing Tournament. Our first event planned is the neighborhood coffee in April. (details on page 4)*

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone that attended our annual meeting on Tuesday March 8th. We had some pretty good suggestions that we will be discussing at the next Board Meeting. We do take all suggestions to heart, realizing that it is community involvement and suggestions from



*Our annual HOA meeting on March 8th had a great turnout by both residents and community leaders. The VE HOA meetings are open to all residents; upcoming meeting dates are provided on our community website.*

neighbors that make Venetian Estates a great place to live. Various dignitaries, from the mayor himself, to city council representatives, personnel from the police & fire departments, and commissioner Andy Myers office were in attendance to give us some good insight about Sugar Land and Fort Bend County. One of the highlights was hearing that our crime numbers in Sugar Land were down considerably from 2021, keeping our city as one of the safest places to live in the State of Texas if not the whole USA. I would also like to recognize all the Venetian Estates residence that helped Sugar Land out with your participation in the Sugar Land Solid Waste Satisfaction Survey. I am a member of the Sugar Land Solid Waste Task Force representing Venetian Estates. We presented our recommendations to City Council on Tuesday March 15th. If approved, our recommendations will be incorporated into the next solid waste contract in 2023.

Springtime in Venetian Estates means boat time and enjoying life on our lovely lake. A great time of year for sure!!! Be safe out there and be courteous to others as we shake off the winter doldrums to enjoy some fabulous weather on the water. I look forward to seeing everyone on the lake or enjoying life lakeside in your back yard!! For Carol & I, it is time to start our daily wine & cheese cruises around the lake!!! See you all around the neighborhood.



~ Steve Tralie

# Your Venetian Estates Board:

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

## Trustees:

Bob Buck	Pat Lowrie
Bob Vacek	Ralph Twiss
Christen Johnson	Ruth Jungman
Don Wilson	Tarn Springob
Ed Beckham	Tom Tannahill
Haynie Stringer	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.

## Stay in the Know!

- On Facebook? Join the 'Venetian Estates Closed Group' for community news.
- Need a resident vehicle sticker or neighborhood directory? Contact Ruth Jungman at 713-962-0114.
- If you're currently not on the neighborhood email list, contact Pat Lowrie at pblowrie@yahoo.com to be added.
- Visit VenetianEstates.org for information on our community, including a link to purchase Venetian branded items, including shirts, hats and more.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

'Yard of the Month' is returning to Venetian Estates in May through October this year. We know so many in our community take special care to make their landscaping look good throughout the year and this is a great way to give a special kudos to those homeowners. Maybe you will be our next winner!



## KEEP UP WITH COVING 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. To register your account, log onto the following website: [www.venetianestates.sites.townsq.io](http://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.



## Welcoming Committee

Lately, we've been busy welcoming many new residents to our wonderful neighborhood. Each 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. As the current Committee Chair, 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 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 being a Block Captain, keep checking the newsletter for your opportunity to volunteer.

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  
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## Community Inspections :

Community inspections are being conducted monthly, as per usual schedule.



# TRAFFIC SAFETY

We don't have sidewalks in Venetian Estates and likely never will, so pedestrians and cyclists have to share our streets with motorized vehicles. When you encounter someone walking or cycling while in a motorized vehicle, please give them plenty of room. If you are able to, please move into the far opposite lane while passing them. Remember, cyclist should ride with the traffic and pedestrians should move against the traffic. Also, a reminder that we have a lot of children playing in our streets. Please slow down.



You are Invited to  
the Venetian Estates  
Resident Spring Social



## Crawfish Boil

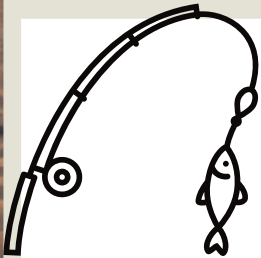
-CRAWFISH, NEIGHBORS + LIVE MUSIC-

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**4:30-7:00pm - 103 Savoy**

**Janine & Jim Vonderhaar's Backyard**

Please RSVP with the # of adults/kids  
eating crawfish to [jrvonder@gmail.com](mailto:jrvonder@gmail.com)



START YOUR DAY BY  
PARTICIPATING IN THE  
VE FISHING TOURNAMENT  
HELD THIS SAME DAY.

DETAILS INSIDE!

## Outdoor Lighting

Light nuisance is a growing problem. Please respect your neighbors when installing outdoor lighting. Not just your next-door neighbors but the ones across the water from you. Some uncontrolled lighting can travel great distances. LED lighting is a very popular choice these days but can also be very bright compared to older incandescent lighting. Try to purchase LED's that have warm tones. Consider shielding very strong lights so they point down to the ground. If the lighting is for security reasons, consider motion detectors instead of leaving lights on all night. One of the things that make our neighborhood attractive is its peaceful serenity. Please don't let your lighting be intrusive. By being a good neighbor, you will also be helping to keep light pollution from our beautiful Texas skies to a minimum.



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2022 FISHING TOURNAMENT

Come join the fun at the Venetian Estates 2022 Fishing Tournament on April 23, 2022. See details and Entry Form inserted into this newsletter



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*A big thank you to our board members who recently power washed our neighborhood bridge. It has never looked better! Take a walk or drive by to see what it looks like now.*


YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2022  
**VENETIAN ESTATES**  
*neighborhood coffee*



*Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>*  
 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
**HOME OF MADGE & KEITH JONES**  
**107 TUSCANY**

Please RSVP to Susan Uselton at 281-682-0815 or [puselton@comcast.net](mailto:puselton@comcast.net)

**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 [t: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.