

# VENICE CITY E-NEWS

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## 400+ volunteers spruce up city

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Some 429 volunteers turned out Saturday, Oct. 15 to beautify the city for Venice's annual Make a Difference Day, according to organizer Jim Foubister of Serve Florida.

"We had people in their 80s and kids in middle school," Foubister said. "We had all kinds of people helping out."

The efforts included those of the Venice Middle School Young Marines.

"What an incredible effort, with so many volunteers, including an astounding number of young folks," said Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, who also lent a hand. "Without events like Make a Difference Day, and without our wonderful volunteers, Venice would likely be very different from the Venice we know and love today."

Make a Difference Day, one of the largest national days of community service, saves the city thousands of dollars.



Volunteers of all ages worked Oct. 15 to beautify the city during Make a Difference Day, a citywide community service effort.

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# NOVEMBER 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All meeting and event times and dates are subject to change.		<b>1</b>  1:30 p.m. Planning Commission	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  5 p.m. Traffic Advisory Task Force  9 a.m. Municipal Code Enforcement Board	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Venice MainStreet Art Fest, downtown, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
	<b>6</b> Daylight Saving Time ends, turn clocks back one hour and replace batteries in smoke detectors. Venice MainStreet Art Fest, downtown, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Election Day  9 a.m. City Council	<b>9</b>  11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Police Pension, Fire Station #3	<b>10</b>  9 a.m. Architectural Review Board	<b>11</b> Veterans Day City Hall closed. Garbage, yard waste and recycling collected as usual. Chalk Festival, Airport Festival Grounds, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Venice MainStreet Friday Night Live Free Concert, Bluestar, Centennial Park, 7 p.m.
<b>13</b>  Chalk Festival, Airport Festival Grounds, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<b>14</b>  Chalk Festival, Airport Festival Grounds, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<b>15</b>  1:30 p.m. Planning Commission	<b>16</b>  3:30 p.m. Economic Development Advisory Board	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  9 a.m. Historic Preservation Board Venice MainStreet Friday Night Live Free Concert, Steve Arvey, Centennial Park, 7 p.m.	<b>19</b>  Venice Blues Fest, sponsored by Venice MainStreet, Maxine Barritt Park, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  3 p.m. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day  City Hall closed. Garbage, yard waste and recycling will not be collected.	<b>25</b> City hall closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Garbage, yard waste and recycling collected as usual. Venice MainStreet Friday Night Live Free Concert, Larry & Taylor, Centennial Park, 7 p.m.	<b>26</b>  Annual Holiday Parade, downtown 6 p.m., with pre-parade activities at 5 p.m.
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  9 a.m. City Council  2:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Board	Chairs may be placed along the Holiday Parade route after 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23. Tarps, tape, mats and other items not allowed.		

# DECEMBER 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>To dispose of live Christmas trees, cut into 4-foot pieces and place on curb with weekly yard waste collection.</p>				<b>1</b> <i>9 a.m. Municipal Code Enforcement Board Downtown Christmas Walk, 5 - 8 p.m.</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Christmas Boat Parade, ICW, 6 p.m.</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>1:30 p.m. Planning Commission</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>9 a.m. Architectural Review Board</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Venice MainStreet Friday Night Live Free Concert, Lady Katt &amp; the Howlin' Doggs, Centennial Park, 7 p.m.</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Christmas Tree Lighting in Blalock Park and Venice Museum Open House, 6 p.m.</i>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>9 a.m. City Council</i>	<b>14</b> <i>3:30 p.m. Public Art Advisory Board</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>9 a.m. Historic Preservation Board</i>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>3 p.m. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board</i>	<b>20</b> <i>1:30 p.m. Planning Commission</i>	<b>21</b> Winter begins <i>3:30 p.m. Economic Development Advisory Board</i>	<b>22</b> <i>9 a.m. Architectural Review Board</i>	<b>23</b> <i>City Hall closed in observance of the Christmas holiday. Garbage, yard waste and recycling collected as usual. Venice MainStreet Friday Night Live Free Concert, Mindy Simmons, Centennial Park, 7 p.m.</i>	<b>24</b> Hanukkah begins
<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa <i>City Hall closed in observance of the Christmas holiday. Garbage, yard waste and recycling collected as usual.</i>	<b>27</b> <i>City Council, canceled</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve



Members of the Venice Middle School Young Marines who helped out on Make a Difference Day.

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Landscaping, raking, cleaning and litter collection took place in the Venice Avenue medians, as well as at Centennial Park, City Hall Park, Dr. Fred Albee Park, East Gate Park, Fountain Park, Graser Park, Humphris Park (South Jetty), John Nolen Park, Michael Biehl Park, Mundy Park, Ponce De Leon Park, Prentiss French Park, Ruscelletto Park, Venezia Park, West Blalock Park, Heritage Park, Luna’s pocket park, Hecksher Park, Chuck Reiter Park, Venetian Waterway Park, South Brohard Park and Legacy Park. Other volunteers built picnic tables at Prentiss French and replaced bench slats at the South Jetty. Supplies, including drinking water and gloves, were furnished.

Foubister, with Venice Cares/Tri County Community Foundation, was the chief organizer of the event, with assistance from city Public Works staff. Lift Church and Venice Cares also provided a free lunch for volunteers.



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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Jim Foubister, with Venice Cares/Tri County Community Foundation, left, was the chief organizer of this year's citywide Make a Difference Day effort.



**'CELEBRATE AMERICA AT SUN FIESTA 2016'**



The Sun Fiesta's wild and crazy Bed Races were held on a gorgeous morning Saturday, Oct. 22 along West Venice Avenue. Home & Condo Rentals, top left, won the event. The annual Sun Fiesta is sponsored by the Women's Sertoma Club of Venice.

### 'CELEBRATE AMERICA AT SUN FIESTA 2016'



The Sun Fiesta Parade followed the Bed Races on Oct. 22 along West Venice Avenue, featuring Grand Marshal Maj. Mike Dubrule (USMC Ret.), right, VMS Young Marines Commander, and last year's Miss Sun Fiesta Arianna Murdocca, a VHS senior, below. Arianna would later pass her crown to this year's winner, Heather Braswell.



## Temporary library reopens in Hamilton building



Above, City of Venice and Sarasota County officials cut the ribbon Oct. 6 for the grand reopening of the temporary Venice Library.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony with city and county officials marked the reopening of the temporary Venice Library on Thursday, Oct. 6.

The library, located in the Hamilton building behind the Venice Theatre at 260 N. Nokomis Ave., features a large collection of books, DVDs, magazines and newspapers. In addition, the new library includes a children's area, expanded reading areas with increased seating, more computers for public use, and is within walking distance of the Intra-coastal Waterway and Venice's historic downtown area. There is also a SCAT bus stop just one block away.

The temporary library opened to the public on Oct. 4 — a date emphasized by Venice Library Manager Ann Hall.

"There's another date, 1965, Oct. 4, when the original library opened," she said.

Sarasota County closed the original library next to the Venice Community Center in February due to persistent mold issues. The library is expected to be housed in the Hamilton building for about three years while a permanent facility is built. The county spent about \$250,000 to renovate the building, while the city contributed \$50,000 to repair the facility's exterior and refurbish the grounds.

The temporary library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

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## NEW LIBRARY



Eager patrons formed a line outside the building when the temporary Venice Library reopened to the public the morning of Oct. 4. A formal ribbon-cutting was held two days later.



## Vice Mayor reflects on military service

Venice Vice Mayor Thomas “Kit” McKeon, who served as an infantry officer and helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army, is a staunch advocate of the military for young people.



Vice Mayor Kit McKeon is pictured above after joining the City Council in 2008 and below when he graduated from West Point in 1971.



