



# MAIN SAIL

SPRING 2025



## VENETIAN ESTATES NEWS & EVENTS

### President's Message

I would like to congratulate all the Philadelphia Eagles fans in VE for a great, dominant win in the Super Bowl this year against the KC Chiefs, the Refs and Taylor Swift. Just think, we are World Champions!!! Sounds sweet.... are the Fightin Phils next?! I made a motion at the last Board meeting to name the Philadelphia Eagles as the official NFL team of Venetian Estates, my motion was voted down by a narrow 12 to 1 margin. I will try again next year so keep the faith!!

I would like to thank everyone who attended the VE annual meeting on January 16th. The feedback received on the format used was positive. I appreciated the time that our city's dignitaries spent with us at past meetings but spending time with each other during the full meeting was, I hope, beneficial to all.

Let's be safe walking and driving in the neighborhood, the number of new homes being built in Venetian Estates this year is going to be busier than usual. Be patient and be courteous driving around VE while we deal with all the construction around us. Very important, PLEASE SLOW DOWN while driving in our neighborhood. We have more and more young families with children that are moving into our neighborhood.

We have some great neighborhood events coming up that I hope to see everyone at. By this writing we would have had the first ever Margarita Day in Venetian Estates, the annual VE Coffee is a great neighborhood tradition as is the always popular Fishing Tournament/Crawfish Boil that will be held on May 10th this year. All events are a great way to meet new neighbors and to catch up with old friends. Just between us, hopefully Bob Buck will not see this, I have already purchased a beautiful 3.8-pound Red Snapper at Rose's Seafood in Seabrook that I plan to enter into the contest. It will be a slam dunk victory!!!

We have an election for Mayor in Sugar Land on May 3rd. Carol & I will be hosting a Meet & Greet for all three candidates for Mayor in March. Please keep an eye on the VE media sites for dates and times for these events.

Have a great Spring, Carol and I will see you all in the neighborhood!!!



~ Steve Tralie, HOA President



### Neighborhood Coffee

Thank you to everyone who attended our neighborhood coffee on March 7th at the Murray's lovely home on Lombardy. We enjoyed seeing familiar and new faces!





## Lake Report Spring 2025

It's early in the year, but so far, we have not had to pump replenishment water from Lake Eldridge due to timely rains. Along with the rain, storm water comes from our streets and yards and ends up in the lake. It is particularly important to keep your street gutters clean at this time of year from all the fallen leaves. Otherwise, the leaves end up in our lake and add to our sediment base. As the temperature begins to increase for the final time, we will restart our fish feeding program in March. As a reminder, please use your running lights (no headlights or spotlights) when boating at night and stay towards the middle of the waterways to respect residents' privacy.

We dye the lake every two months or more frequently as needed.

## VE MARGARITA PARTY!

Cheers to those who came out and celebrated our first-ever VE National Margarita Day. It was a great time and a big thank you to Tracey + Bucky Richardson for hosting!



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
THE VE SPRING  
SOCIAL



*Crawfish Boil*

-CRAWFISH, NEIGHBORS + FUN-

**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025**

**4:30-7:00 PM**



**103 Savoy**  
**Janine & Jim Vonderhaar's Home**

Please RSVP to [jrvonder@gmail.com](mailto:jrvonder@gmail.com)  
with the # of people eating crawfish...  
and if any kids will be eating hotdogs.

Provided by the VE HOA.



# Block Captains

Block Captains are an integral part of Venetian Estates. They plan many street parties throughout the year and are usually the first point of contact for new residents. Make sure to thank your Block Captain and ask them how you can assist them for the next block party/event.

Block Captains are also responsible for the distribution of yard flags before certain events and special dates. The next two dates for yard flags are May 26-- Memorial Day and Memorial Car Parade, and July 4th-- Independence Day and the Boat Parade.

**Bel Mar-** Ralph Twiss and Christen Johnson  
**Capri-** Karen Withrow  
**Genova-** Toni McConnell  
**Gondola-** Staci Pierce  
**Lombardy-** Tracey Richardson (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  
Bob Vacek - SECRETARY

### Trustees:

Bob Buck	Ralph Twiss
Christen Johnson	Ruth Jungman
Haynie Stringer	Tom Shirley
Pat Uselton	Greg Yund
Pat Lowrie	

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) unless otherwise noted



*VE had a great turnout for our last National Night Out. A special thank you to our Block Captains!*

*The 2025 National Night Out will be Tuesday, October 7.*

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

I have visited a few new residents in 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 contact me. As Welcoming Committee Chair, I'd love to meet you! If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Committee, I'd love to talk with you about it.

## CARING COMMITTEE

Venetian Estates has beautiful views and great neighbors, and how we care for each other takes it to another level. A large part of what makes it so special here is the VE Caring Committee. 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, residents of Venetian Estates are always quick to assist. Most often this consists of delivering meals to the family that has suffered. As VE Committee Chair, I coordinate directly with the families in need; which allows an easy flow of neighbors to drop by with special meals, or assistance.

I also send cards to VE residents for many occasions including births, deaths, and graduations. My assistance is available to those wanting to send out an announcement to the community as well. Please contact me if you have a need or are interested in joining the Caring Committee.

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. If I can't help you, I know who can!

Ruth Jungman, 114 Sorrento  
713-962-0114 - cell phone



## VENETIAN ESTATES

### 2025 FISHING TOURNAMENT

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE  
VE FISHING TOURNAMENT!

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH  
6:30AM - 12NOON



>> Entry form in this newsletter <<





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**Remember, ALL exterior changes to your property must be submitted using the property improvement application form found on the [venetianestates.org](http://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.**

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](mailto:pblowrie@yahoo.com)

Need a resident vehicle sticker or neighborhood directory? Contact Ruth Jungman at 713-962-0114.



Visit [VenetianEstates.org](http://VenetianEstates.org) for information on our community, past newsletters, deed restrictions, and more!