“I grew up in a military family,” said McKeon, who went to high school in Okinawa after his father was transferred there, and went on to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1971. “My feeling, growing up in that time, was that everyone should serve two years of service to the country. As U.S. citizens, it’s appropriate to pay something back.”

McKeon, 69, characterized his time at West Point as “Absolutely wonderful.” “It was strict and structured, but I got a great education. I made a lot of friends that I still have today.”

McKeon was commissioned an infantry officer upon graduation, then attended airborne and ranger schools. His first duty assignment was Fort Hood, Texas, with the 1st Cavalry Division, where he served as a mechanized infantry platoon leader. After about a year and a half, he was selected by Gen. Joe Starker to be his aide-de-camp, or confidential assistant.

“My job was to do anything to keep the boss’ life simple — support him in any way professionally,” McKeon said.

After about a year at that post, he went to flight school, graduating in April 1974. By then, Starker had taken command of the Combat Developments Experimentation Command at Fort Ord., Calif., and the Hunter-Liggett training facility.

“He made a request to have me come out and rejoin him as his aide in 1974,” McKeon said.

However, Starker returned to Fort Hood shortly after to be an assistant division commander, and McKeon became a platoon leader with the 155<sup>th</sup> Aviation Attack Helicopter Squadron. He later served as operations officer for the company.

“We did night vision experiments (at Hunter-Liggett),” he explained. “At the time, we used early versions of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared (FLIR) systems, to be able to operate at night.”

As operations officer, McKeon stayed at Ford Ord and made sure the missions had the right allocation of assets and people available. McKeon resigned from the Army in December 1976 and went into the defense aerospace business, working for General Electric’s Armament Systems Department in Burlington, Vt., as a marketing rep for utility helicopter weapons sales.



Gen. Joe Starker presents McKeon with the Army Commendation Medal.



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"We made 100% of the free world's Gatling guns at the time," he said.

Six months after McKeon started with G.E., he joined the Vermont National Guard as a helicopter pilot. "I loved to fly," he said. "It was one of those things ... 'they're paying me to do this (but) I'd do it for free.'"

After about two and a half years in the Vermont Guard, he resigned and went in the Army Reserves. At the same time, he went to work for the G.E.-sponsored 160<sup>th</sup> Strategic Military Intelligence Detachment, which had partnered with the Army's Foreign Science and Technology Center in Charlottesville, Va. The detachment was responsible for analyzing foreign weapons up to 40 mm. After four years, he resigned from the Army Reserves as a major.

He moved to Washington, D.C., in 1986, where he worked as an executive with Sikorsky Aircraft until he retired in 2004 to Venice, where his parents had lived since 1970.

McKeon has served on the Venice City Council since November 2008. He and his wife Wanda have been married for 28 years.



Above left, McKeon is pictured with General Electric's "lightweight" 20 mm gun pod for helicopters. Above right, McKeon prepares to board an Army Huey helicopter in 1975. At left, McKeon was a major when he resigned from the Army Reserves in 1986.

## Report city issues on the go with SeeClickFix

Reporting a concern in Venice is now just a few clicks away.

The city has partnered with SeeClickFix to create a new platform called Venice Connect that allows citizens to report quality-of-life issues (such as potholes, roadside junk and tall grass) and request city services. About 180 issues have been logged since the system was launched Aug. 31.



With free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, citizens are now able to provide city staff with pictures, videos, specific descriptions, and more — valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides city officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution, engaging citizens throughout the process.

SeeClickFix Venice Connect is available as an app for Android and iPhone. Select SeeClickFix from your app store on your device and choose Venice, Florida. There is also a link to the program on the city's website, [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com), or go directly to SeeClickFix at <http://www.seeclickfix.com/venice>.

Use SeeClickFix to request assistance with City of Venice services or report problems, such as potholes, roadside junk, broken sidewalks, stormdrain issues, traffic signal/sign problems, code violations, etc. Venice Connect will acknowledge newly submitted issues and forward them to the appropriate departments to take care of the requests. Users will receive email updates and can come back here to check the status of submitted issues. When the issue is resolved, the issue can be closed. Separate issues should be submitted as separate SeeClickFix reports. Note: Please make sure that the address you are providing is the location of the issue being **reported**.

For more information on using the program, call 941-882-7401. Law enforcement issues of an emergency nature need to be reported directly to the Venice Police Department by calling 911. VPD's non-emergency number is 941-486-2444. After-hours Utilities emergencies can be reported at 941-486-2770.

## VMA car show set for Nov. 5

The Venice Museum & Archives is joining with the Venice Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America for a car show from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in front of the museum at 351 Nassau St. S., Venice.

The museum will be open that day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the show in the afternoon. It is free and open to the public. About 30 cars are expected.

Those attending can also check out the museum's latest exhibit, "Burnin' Rubber – Auto Racing in Venice from 1953-1960," on the local racing history

of micro midgets, hot rods and sports cars.

For more information, call the VMA at 941-486-2487.

It is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, October through April, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



### FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK



Oct. 16-22 was Florida City Government Week, and Venice Elementary School students Collin Lulofs (second grade) and Owen Bowley (fifth grade) — pictured at left — won a pizza party for their art classes Oct. 17 after winning a city-sponsored poster contest, drawing to the theme, "My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It." Below, art teacher Barbara Sirpilla dishes out the pizza.



Collin drew the Brohard Beach Paw Park for his poster (at right), writing on the back, "I like the dog beach because it's relaxing." Owen went with the Venice city water tower for his poster (top right), writing on the back, "I love looking up and seeing the Venice water tower towering over me, breaking through the clouds."



## FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK



Epiphany Cathedral School fifth-grader Hilary Hupp, pictured at left, won a pizza party for her class Oct. 18 after winning a city-sponsored poster contest for Florida City Government Week, drawing to the theme, "My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It." Hilary's winning artwork, at right, depicts the entranceway to West Venice Avenue, along with beach elements.



Venice Mayor John Holic shakes City Manager Ed Lavallee's hand Oct. 11 in Council chambers after reading a proclamation naming Oct. 16-22 Florida City Government Week.



## LED lighting project celebrated at Wellfield

The City of Venice and Sarasota County partnered for a dedication ceremony for the new LED lighting at Wellfield Park Soccer Field at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20.

Venice Public Works Director John Veneziano, Sarasota County Commissioner Charles Hines, Venice City Council Member Bob Daniels and Heather Meza, a member of the Venice Area Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors, all spoke, touting the new LED lights and the difference they make for the players. Then the lights were flipped on, to applause.

The new sports lighting system includes four galvanized steel poles with concrete foundations, 44 LED luminaries, four auxiliary luminaries, luminaire assemblies, component enclosures, and a control and monitoring cabinet.

It is the first LED field lighting installed in Sarasota County.

Wellfield Park is located in the City of Venice, and is maintained by Sarasota County. Originally budgeted at \$300,000, the project came in under budget at \$266,200, using park impact fees collected by the city that are used exclusively to increase city or county park capacity. The contractor for the project was MUSCO; the main subcontractor was Himes Electric. The contract was approved on Jan. 26, 2016. Work commenced the week of March 28. Substantial completion occurred by May 15, and light testing commenced June 22.

After the dedication, dozens of youth soccer players enjoyed a sheet cake and lemonade.

The Wellfield Park Soccer Field is located at 1251 Pinebrook Road, Venice.

Soccer players enjoyed a marble cake with a picture of one of the new LED lights, top. At right, Public Works Director John Veneziano talks about the project.



Above, in this photo provided by Sarasota County, soccer players point to one of the new LED lights at the Wellfield Park Soccer Field on Oct. 20.

### IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Venice Fire Chief Shawn Carvey smiles Oct. 25 as Mayor John Holic presents him with his 20-year Service Award and pin. At top right, members of Venice Fire Rescue look on as Carvey is recognized.



As Mayor John Holic and Venice Airport Director Mark Cervasio look on, Marta Ugas-Carpenter, Administrative Coordinator at the airport, shows off her 15-year Service Award on Oct. 25.



Mayor John Holic recognizes the Sons of the American Legion Oct. 25 for the group's \$3,000 donation to the Venice Fraternal Order of Police for the purchase of two ballistic shields (one shown here).

## IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Mayor John Holic reads a proclamation Oct. 25 decreeing the month of October 2016 as Affordable Housing Month, presented to Martha Thomas, Venice Housing Authority Executive Director; Kathy Lehner, Vice Chair; and Aundria Castleberry, VHA member.



Eva-Marie Edukonis, Events and Development Manager at Suncoast Humane Society, talks about the importance of adopting shelter animals Oct. 25 after being presented with a proclamation naming Nov. 12, 2016, Pet Appreciation Day.

## AT YOUR SERVICE

The following individuals have been appointed or reappointed to serve on city boards, commissions, committees and task forces:

**Aundria Castleberry** and **Lorna Hunter**, reappointed to the Venice Housing Authority, to serve a term from Nov. 1, 2016, until Oct. 31, 2020.

**Fran Valencic**, reappointed to the Public Art Advisory Board, to serve a term from Nov. 1, 2016, until Oct. 31, 2019.

**Ernest Skinner**, reappointed to the Police Pension Board of Trustees, to serve a term from Nov. 1, 2016, until Oct. 31, 2020.

**Thomas Trammell**, appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Board to serve a term from Oct. 26, 2016, until Nov. 1, 2019.

## Two more generators at sewer lift stations is more exciting than it sounds

Emergency generators allow the city Utilities Department to continue operation of facilities such as sewer lift stations during power outages, thus ensuring continuous service.

Lift Station No. 2 and No. 65 received new generators. Lift Station 2 is located on the island; the flow from this station is sent to one of the systems major re-pump stations, No. 7. Lift Station No. 65 accepts flows from two other stations in a large development in the east section of the city's collection system. Until now, both stations did not have a generator. These upgrades reduce the chance of a possible sewer overflow, also known as a sewer spill.

Ninety-five percent of the work was done in-house. City staff installed electric conduit and wiring, formed the slab, poured and finished the concrete, and installed the new generator.

The new generators are more energy-efficient. They have a transfer switch that automatically starts the generator when power is lost and are set to run 20 minutes after the power outage clears; the timing can be adjusted. Additional savings are associated with decreased pumping and hauling sewage at the lift stations.

The new generators are quieter and provide better air quality than the old generators.



Above, city staff clear and prepare the area for the concrete pad and generator installation.



At left, city staff receive, level and smooth out the concrete pad. Right, the generator is delivered to Lift Station No. 2 and installation completed at Lift Station No. 65.



## Backflow program required testing reminder

The city began the backflow prevention program sending notification letters to owners of properties that required a backflow device, had an option to downgrade their current device, or no longer required a device. Priority was focused on non-residential properties that did not have a backflow device or a current certification for testing their existing assembly. The same was done for residential properties with exception of the test certifications. Moving into the next phase of the program includes staff addressing the following requirements:

**Non-residential** - All properties require a reduced pressure backflow assembly (RP-BFP)

RP-BFP assemblies are required to be tested annually; reminder post cards are now being sent on a monthly basis.

Double-check assemblies were allowed to remain in place until the initial 12-month period ended. These property owners will be receiving letters requiring the installation of a reduced pressure backflow assembly.

**Residential** - The level of property hazard determines if a backflow device is required and what type.

Testing reminders for residential properties will begin to be sent in the near future, on a monthly basis.

Letters are being sent to property owners that have not complied with the backflow prevention program requirements within the initial 12-month period.

**Residential testing requirements** - There are different requirements specific to residential.

Reduced pressure backflow assemblies currently require an inspection every other year.

Dual check backflow assemblies (DuC-BFP) do not require testing, but are required to be refurbished or replaced no less than once every 10 years.

**General requirements that determine the type of BFP required for Residential Customers are below:**

- Potable water used for irrigation requires a Reduced Pressure Backflow Preventer Assembly (RP-BFP).
- Surface water used for irrigation requires a RP-BFP.
- Well water used for irrigation requires a Dual Check Backflow Preventer Assembly (DuC-BFP).
- Reclaimed water directly from the City's reuse main lines used for irrigation requires a DuC-BFP.
- None of the above means no BFP is required.

There are minor exceptions to these requirements. The above covers the vast majority of our customers.

Visit our website page at [http://venicegov.com/Municipal\\_links/Utilities/backflow.asp](http://venicegov.com/Municipal_links/Utilities/backflow.asp) for residential backflow frequently asked questions, and to view the Cross-Connection Control Program Manual.

If you have questions about your specific circumstances, please contact Utilities Technical Unit Supervisor, Michael Catalano, at 941-480-3333, ext. 7311



Above, a reduced pressure assembly (RP-BFP) is installed above ground, downstream of meter box. Below, a dual check (DuC-BFP) is installed underground, typically in a meter box.



## GOOD NEWS

- **Venice ranked #11 in an online listing of 15 Best Small Towns to Visit in Florida** posted by thecrazytourist.com. According to the site, “At the top of most of the lists about best places to retire is Venice. This island community enjoys public beaches, parks, safe biking, access to the Gulf of Mexico, low cost of living, and plenty of sun. What more could you want to live life to the fullest?” It goes on to state, “Juried arts shows, craft festivals, parades, and Friday night concerts ensure that there is always something to do in Venice.”
- **Venice received four out of five stars in the recent America in Bloom competition.** This is the third year that Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) has entered the city in the national contest put on by America in Bloom, a non-profit with a mission to make cities of all sizes better in all facets of community growth. Judges were in Venice on April 28-29 to judge the city in six categories: Floral, Landscaping, Trees, Environmental, Heritage and History Preservation, and Overall, which covers components including the arts, recreation opportunities, community spirit and volunteerism. Judges had this to say: “Touring the City of Venice was a delightful experience. The city just sparkles. Venice has implemented many of the recommendations of past judges, and their progress is evident at every turn. New monument signs, attractive directional signage throughout the city, and beautiful murals greet each visitor to Venice. New floral and public art displays are proudly in place in many areas throughout the city. Venice truly is a special place.” Judges also recognized the Hatchett Creek Restoration Project in 2015, stating, “This project transformed a former 10-acre cement plant into what is now Legacy Park. The project involved the demolition of the plant buildings and the removal of over 6,000 tons of concrete material from along the creek bed. Trimming of invasive mangroves occurred as well, allowing for wildlife observation points as well as creation of a launching ramp for kayaks and canoes. Other debris and trash were removed from the creek, resulting in a significant improvement to water quality, along with the restoration of wetlands and habitats. With the dedication of Legacy Park there is now a formal connection between the Legacy Trail and Venetian Waterway Trail.”
- **The city is receiving funding for drinking water infrastructure improvements.** The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program recently executed a \$3.4 million agreement with the City of Venice for a replacement of over 8 miles of cast iron water mains located in back yard easements, installation of upgrades to the city’s water treatment plant, replacement of a production water supply well, and the addition of a new water supply well. As part of this project, the city is proposing to relocate the old water lines from the rear lot easements to the public right of way along the road, where they can be more easily accessed and maintained. These projects will improve the operation and reliability of water service to city residents. Florida's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with joint funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Florida. DWSRF programs operate around the country to provide states and communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources nationwide.



### GOOD NEWS

In response to requests to add and better delineate RV/bus parking spaces at the city’s southern beach parking areas, the following improvements have been completed by Public Works in coordination with Engineering:

- South Brohard Park: Four designated RV/bus parking spaces have been created, including additional signage and pavement markings.
- Maxine Barritt Park: Three designated RV/bus parking spaces were existing. Additional signage has been added to better identify the spaces.
- Pier Parking Area 3: Four designated RV/bus parking spaces have been added to the site plan.

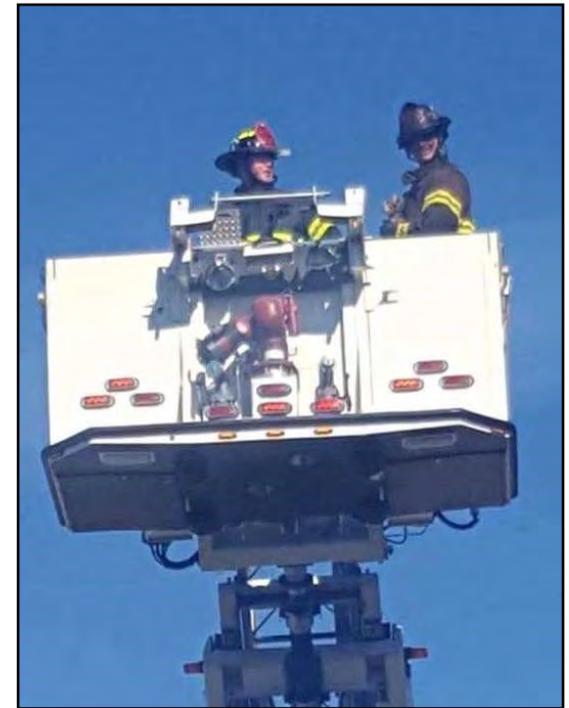


Improvements to South Brohard Park for RV/bus parking can be seen in the top two photos; the bottom two pictures show changes at Maxine Barritt Park.

### AROUND TOWN



City Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator Darlene Culpepper, right, leads bicyclists on the city's monthly ride around the island Oct. 12. The next bike ride, open to the public, is Nov. 9. Bring your bike and helmet and meet in the City Hall parking lot at 10 a.m.



City firefighters Hunter Snyder and Chad Meyers used a ladder truck Oct. 22 to rescue a kitten from a tree at the corner of Lillian Street and Karen Drive.

### AROUND TOWN



Above, Venice firefighters Lt. Gerald Collins, Joe Parsons and Justin Cochara were deployed in response to Hurricane Matthew in early October. Emergency personnel from around the state staged in Lakeland until the storm passed. Units from Venice, Sarasota and North River Fire Departments joined others to offer relief to East Coast residents.



Christin Martin gave the "gift of life" during a One-blood drive on Oct. 12 outside City Hall.



Old Betsy, the city's 1926 LaFrance firetruck, was on display Oct. 2 at the Venice Region Antique Automobile Club of America Car Show held in Centennial Park. The club presented Old Betsy with a plaque commemorating her 90th birthday (left), which was accepted by Earl Midlam and Dorothy Korwek as Gaylord George, a retired Venice firefighter, looked on.

### AROUND TOWN

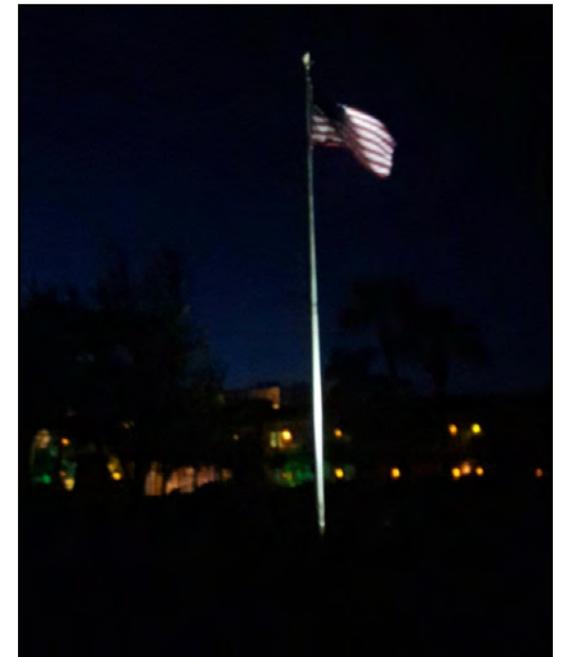


Deanna Lawson, an 11-year-old student at Student Leadership Academy, spent several hours volunteering at Fire Rescue recently, assembling File of Life packets. The school requires volunteer hours each quarter.

At right, Keep Venice Beautiful volunteers in action on a recent afternoon. Half of the volunteers show up by bike, they have a borrowed truck, and the City drops off a large bin for them to fill. In three hours they cut, picked up and hauled six truckloads to the bin behind them, completely filling it. Work was done along the Venetian Waterway Park Trail adjacent to Country Club Estates.



At left, Bob Moroni, Solid Waste and Recycling Superintendent, displays the new garbage containers coming to the city in the near future, during the Sun Fiesta on Oct. 22. At right, the new lighted American flag flying at Heritage Park.



## Council chambers has new A/V system

A brand-new audio/visual system has been installed in Council chambers for city meetings. It went live for a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on Aug. 8, and debuted for Council members at their Aug. 23 meeting.

The system is now digital instead of analog, offering viewers of online city meetings better quality in sound and picture, and an improved view of the meeting room.

“The public is now able to see what’s being shown at meetings,” said City Clerk Lori Stelzer. “Before, they just saw a wide shot of the room.”

Those watching via computer will be able to get a clearer view of information displayed on overhead screens with a new document camera in the room’s ceiling. They’ll also be able to see commentators from the public. A new camera above the mayor’s chair offers pan-tilt-zoom capabilities.

In addition, the mayor, Council members and charter officers have new monitors at their dais seats and wireless microphones. A new amplifier powers the existing speakers.

“The system needed to be updated to interface with new technology,” Stelzer said.

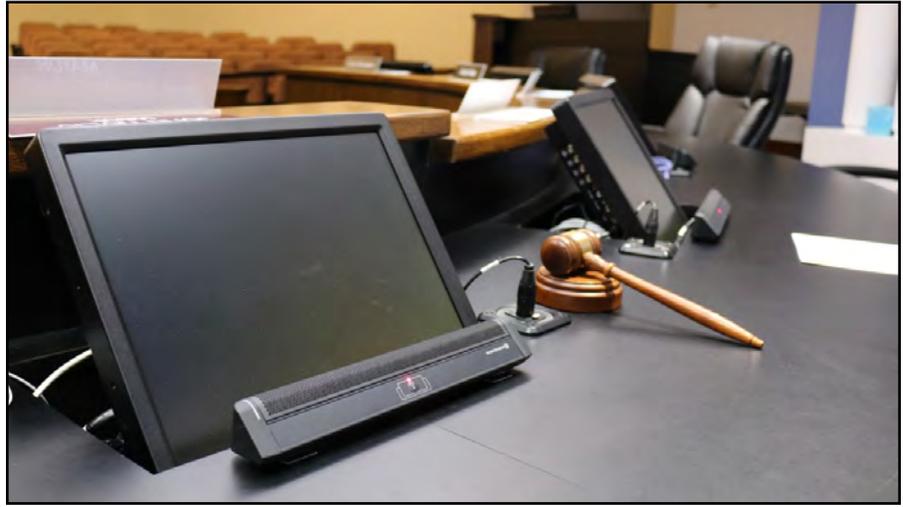
For staff, a touch panel with web access will allow them to control audio and video routing remotely.

The project cost \$80,000, which includes a three-year maintenance contract.

The new A/V system means that now all city meetings held in Council chambers will be broadcast with both audio and visuals. Prior, only audio was available for advisory board meetings.

To view city meetings, go to [www.venicegov.com](http://www.venicegov.com) and click on “Meetings.” Find the Council or Advisory Board meeting you are looking for and then click on “Video” or “In Progress” to the right.

Above right, City Council members and charter officers have new monitors and wireless microphones at their seats. Below, those watching meetings remotely online have a clearer view of Council members (left) and those speaking to them (right), including members of the public.



## VABI offers 'Guest Decorator' program for Tree Lighting



**Venice Area Beautification**

# Holiday Tree Lighting

Join us at the  
**Arboretum at  
West Blalock Park**

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**



*With a desire to rekindle the traditions of a community coming together to celebrate this special time of year, VABI invites you to join us for a FREE celebration of music, lights and community spirit.*

🌿 Live music	🌿 Crafts for the kids
🌿 Vote for your favorite tree	🌿 Tree Lighting at 6:00pm
🌿 Bring a chair	🌿 Santa will make an appearance

**Location:** West Blalock Park located between Nassau, Turin & Pensacola. Please park in the Community Center parking lot - please no parking on the grass at West Blalock.

*If you have questions, call the VABI office at 941-207-8224.*

Event Sponsors:  
Venice Area Garden Club  
Venice Area Beautification, Inc.  
City of Venice

Refreshment Sponsor:  
The Venice-Nokomis Woman's Club

Craft Sponsors:  
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The Venice Art Center

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Venice Area Beautification, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation

Venice Area Beautification Inc. invites the public to gather friends and family to participate in a very special holiday event.

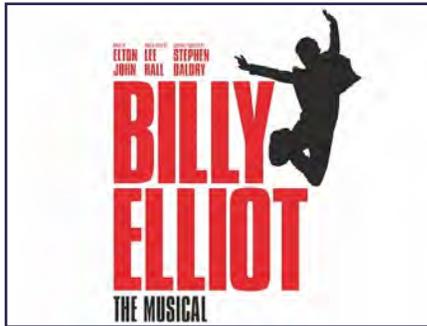
This year, VABI will be hosting the 10th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event at the Monty Andrews Arboretum at West Blalock Park. Those of you who participated last year will recall how festive the Arboretum looked strung with lights and decorations. This year, VABI is again encouraging tree sponsors to join in the fun and decorate their trees for this event.

The trees will be lighted from Dec. 10 through Dec. 31. This year, as in 2015, there will be a "Holiday Tree Lighting" celebration held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 10. Santa will be making an appearance, there will be crafts for the kids, entertainment and refreshments, and there will be voting and a prize for the best decorated tree. At dark, VABI will flip the switch and light up the Arboretum.

Last year, VABI began a new tradition. If you or your organization is interested in being a "Guest Decorator," please indicate your desire to do so by contacting VABI via email to [guestdecorator@gmail.com](mailto:guestdecorator@gmail.com) as soon as possible. If you agree to guest decorate, a tree at the Arboretum will be identified with a marker by Nov. 18. Setup, teardown and all decorations and lights (required) must be provided by the tree decorators. One power outlet to the base of the trees will be provided by VABI. Please make sure everything is connected together and culminates in one "male" plug at either the base of the tree or reaches the electrical box if you have one in front of your tree.

NOTE: All Tree Sponsors — Please call the office at 941-208-8224 or email [guestdecorator@gmail.com](mailto:guestdecorator@gmail.com) by Nov. 9 and leave a message to let organizers know whether you will be decorating your tree this year.

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**Venice, Florida Municipal Government**



**Venice Theatre**

140 Tampa Ave. W.  
941-488-1115  
www.venicestage.com

**"Get Out of Dodge"**  
Nov. 3-20

**"Billy Elliot the Musical"**  
Nov. 8-Dec. 4

**"The Alter Eagles"**  
Nov. 13-14

**Brian Gurl: "Gershwin with a Twist"**  
Nov. 20-21

**"6 Women with Brain Death"**  
Dec. 2-18

**"Late Nite Catechism"**  
Dec. 9-10

**"A Christmas Carol"**  
Dec. 16-21

**The Ditchfields: "Sounds of Christmas"**  
Dec. 22-23

**"Shades of Bubl "**  
Dec. 29-31



**Venice Art Center**

390 Nokomis Ave. S.  
941-485-7136  
www.veniceartcenter.com

**"Members' Show — Anything and Everything"**  
Oct. 7-Nov. 4

**"Let Freedom Ring — A Tribute to America  
and Our Military"**  
Nov. 11-Dec. 9

**"Julia Hyman & Linda Larisch Together Again"**  
Dec. 16-Jan. 13

**"Out of Place — Unusual Things  
in Ordinary Spaces"**  
Jan.20-Feb. 10, 2017



**Venice Performing Arts Center**

1 Indian Ave.  
941-480-3191  
www.veniceperformingartscenter.com

**VHS Drama: "Arabian Nights"**  
Nov. 4-6

**"Saluting Our Veterans"**  
Venice Concert Band  
Nov. 7

**Nelson Illusions: "Dreams of the Impossible"**  
Nov. 12

**"Atlantic City Boys"**  
Nov. 13

**"Bernstein-Tchaikovsky-Brahms"**  
Venice Symphony  
Nov. 18-19

**"Christmas Concert"**  
Venice Concert Band  
Dec. 5

**School of Russian Ballet: "The Nutcracker"**  
Dec. 11

**"Holiday Favorites"**  
Venice Chorale with the Venice Symphony  
Dec. 16-18

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# October 29 Eat Local Week

## Food As Medicine



### HOW DO YOU GET YOUR KIDS TO EAT THEIR VEGGIES?

*A topic that parents have struggled with forever!*

During our **October Kids Korner** we have lots planned to engage our children and teach them how and why eating vegetables will help them in the long run.

UF/IFAS Gardeners will be on hand to discuss the benefits of eating and growing greens from a backyard garden. **Chef Craig Chasky** will be doing interactive cooking demonstrations with the kids on how to chop and saute veggies while letting them sample a variety of veggies first hand.



13-year old **Emma-Rose Larson**, (VFM Entrepreneur) will be sharing her ideas on how to take everyday ingredients and combine them into scrumptious zucchini blueberry or mango chile baked goods, and **Dr. Cristina Babiak** will be showing us how food is used as medicine to live a healthy lifestyle.



*It promises to be a fun-filled (educational) day at the Venice Farmer's Market, and we're excited to do our part to help shape young minds!*

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**  
**9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**200 Block of Tampa Ave. Venice, FL**



### SATURDAY, OCT. 29TH

**\*BEWITCHING HOUR 6:00 PM\***

**BOOFFET \*BOO\*B\*Q\* VITTLES AT 6:30 PM**

**\*CASH BAR FOR HALLOWEEN LIBOOTIONS\***

### COSTUMES ? WEAR, IF YOU DARE !!

**MOOSIC FOR ENTERTAINMENT/DANCING BY \*ROBERT LARZA\***

<b>DONATION:</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>\$20.00 PER SKELETON</b>
	<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>\$24.00 PER SKELETON</b>

**FOR TICKETS: JOHANNA 941-468-5013**

**\*OR BUY DURING FRIDAY NITE DINNER 4:30 TO 7:30**

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF VENICE INVITES YOU TO A CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN BASH

SUNDAY, OCT. 30TH  
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

FOOD! FUN! PRIZES! TREATS!  
JOIN US FOR 'TREATS' NOT 'TRICKS'!  
CHILDREN 10 YEARS OLD & UNDER!  
(MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

\*\*\*COSTUMES ARE REQUIRED\*\*\*

Info: call Mary 941-485-5764

Compliments of "The Italian American Club of Venice"

# HALLOWEEN PARADE

*Downtown Venice*



**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**4pm at the Gazebo**  
**Parade starts at 4:30pm**

Children gather at the Centennial Park Gazebo at 4pm and parade behind *Old Betsy the Fire Truck*. Then visit the businesses on W Venice Ave and Miami Ave for candy!




[www.VisitVeniceFL.org](http://www.VisitVeniceFL.org)

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO PARTICIPATE

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# SAVE THE ANIMALS NOW YARD SALE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

AND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

9:00 AM TIL 4:00 PM

802 The Rialto—On Venice Island  
Corner of The Rialto and Fiesole

ALL ITEMS FOR THE YARD SALE ARE DONATED AND 100% OF THE BENEFITS GO DIRECTLY TO:



### GREAT BARGAINS ON ALL TYPES OF ITEMS INCLUDING:

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS DÉCOR, SMALL APPLIANCES, LINENS, ARTWORK, MIRRORS, KITCHEN ITEMS, CLOTHING, SHOES, BOOKS, BICYCLES, COLLECTIBLES, SPORTING GOODS, PET SUPPLIES, TOYS & GAMES, FURNITURE, JEWELRY, CORKS, SCRAPBOOKING SUPPLIES, & MORE!

*(LEASHED PETS ALWAYS WELCOME!)*

Save the Animals Now (STAN) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. REGISTRATION # CH36134: A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

**OUR MISSION: TO FUNDRAISE FOR AND EDUCATE ABOUT THE NEEDS OF ANIMALS IN SARASOTA AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES WITH AN ULTIMATE GOAL OF BECOMING A TRUE NO-KILL SOCIETY. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE (WWW.SAVETHEANIMALSNOW.ORG) OR "LIKE US" ON FACEBOOK!**

## The Women's Resource Center Fall Legacy Luncheon

"A Catalyst for Change"



Friday, November 4th, 2016

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

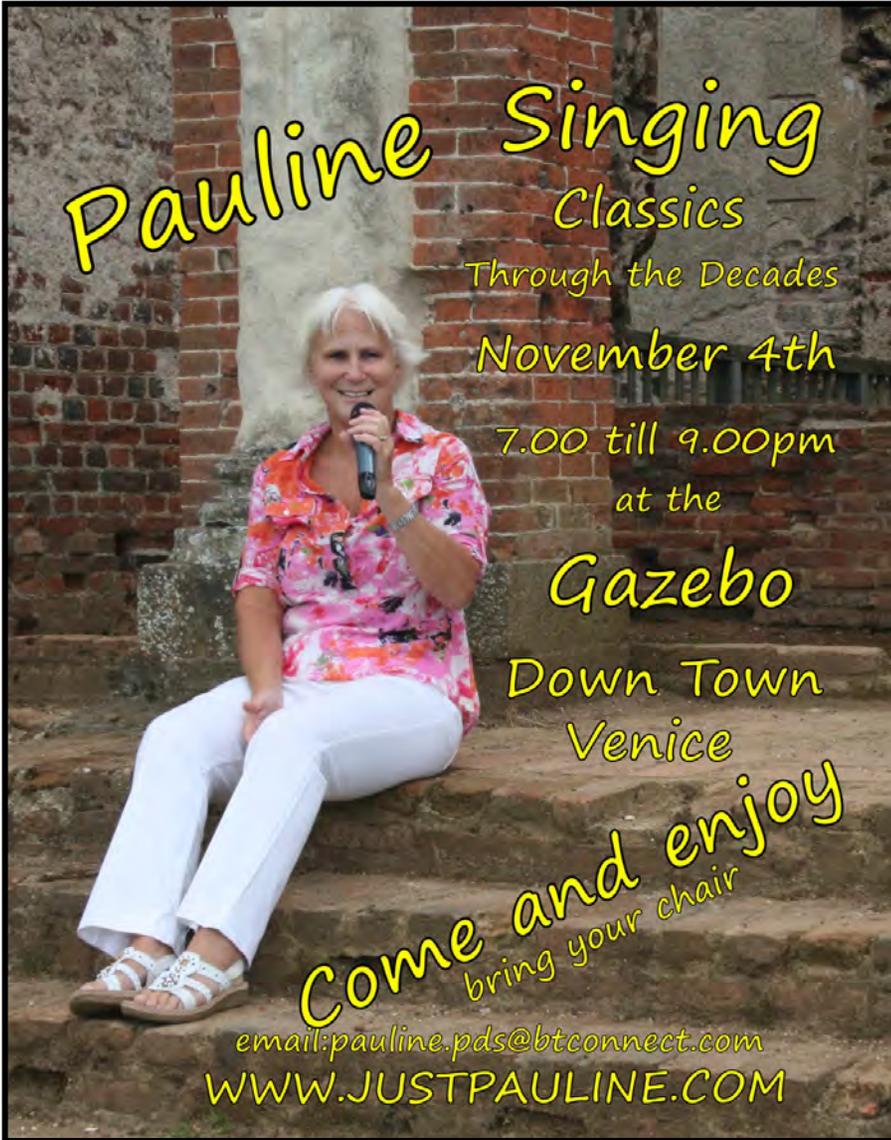
Raffle • Wine Wall

Plantation Golf & Country Club  
500 Rockley Boulevard, Venice, FL

For Reservations please call  
941-485-9724



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**Pauline Singing**  
 Classics  
*Through the Decades*  
 November 4th  
 7.00 till 9.00pm  
 at the  
**Gazebo**  
 Down Town  
 Venice  
*Come and enjoy*  
*bring your chair*  
 email: [pauline.pds@btconnect.com](mailto:pauline.pds@btconnect.com)  
[WWW.JUSTPAULINE.COM](http://WWW.JUSTPAULINE.COM)

**Historic Walking Tour**  
**Of Downtown Venice**  
**Saturdays and Sundays**  
**9:30am-11:00am**

**To Learn more & Sign Up,**  
**Contact Us:**  
**Venice Florida Tours**  
[Facebook.com/VeniceFloridaTours](https://www.facebook.com/VeniceFloridaTours)  
[VeniceFloridaTours@yahoo.com](mailto:VeniceFloridaTours@yahoo.com)  
 Call 817-793-8433 (Tiffany)

**Reservations Required**  
**\$15 (Cash only)**

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**HAPPY 5<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
LEGACY TRAIL 41 BYPASS  
BRIDGE**

**CELEBRATE!  
FREE CAKE AND LEMONADE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
10am TO 11am  
SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE**



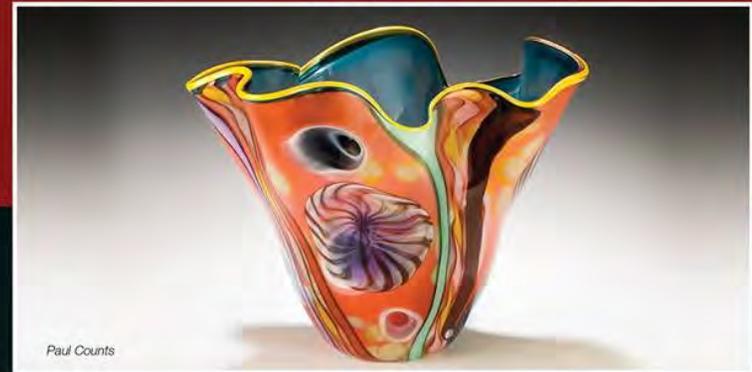
**WEAR YOUR YELLOW FRIENDS OF THE  
LEGACY TRAIL SHIRT!**



29<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Downtown Venice  
Art Festival**

in Venice, FL



Paul Counts

**November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday & Sunday 10am - 5pm

For more information, call 561-746-6615

W Venice Ave. in Venice, FL

**Free Admission**



**ArtFestival.com**

A Howard Alan Event

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**SPAGHETTI** 

*Agape Flights' Fundraiser*

**Dinner!**

*Generously provided by:*



**DATE:** Sunday, November 6, 2016

**TIME:** 11:00am - 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Gianni's Pizza  
212 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34285 | (941) 484-4599

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** All you can eat spaghetti and meatball dinner, served with rolls, salad and a beverage (*Dine In or Carry Out*)

**TICKET COST:** \$10 per person | \$5 for children 12 & under

Pre-event tickets sold at:  
Agape Flights  
Gianni's Pizza  
Tickets also available at the door

**100% goes to help with Agape's Hurricane Matthew Relief Flights.**

  
100 Airport Ave E  
Venice, FL 34285  
941.488.0990

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**Learn More:** [www.agapeflights.com](http://www.agapeflights.com)



2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
each month @ 10:00am.  
Join us for a leisurely 6 mile  
bicycle ride around the  
Island of Venice.

**Next ride is Nov. 9!**







City Hall Parking Lot  
401 W. Venice Ave.  
Contact Darlene at:  
[dculpepper@venicegov.com](mailto:dculpepper@venicegov.com)



Venice, FL  
City on the Gulf

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# FOOD DRIVE

## NOV. 7 - 18, 2016

Contribute Non-perishable Foods Items Here





Please Help Us Feed the Hungry This Holiday Season

For more information visit: [www.MayorsFeedTheHungry.org](http://www.MayorsFeedTheHungry.org)



### Food Drive

## November 7 – 18, 2016

Thanksgiving is a time to share our blessings. We are collecting food for the less fortunate in our community. Please bring non-perishable food items to school that you would like to donate:



### Canned Foods

Soup, Meat, Tuna, Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, Pie Filling, Condensed Milk, Dessert, Cranberry Sauce, Etc.



### Packaged Foods

Rice, Noodles, Dried Beans, Spaghetti, Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Powdered Milk, Pie Crust Mix, Etc.



Donation box will be available at City Hall

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The Italian American Club of Venice  
1375 Ringling Drive, Venice, FL 34286

Invites you to a performance at the Club by .....

# Sarasota Opera Studio Singers



Featuring  
Musical Selections  
By Italy's  
Greatest Composers

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Complimentary  
Biscotti & Coffee  
Will Be Served

Wednesday, November 9th, 2016  
at 7:00 pm

For Tickets Call: Kathy Carbone 928-0902  
Email: kathleen.carbone@gmail.com

Or purchase at the Club at Fri. Pasta Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm

Donation: Members \$15.00 Guests \$20.00

# BURNIN' Rubber

Auto Racing  
in Venice  
from  
1953 to 1960

ON EXHIBIT NOW  
through January 25, 2017



1950s hot-rodding Venice Vagabonds put the pedal to the metal at Venice airport



Explore the local racing  
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**MICRO MIDGETS,  
HOT RODS and  
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**MUSEUM**  
& ARCHIVES

OPEN: Mon, Tues, Wed, 10am-4pm (year-round) and  
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VeniceMuseum.org

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**PET APPRECIATION DAY**  
WALK TO BENEFIT HOMELESS ANIMALS  
**SUNCOAST HUMANE SOCIETY**

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**NOVEMBER 12, 2016**  
9:00 am – 1:00 PM  
**Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park**  
6791 San Casa Blvd. • Englewood, FL

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Join us in a celebration of our pets as we gather supporters from throughout Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee Counties to benefit the homeless animals served by your local humane society.

**Walk with your pets and friends, then join us for the celebration afterwards!**



**REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
**WWW.HUMANE.ORG**

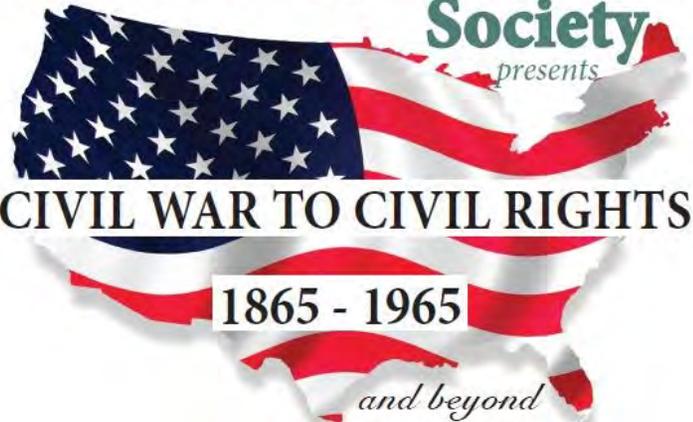
- Food & Drink • Vendor Village
- Live Entertainment
- Dog Demonstrations
- Holiday Photos with Santa
- Prize Drawings • and More!

\*Friendly pets welcome, but not required to participate!

Special thanks to our sponsors!



**2016-2017**  
**The Betty Intagliata Lecture Series**  
**Venice Area Historical Society**  
*presents*



**CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS**  
**1865 - 1965**  
*and beyond*

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**All Programs are FREE and Open to the Public.**  
**TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 15, 2016 • 7PM**

**13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution**  
*Presenter: David Cornish, Atty.*  
Mr. Cornish is a member of the Venice Chapter of the Civil War Roundtable. He is a well respected attorney in Venice.



*The Betty Intagliata Lecture Series, sponsored by the Venice Area Historical Society, with funding provided by the Bill Jervey, Jr. Charitable Foundation.*

Programs are held in the Renaissance Room, Mark Manor Building, Village On The Isle, 920 Tamiami Trail South, Venice. Limited Seating Available.  
**VeniceAreaHistoricalSociety.org**



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The Italian American Club of Venice  
1375 Ringling Drive  
Invites you to a.....

**Fall Fashion Show  
and Luncheon**

Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 2016  
11:30am till 2:30 pm

*\*Raffles\* Cash Bar Lunch Served Noon Fashions 1 pm*  
*\*50/50 Draw\**

Fashions By  
**Sandy's Designer Clothing**  
128 W Venice Ave, On The Island

Donation:  
Members \$22 Guests \$25

Tickets: Linda 941-321-6203  
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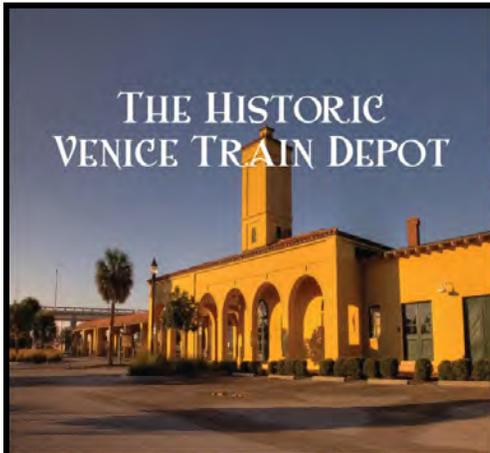



**THURSDAYS  
DOWNTOWN**  
*shop late, 5-8pm monthly*

Until July 20, 2017, enjoy!  
Shopping the Avenues until 8 pm

Oct 20, 2016	VETERAN'S APPRECIATION: Discounts to Vets with ID
Nov 17, 2016	FOOD DRIVE: Stores offer discounts to those who enter with food for the Center of Hope
Dec 1, 2016	CHRISTMAS WALK
Jan 19, 2017	PET PARADE: Dress-up your pets and parade them through all the Avenues
Feb 16, 2017	ART OF VENICE: Local artists set-up in shops and restaurants
Mar 16, 2017	JAZZ: Participating businesses feature local Jazz artists
Apr 20, 2017	FIRST RESPONDERS: Meet local first responders and their emergency vehicles. All first responders with ID receive discounts and specials.
May 18, 2017	BICYCLE NIGHT: Celebrating National Bicycle Month
Jun 15, 2017	TEACHER APPRECIATION: Discounts and specials offered to teachers with ID
Jul 20, 2017	WINE WALK

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THE HISTORIC VENICE TRAIN DEPOT

The only surviving passenger station in Sarasota County

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Located in the Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park

The Depot is open Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm, year-round. Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 10 am - 3 pm, November - April. Call for holiday schedule.

For more information, contact the Venice Area Historical Society at information@veniceareahistoricalsociety.org or 941-412-0151, or visit our website at www.veniceareahistoricalsociety.org.



THE HISTORIC VENICE TRAIN DEPOT

is located at

303 E. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285. From U.S. 41 Bypass, turn west onto E. Venice Avenue. Just before the bridge, bear right. Continue through the Seaboard Avenue intersection to the Depot on the right.



941-412-0151

www.veniceareahistoricalsociety.org

Venice MainStreet presents A FREE EVENT

# BLUES on MIAMI

SUNCOAST BLUES SOCIETY IBC 2016 WINNER - BEST BAND

8PM - 10PM

BLUES PIG 5PM-7PM

## FRIDAY NOV 18th

Budweiser

Venice BLUES FESTIVAL

# Venice Blues Crawl

## 5PM-10PM

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**"Show Jumping Under the Stars"**  
**\$25,000 Grand Prix**  
 Presented by...  
**Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club**




**Coca-Cola** **Budweiser**  
 The Great American Lager

**FOOD – BEVERAGE – FUN FOR EVERYONE**  
**Silent Auction – 50/50 Calcutta**

Grand Prix Horse Show Jumping is an Olympic Sport requiring extraordinary athleticism from both horse and rider, with jumps approaching 5 feet in height

**FREE PARKING – ADMISSION \$5.00**  
 Admission Proceeds, Silent Auction, and Calcutta benefit Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
 Gates/auction open at 2:30 pm  
 Competition at 6:30 pm



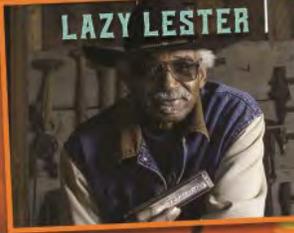
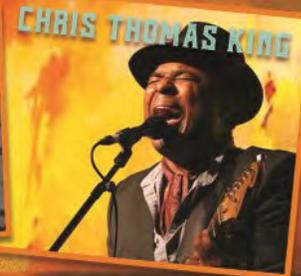
**Fox Lea Farm**  
 800 North Auburn Road  
 Venice, FL 34292  
 www.FoxLeaFarm.com



Maxine Barritt Park  
**NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2016**  
 11AM-6PM




present **VENICE BLUES FESTIVAL**




Tickets are \$25 online & \$30 at the gate  
 go online to [veniceblues.com](http://veniceblues.com) for more info.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS














**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO HELP BENEFIT THE VENICE HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

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**VENICE  
ART  
CENTER**

# ALL AMERICAN HOLIDAY TEA

December 2, 2:30pm  
Venice Art Center  
390 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, FL. 34285

Tickets are on sale now!

Venice Art Center's Annual Holiday Tea  
**"All American Holiday Tea"**  
December 2, 2:30pm  
Venice Art Center

Come early and enjoy our mystery wine bags.  
Prizes for most elegant and most creative hat.

Musical Performance by Hanna Jae

Tickets \$40  
Purchase tickets at VAC,  
390 Nokomis Ave. S. Venice  
Or call 941-485-7136

# Join the Team!

## DP Fitness & Wellness

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# TEAM TRIMONSTERS



Introduce your kids  
to the fastest  
growing sport today.  
Venice Youth  
Triathlon Team  
Ages 5 - 15



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Venice Art Center Presents:

# The 2016-17 Concert Series

Concert Begins 7:00 pm  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
General Admission

**December 7: South County jazz Club Miles Davis Tribute**  
Featuring James Suggs

**January 25: Art of Blues**  
Featuring Blues Sensations, Steve Arvey & Bill Buchman

**February 22: Mike Imbasciani & the Bluez Rockerz**

**March 30: "Celticana" Celtic Concert**  
Featuring Scottish Celtic/Country Singer & Fiddle Player, Laura McGhee

**April 5: Reverend Barry and Funktastic Soul**  
Featuring Hellacious Horns

Individual Concert Tickets: \$25 VAC Members \$30 Non-members  
Full 5 Concert Series Tickets: \$105 VAC Members/ \$130 Non-members  
VIP Tickets: Reserved Seating In The First 2 Rows & Early Admission At 6:15  
VIP per concert: \$35 VAC Members/ \$40 Non Members  
VIP Full 5 Concert Series Tickets: \$155 VAC Members \$180 Non-members

Tickets: 390 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, FL. Or Call 941-485-7136

390 Nokomis Ave., S. Venice, FL. 34285 941-485-7136 VeniceArtCenter.com




# BICYCLES INTERNATIONAL

2nd Annual Glow Ride & 30 Year Celebration!  
December 10, 2016 @ 5pm

Join us for a 15 mile fun night ride through the island of Venice. Light up your bikes, bust out the flair, costumes encouraged.

Sign up today at [www.bicyclesinternationalfl.com](http://www.bicyclesinternationalfl.com)  
\$20 gets you an awesome t-shirt, glowing swag, and access to the after party at Old Salty Dog Venice and beer from Big Top Brewery!  
Sign up by November 19, 2016 for a guaranteed t-shirt, after 11/19/16 shirts may be available for purchase.

Proceeds benefit Venice Area Boys and Girls Club and the Special Olympics



~ Sponsors ~




## WATER RULES

City of Venice residents are permitted to irrigate lawns one day per week:

**Even addresses on Tuesdays**

**Odd addresses on Thursdays**

**Before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. for properties under 2 acres.** For properties 2 acres or greater, watering is allowed before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Hand watering hot spots and micro-irrigation of other plants is allowed on any day, at any time.

New and replaced lawns get a 60-day exemption. Irrigation can occur any time of day on the day of installation, and during the restricted hours on any day thereafter for up to 60 days.

There are no restrictions on car washing, pressure washing, use of fountains or use of reuse or reclaimed water. A shut-off nozzle on hoses should be used for car washing and hand watering of garden plants. Conservation is encouraged.

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## Wanted: A few good flags

The City of Venice instituted a flag donation program in 2012 to provide an opportunity for American flags to once again fly in honor of our country and those whose courageous acts stand for a free United States.

The city accepts as donations American flags that citizens have received as memorial gifts, or others that individuals or organizations may wish to donate in recognition or memory of a person or institution. The city will accept the flags with the expressed purpose of flying them on public grounds.



The donor will receive a letter of appreciation from the mayor and City Council. With their permission, donors will also be publicly recognized by the Council for their civic contribution.

Donated flags may be brought to Public Works, 221 S. Seaboard Ave., Venice.

### Free Tire Collection Event for City of Venice residents

No commercial participation – Proof of residency required

No rims – 4 tires per household limit – Car and light truck only

Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Public Works Complex at 221 S. Seaboard Ave., Venice

**ZIKA VIRUS INFO:** The Zika Virus Information Hotline for current Florida residents and visitors, as well as anyone planning on traveling to Florida in the near future, is managed by the state Department of Health and can be reached at **1-855-622-6735**. For more information on the Zika virus, visit [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov).