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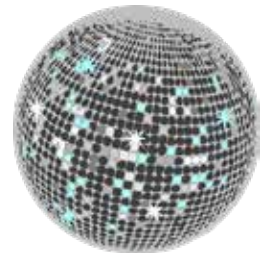
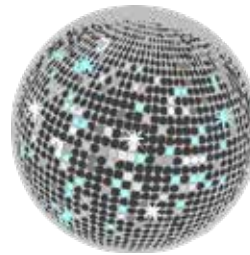
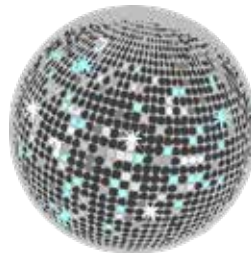


## Upcoming Events

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**REMINDER:** Although we are Venice residents, we **DO NOT** live within Venice City limits. Therefore, we must rely on the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Department to handle law enforcement matters.

**OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS** \* ALWAYS CALL TO **VERIFY** HOURS

- VIE PARK OFFICE.....M-F 9am to 3pm .....941-488-9648  
..... Closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm M-F
- VIE Real Estate Office .....M-F 9am to 4pm (or by apt) .....941-485-7743
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital at Laurel Road.....941-261-9000
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital 1700 Tamiami Tr. Sarasota.....941-917-9000
- Sarasota Memorial Urgent Care Venice 997 41 bypass N.....941-261-4250
- HCA Florida Doctors Hospital 5731 Bee Ridge Rd .....941-342-1100
- HCA Florida Englewood Hospital 700 Medical Blvd.....941-475-6571
- Venice Health Park.....(Center Road & Jacaranda).....941-497-7800  
..... **Lab work** 6:30am to 2:30pm (no appointment needed)  
..... **X-RAY** 8:00am to 4:00pm (some appointments needed)
- Center for Wound Care (at the health Park) 8:00am to 4:00pm M-F .....941-486-6027
- Millennium: Physician Group Walk-in Clinic 1700 East Venice Avenue.....941-483-9760  
.....M-Sa...7:30am to 6:00pm and Su 9:00am to 2:00pm
- Millennium Physicians Group: Internal Med. – 1720 East Venice Avenue.....941-483-9700  
.....M-F ...8:30am to 5:00pm...Closed Saturday/Sunday
- Millennium Physician Group: -1287 Hwy 41 By-Pass, Venice.....941-244-5716  
.....Open 7 days a week from 7:00am – 7:00pm
- Walgreens’s Pharmacy – U.S. 41 By-Pass and Center Road.....941-493-3925
- Walgreens’s Pharmacy – Pinebrook Road & East Venice Avenue .....941-488-8122
- CVS Pharmacy – U.S. 41 By-Pass and East Venice Avenue .....941-484-8814
- Walmart Pharmacy – U.S. 41 & Jacaranda (South Venice).....941-493-5902
- Sarasota County Solid Waste .....941-861-5000
- Waste Management.....941-493-4100
- Blue Stream.....(941)-208-2040
- FrontierTelephone .....1-800-921-8101
- XFINITY .....1-800-266-2278
- Florida Power and Light (electric).....941-917-0708
- Water/Sewer.....941-861-6100
- Venice Public Library .....941-861-1330
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## **THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING CASH FOR PAYMENT.**

Checks or money orders payable to Venice Isle Homeowner's, Inc. are the only forms of payment received for the following items: Pet Registration \$5.00:

(tag for collar or leash) Handheld gate passes:

\$10.00 Gate pass stickers: \$5.00 Lost/replacement

FOBS: \$25.00 Registration of Golf Carts/Scooters:

\$10.00 Reserving a room/clubhouse: \$100.00

Reserving a room/clubhouse with kitchen facilities

\$200.00 Storage fees: \$120.00 per quarter

## **REMINDER ABOUT FOBS**

Each home was given 2 FOBS for facility access, when the system went into use, free of charge.

***When you transfer your unit, you are to transfer 2 fobs to the new owner of your home.***

There is a replacement fee of \$25.00 per missing or lost fob payable by check or money order ONLY to

Venice Isle Home Owner's, Inc.

Cash, Credit or Debit cards are not accepted in the office.

FOBS are to be used to attend park functions. If you invite outside guests to a function, please meet them to allow access for them.

The doors of the facilities are not to be propped open.

**Thank you**

## **RENTING YOUR VI HOME?**

There are a few things to remember.

Venice Isle requires each homeowner to submit an application along with the \$100 Application fee for park approval every time your home is rented. Please allow plenty of time for the application to be processed and approved.

Rental Applications are available Online, you may pick them up in the office or have them emailed to you. As the agent renting your unit, you are responsible for turning the entire application for approval into the office. Incomplete or partial applications will not be processed

and returned.

Each tenant will submit to a background screening as part of the approval process and submit the required fee as listed on the Release of Information form. A copy of a photo ID with birthday and a social security number is also required.

If the tenant returns to the same home this is not required going forward.

If the tenant changes to a different unit in Venice Isle, or their return has been more than a year, the background screening is to be run again.

Rental period is for 30 days or longer, to a maximum of 2 persons, one of whom shall be 55 years of age, the second to be 45 years of age or older.

If you wish your tenants to have access to the facilities or access to the gates, you will need to give them the fobs for your unit and provide them with a gate pass.

The office does not supply FOBS or gate passes to tenants.

Venice Isle Homeowner's, Inc.

## **PROCEDURES FOR PROPERTY TRANSFERS AT VENICE ISLE**

**\*This association requires Board approval for the exterior condition of the home prior to closing as well as Park Approval of buyer(s) etc.**

1. **The seller** is to have the property inspected by the Compliance Committee and the Architectural Committee to make sure the property is up to park standards before the property can be sold. If issues are indicated on this presale inspection form, both buyer and seller need to indicate who is responsible for correcting the issue in an addendum to the purchase contract, a copy to be given to Venice Isle Office.
2. The **SELLER** is required to get the Application packet for Park approval to their **AGENT** or Purchaser, copy of this is available on the Venice Isle Website: [veniceisleestates.com](http://veniceisleestates.com). You will need to create a username and password to access the website. Realtors may request to join this website



to obtain the forms and park information. **Once completed, have packet returned to the office for processing with required payment to run the background check and copies of legible driver license(s).**

3. Each applicant must submit to a criminal and credit check completing a Background release form for each individual applying. A photocopy of their driver's license, a photocopy of a picture ID with birthdate, social security number and the required payment for the background check. Make check payable to Venice Isle Homeowners, Inc. The amount of the check will vary and are explained on the top of the Release of Background information forms.
4. Additional information will be needed:
  - a. The closing dates.
  - b. The name, address, and phone number of the Title Company.

Once the buyer has been park approved, please have your closing company/ title company, send Estoppel requests to:

Venice Isle Homeowners has transitioned to our new cloud-based software effective 03/01/23. This Estoppel Request must be submitted through the CiraNet Closing Portal.

Please go to [www.realmanage.com/closingportal](http://www.realmanage.com/closingportal) to register and order documents.

5. To request the Membership Certificate for this transfer please contact Attorney Scott Gordon's office, Para legal Karen Midlam at 941-951-1800 or [kmidlam@lutzbobobob.com](mailto:kmidlam@lutzbobobob.com). There is a fee for this.
6. Once the property has closed and the documents have been recorded with Sarasota County, a copy of the following documents are to be delivered to this office:
  - A copy of the closing statements
  - A copy of the Application for titles.
  - Bill of Sale
  - Assignment of Proprietary Lease
  - Approval of Sale
  - Membership Certificate

## WAYS WE COMMUNICATE

There are several ways to connect with, and gain information from, Venice Isle's Management, our Homeowner's Board (VIHO), and fellow residents and shareholders.

VIHO = Venice Isle Home Owners (Board of Directors), VIAC = Venice Isle Activities Club, VIRE = Venice Isle Realty and Sales. There are also several committees, addressed elsewhere.

**The VIHO office strongly encourages you to sign up for E-Blasts which are bulk emails meant for all shareholders. These keep you updated about important occurrences in VI, like gate breakdowns, clubhouse temporary closings, landscaping activities, and the like. They are not social emails but information you will want as a resident. Sign-up for E-Blasts in the office or email [manager@veniceislehoa.com](mailto:manager@veniceislehoa.com)**

**Park Management Official Website:** <https://www.ciranet.com/ResidentPortal/user/login> The CiraNet Portal is where a shareholder can interface directly with our Management Company's infrastructure. Most of the legal, commercial, or business information can be found here. Most social information is elsewhere.

**The VINE - Channel 901:** Our new local access cable channel on Bluestream Fiber is The VINE - Channel 901. (VINE stands for Venice Isle News & Entertainment.) This channel generally provides information about upcoming events, news, and more.

**VIA, or Venice Isle Access.** Venice Isle's new resident app. It can be used with computers, tablets or mobile phones at: <https://myveniceisle.com>. If you need a login username or password, please email [signup@myveniceisle.com](mailto:signup@myveniceisle.com).

**Please note The VINE | VIA | Channel 901's new email addresses:**

[vichannel@myveniceisle.com](mailto:vichannel@myveniceisle.com) – The new email address to send information concerning announcements and activities for publishing on the new VINE – Channel 901 announcement feed.

[signup@myveniceisle.com](mailto:signup@myveniceisle.com) – To register and receive a username and password for VIA.

[feedback@myveniceisle.com](mailto:feedback@myveniceisle.com) – For feedback or

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thoughts about The VINE – Channel 901 OR VIA.

**Facebook Groups:** Venice Isle currently has several Facebook GROUPS administrated by and for shareholders/residents. These are social groups and DO NOT SERVE as Board of Director communications or official sources of information.

**Venice Isle Job Jar:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233065995599689> provides a means of requesting help from Venice Isle volunteers.

**VI Town Square:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137075203596145> and **Venice Isle Estates “Paradise for SHAREHOLDERS”:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2404408422912729> are **social fun and entertainment sites administered by resident volunteers. These group pages have their own rules, and any topics discussed are not seen and responded to officially by our Board of Directors.**

## **NOTES FROM NEVILLE, REAL ESTATE**

You can contact Neville Demo anytime at 1-941-920-4598 cell

I hope everyone has enjoyed our wonderful winter season in paradise.

We would Love to have you as new home owners and enjoy venice isle every year. The inventory of homes for sale in the park has grown with 25 homes as of this writing, giving a wide range of choices. This is a perfect time to enjoy the desirability of our Park and its Residents. Don’t miss out; call me now to see the homes we have for sale.

We have buyers still looking. If you are thinking of selling, please call me to discuss our market and how I may help you. If you are looking to buy, please keep checking our web site at [www.veniceisle.com](http://www.veniceisle.com). I have all the homes for sale on it within a day of listing. We always have a list of homes on the office door also. Our inventory of homes for sale is low. If you have any questions on buying or selling, we will be glad to offer our expertise in the Venice Isle real estate market. We sell the vast majority of all homes in Venice Isle, making us the true experts in the park.

Please welcome your new owners who have purchased from Venice Isle Real Estate.

*429 Cervina South Hersick*

*711 Roma Broullett*

*534 Roma Cooney*

*304 Mantua Umbria*

Don’t forget Venice Isle Real Estate is your company! When Venice Isle Real Estate Sales makes a sale (buying or selling) 30% of commissions are paid to the park, keeping your maintenance fees lower. When an outside real estate company sells a home in our Park (buying or Selling), None of their commission goes back to the Park. So whether you are buying OR selling, use your company to help support your Park. Our sales commission is a low 5 and 1/2 % of the sale price so call me about how I can help.

If you are interested in the homes we have, please stop by the office and I would love to show you around the Park.

Neville Demo, Broker for Venice Isle Real Estate Sales 1-941-920-4598 anytime cell

## **THE CHURCH OF VENICE ISLE**

“Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May.” That line keeps running through my head as we head into April. In Romans 5:3-4 we read,

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.” Our daughter and her husband recently lost their 1850 farmhouse and all its contents to fire. Thankfully, no one was hurt. The thing is, all the rest of the family on both sides had entrusted our “treasures” to them as we moved away.

Somehow all those old things just seemed appropriate in that big old house. The problem was, we had burdened them with things they might not have chosen and way too much of it. They couldn’t get rid of it because to move something along brought a feeling

of betrayal and guilt. It became, not a joy, but a burden. Of course, they never complained. Then came the fire. It is nearly impossible to imagine what that involves. Not only do you lose your clothing but also your medicines. Not only do you lose your important papers but also the pass words you so faithfully recorded on paper to back up your phone records or your computer, which you can also lose. Not only do you lose your furniture but even your toothbrush, hairdryer, deodorant, sewing supplies, gifts given you and gifts you have bought to give..... and most of all the sense that your home is a place of safety. BUT, out of the loss have come several gains. There is no longer any guilt associated with unburdening ones self of stuff that was once deemed treasure, broken relationships are mended as family and friends suddenly realize how precious having one another is, there is an opportunity to begin life all over again. I don't know what trials you are facing right now. I can't see ahead to tell you how God will use them to bring beauty from those ashes you are sitting in the midst of. What I can tell you is this, out of our trails, God brings new life and hope. That hope is not a "wish" it's a promise from Him. As someone told my daughter, "Look for the God moments. They are there." We invite you to join us at Clubhouse 1, for worship on Sunday mornings 9 AM. Bible study meets every Thursday at 2 pm in the Venetian Room CH 2. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be a Bible scholar to come and be blessed. Pot Luck Social is Monday April 8th at 4:30, CH 1, all are welcome; bring your favorite beverage, a dish to share and a friend, tableware is provided. Becky Erickson for Venice Isle

Covenant Church

### PARK BREAKFAST

April 6th, 8:00 – 10:00 @ CH 2. \$8.00 per person. VIAC Sponsored Event.



### ATTENTION:

Anyone requiring anything from Sound and Lighting  
 Please contact: Skip Scialpi  
 845-282-2030  
 He is in charge of Sound and Lighting.

### STAR ENTERTAINMENT 2025

Season ticket holders, for those of you who are leaving the end of April, and would like to renew your seats, we will be at the Park Breakfast Saturday April 6th from 8:00 – 10:00. Three shows: \$75.00.

2025 lineup:

1/26/25 CCR/ZZTop

2/23/25 Night of Comedy

3/23/25 Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band Tribute Showtime

For more information call Julie 845-282-1763

### ACTIVITY LEADERS

If you cancel or stop your activity for one day or one week or cancel it completely, please contact your coordinator and the Park schedule person, Priscilla Conklin. We may need your time, and day for other activities or a meeting. Also, please let the editors of the Islander know your activity has ended for the season so it can be removed.

**REMEMBER PRISCILLA ONLY TAKES CALLED MONDAY THRU FRIDAY BETWEEN 9:00 – 5:00. PLEASE DO NOT CALL ON WEEKENDS. WE ARE ONLY VOLUNTEERS AND SHOULD NOT HAVE TO HANDLE CALLS ON WEEKENDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

Priscilla Conklin

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### FOOD BANK

A new year, but we still have a problem regarding food for those that are in need. Please remember to bring what you can to clubhouse 1 so we can deliver them to the food bank.



Thanks so much.  
Gayle Laursen  
941-412-9053

### ART GROUP



We meet every Monday from 9 to 12 in Club House 1 with monthly classes during the season. Materials will be supplied thanks to VIAC, which sponsors us.

Any questions please contact Pam or Chris.  
Chris Wallhouse 941-375-2164 [chris@wallhouse.ca](mailto:chris@wallhouse.ca)  
Pam Stebbins 484-356-6378

### VENICE ISLE GREETER

Hi New VI residence (owners). I am Janet Keckler the VI Greeter. I would like to pay you a visit and welcome you to our little piece of paradise. I have a resident photo directory and some coupons for you.

Give me a call: Janet Keckler 941-488-5511



### BID EUCHRE

We are completing our Bid Euchre season on March 28. Plans are to move our club date to Wednesdays in CH1 at 6:45pm beginning in the Fall. The starting date will be announced later. For more information, please email Nick or Donna at: [nickme17@gmail.com](mailto:nickme17@gmail.com)



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**EUCHRE**

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Carla Garven 941-307- 0863

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**BRIDGE**

Bridge for Everyone every Tuesday 12:30 CH 2 Venetian Room.

Linda Kuehl 920-539-0143

VIAC Sponsored Event

**BILLIARDS**

Players wanted. All level's welcome. Monday thru Saturday 12:30 – 2:30 in the Billiards Room CH 2.

Contact: Brad Adkins 941-303-9761 or Nancy Cole 419-296-0968

VIAC Sponsored Event

**CERAMICS**

We will meet in Club House 1 every Wednesday from 12-2pm. All are welcome! See you then!

Please email Kit at [aokitaro@yahoo.com](mailto:aokitaro@yahoo.com) if you would like more information. VIAC Sponsored Event

**BINGO**

-Thursday Nights 6:15 @ CH 2. Come and enjoy the fun.

VIAC Sponsored Event

**BOCCE**

I am sorry you have not heard any news about Bocce. The replacement of Charlotte Mueller was more than expected. I am now realizing how much work she has put into bocce for so many years. With the help of so many our season is under way.

We will have an end of season party on March 25th. Details to follow.

Diane Henry 513-255-3552

VIAC Sponsored Event

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club Meeting will be on April 10th at 10:00 in the Venetian Room of CH2,

Questions: Phyllis Rinke 269-60-3195

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**CRUISE CLUB (GOLF CARTS)**  
**VIAC SPONSORED EVENT**

The Cruiser Club met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2. We had three people join. That brings our count to 64 members. It is still not too late to join. Tuesday, April 2 will be our last meeting for this season. Dennis and Diane have volunteered to do a prime rib dinner for us. Dennis and Louie will be grilling a 6 oz. Prime rib, and you will get a baked potato, green beans, and a dessert for \$10 a person. Also, if you would like to bring a dish to pass or another dessert, that would be great. Neal from Affordable Golf Carts came and answered questions about batteries, how to store your cart and keep the batteries in good shape, etc. He also brought over a new Rev golf cart that everyone at the meeting could give it a test drive. Our Florida State Trooper had to reschedule and will be at our April 2 meeting. Emilee has the monthly dinner date set for April 13 at Cafe Venice, which is downtown. Everyone who is going needs to sign up with Emilee and be at the restaurant for 4:30 dinner. Please call Emilee at 614 374-7992.





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**GARDEN CLUB**

Venice Isle Garden Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 3, at 10:00 am in Clubhouse 2, Venetian Room. Our speaker will be Cynthia Vance and she will be educating us on orchids. Cynthia is a former president of the Venice Orchid Club, and a resident in our park. Carol & Pat Any questions: [sunrisecarol2003@yahoo.com](mailto:sunrisecarol2003@yahoo.com) or 616-890-0035

**GENEALOGY HELP**

Every Monday at 1:30 in CH 2 Computer Room. Informal information and help. How to begin. Research ideas. Genealogy DNA and more. Share stories and success.

Kathy Lambert (651-223-9783 Ann Geise (612-715-1336) Pam Hunt (781-635-9869)

**MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS**

Regular play of Mexican Train Dominos continues Monday nights. We meet at Club House 1 between 6:30 and 6:45. Table assignments are drawn at 6:45. You must be present at 6:45 to participate that night. **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!!!!** Domino players are welcome and encouraged. Looking forward to seeing our players back again. A VIAC Sponsored Event

Carl Risch  
941-445-5170

**VENICE ISLE CORN HOLE LEAGUE**

The league will meet on Friday mornings, 9am and 10am, at the Clubhouse Two shuffleboard courts.

It's time to look forward to the 2024 season. We will again communicate with all of you who are interested in playing, to determine the days and times we plan to play.

If you are interested in participating in the Venice Isle Cornhole League in 2024 for 12 weeks, please send an email with your name and phone number to [ViCornholeLeague@gmail.com](mailto:ViCornholeLeague@gmail.com) or call and leave a message with your name, phone number, and email

address at 731-514-4412. A VIAC Sponsored Event.

Thank you,  
Joe Antal

**VENICE ISLE MIXED GOLF LEAGUE**

January 2, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Lake Venice Golf Club (third nine, near practice range)

Tuesday mornings 10:00AM 9 holes. Women tee off first, men to follow.

After you pay, meet on the tee at 9:45 so we can arrange groups. This is a casual, fun 9 holes of golf.

Mention, when you pay, that you are with the Venice Isle golf league to get a small discount.

Questions contact: Darlene Graff 412-260-5752

Duane Ressler 419-438-8286

Andy Budd 440-417-3607

**VENICE ISLE GENTLEMAN'S GOLF LEAGUE**

The more serious Gentleman's Leagues are under way, playing Tuesdays and Thursdays at Capri Isle. Dan Walsh, 781-325-6796, organizes the Tuesday groups. Don Preston, 585-202-0450, organizes the Thursday groups. VI residents wishing to play may call the appropriate leader for the respective days. Leave a voicemail if there's no answer. Play is to continue through April.



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# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	Cruiser Club Meeting CH 2 @ 5:30 <span style="float: right;">2</span>	Garden Club 10:00
	<i>April Fool's Day</i>		
Worship Service CH 1 @ 9:00 <span style="float: right;">7</span>	Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 Wow Women's group @ CH 2 3:00 Venetian Rm Genealogy Help CH 2 Computer Room 1:30 Texas Hold-em CH 2 @ 6:30 p.m. Poker room Domino's CH1 @ 6:45 Beginner Line Dancing CH 2 6:30 – 8:00 Art Group CH 1 9:00 – 12:00 Tuscany Rm Pot Luck Social CH 1 @ 4:30 <span style="float: right;">8</span>	Knitting, Crocheting & Sharing CH 1@ 9:30 Tuscany Rm Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 Advanced Line Dancing CH 1 @ 10:30 – 12:30 Bridge for Everyone 12:30 CH 2 Venetian Rm VI Mixed Golf League 10:00 a.m. Venice Lake Golf Club VI Casual Men's <span style="float: right;">9</span>	Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 Book Club Meeting Venetian Rm
Worship Service CH 1 @ 9:00 <span style="float: right;">14</span>	Texas Hold-em CH 2 @ 6:30 p.m. @ poker room Genealogy Help CH 2 Computer Room 1:30 Domino's CH1 @ 6:45 Art Group – CH 1 9:00 – 12:00 Tuscany Rm Beginner Line Dancing CH 2 6:30 – 8:00 <span style="float: right;">15</span>	Euchre 6:45p.m. CH 1 Sorrento Rm Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 Knitting, Crocheting & Sharing CH 1@ 9:30 Tuscany Rm VI Mixed Golf League <span style="float: right;">16</span>	Trivia Night 7:00 night for this season Book Club 10:00 Venetian Rm Garden Club CH 10:00 Billiards 12:30 – 2:30
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# 2024

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10 CH 2 <b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Euchre 6:45p.m. CH 1 Sorrento Rm <b>5</b>                      Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2                      Corn Hole CH 1 9:00, 10:00 &amp; 11:00</p>	<p>Park Breakfast CH 2 8:00 – 10:00 \$8:00 per person <b>6</b>                      Blood Pressure Clinic CH 2 8:00 – 10:00                      Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2</p>
<p>12:30 CH 2 <b>10</b>                      ng 10:00</p>	<p>Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 <b>11</b>                      Bingo CH 2 @6:15                      Texas Hold-em CH 2 @ 10:00                      A.M. Poker Room                      Bid Euchre CH 1 @ 6:30</p>	<p>Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 <b>12</b>                      Corn Hole CH 1 9:00, 10:00 &amp; 11:00                      Euchre 6:45p.m. CH 1 Sorrento Rm</p>	<p>Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 <b>13</b></p>
<p>in CH 2. Last <b>17</b>                      on.                      @ CH2                      2 Main Room                      3:30 CH 2</p>	<p>Texas Hold-em CH 2 @ 10:00 <b>18</b>                      A.M. Poker Room                      Bid Euchre CH 1 @ 6:30                      Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2                      Bingo CH 2 @6:15</p>	<p>Euchre 6:45p.m. CH 1 Sorrento Rm <b>19</b>                      Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2                      Corn Hole CH 1 9:00, 10:00 &amp; 11:00</p>	<p>Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 <b>20</b></p>
<p>2:00 – 2:00 <b>24</b>                      3:30 CH 2</p>	<p>Texas Hold-em CH 2 @ 10:00 <b>25</b>                      A.M. Poker Room.                      Bid Euchre CH 1 @ 6:30</p>	<p>Euchre 6:45p.m. CH 1 Sorrento Rm <b>26</b>                      Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2                      Corn Hole CH 1 9:00, 10:00 &amp; 11:00</p>	<p>Billiards 12:30 – 2:30 CH 2 <b>27</b></p>

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## **VENICE ISLE CASUAL GOLF LEAGUE**

Starts Tuesday January 2nd @ 10: 00 League will run through 3/26/24,

Where: Venice Lakes Golf Course – 18 holes. Price: TBD

Sign up each Monday in CH 1 @ 8:00.

Contact: Ralph Joyce 765-419-4636

## **KNITTING, CROCHETING AND SHARING**

Meet at CH 1 on Tuesdays at 9:30 in the Tuscany Room.

Janet Beardsley 585-733-8530 VIAC Sponsored Event.

## **QUILTERS**

Meets every Fridays 9:30 in the Venetian Room. For more information contact Gail McKay 989- 289-2986. Quilters will resume next season. Please watch for beginning dates.

## **HORSESHOES**



The horseshoe league meets on Wednesday's at 10 AM and will be active through March 30th this year.

Spectators are always welcome and if you have interest in horseshoes be sure to talk with either Ernie Cusano (203-927-3966) or Tom Sharp (303-906-3690). VIAC Sponsored Event

## **TAI CHI**

Come play Tai Chi with us at Clubhouse 2 Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:30. Another VIACsponsored activity. Good walking shoes and normal clothing are all you need for this gentle on the joints exercise.

You can consider it moving Yoga or moving meditation; but it is a Martial Art so it emphasizes balance as you move which is so important as we age.

The last Tai Chi session will be Thursday March 21st

and we need to take the week of March 11 to the 15th off due to family visiting.

See everyone again in November. Have a safe healthy summer.

Chris & Ellen Wallhouse

941-375-2164 chris@wallhouse.ca

## **TENNIS TALK**



The Tennis winter league is in full swing! The women's team plays on Mondays, the Men Teams play on Tuesdays and Wednesday and the mixed Doubles Team plays on Friday's. The match schedules are posted on the board outside the tennis courts. The courts are available for social play whenever the matches are away and on all other days.

We have Tennis Drills on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome no matter what level you are. It is a great social time with your tennis buddies as well as practicing strokes and good form. We can also instruct newer players in the second court so invite people that might like to try out tennis. VIAC

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## **TEXAS HOLD'EM**

Ida can't keep us down. Playing on Monday at 6:30 PM and Thursday at 10 AM in the Poker Room CH2. Questions: John Abbott at 207-577-0955 or Jon Tack at 603-785-9464 VIAC Sponsored Event

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**



The final VIAC Trivia Night of the season will be Wednesday April 17 at 7:00 pm in CH 2. Variety of general knowledge questions. We play in teams so you rely on others. Come with a team or we will find you one. \$1.00 per person. All money is awarded.

Pam Hunt 781-635-9869



## **VENICE ISLE CORN HOLE LEAGUE**

Our 2024 Corn Hole league is now in full swing with 96 regular players and 18 substitutes. We play on the CH 1 Shuffleboard courts every Friday at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:00 am.

Come out and see if this is a VIAC sponsored activity you would enjoy. If you are interested in participating, send an email to VICornholeLeague@gmail.com.

Joe Antel

## **VETERANS GROUP**

We will have our last meeting of the year on April 9th at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend and bring your wife or partner. Effective May 1st I will ask that you make an appointment. You can call 859-322-0746. We will serve coffee and donuts at our next meeting.

Dan Phillips

## **WATER AEROBICS (VIAC SPONSORED EVENT)**

Water aerobics starts at 9:30am, Monday through Friday in Pool #2. Sandy leads Mondays and Fridays. Kelly does zumba routines on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Julie does a noodle workout on Wednesdays. Participants are asked to bring their own noodles and water weights on the appropriate days.

## **WALKING WORKOUT(MEETING YEAR-ROUND) VIAC SPONSORED EVENT**

We exercise in CH #2 every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30am. The session lasts 45 minutes, using primary walking fitness exercises by Leslie Sansone. Please bring your own hand weights & plan to experience a lively, energizing workout. Anyone is welcome & you can modify the exercise.



## **'WOW' – WOMEN'S GROUP – MARCH 2024**

The 'WOW' Women's Group would like to thank VIAC for sponsoring our group, as we had another wonderful season this year. Many new women joined our group and were introduced to the benefits of good health through alternative means.

We covered topics like acupuncture, meditation, sound and light therapies, Reiki and even how to 'breathe'.

Since the information in this group builds each week, considering marking your calendar to join us next

January – right from the beginning!

Until then, may you have a wonderful and safe summer. See you in January of 2025!

Georgia Gander

gggander@gmail.com

## **2024 VENICE ISLE COMMUNITY SALE \* THANK YOU \***

I hope both the Sellers & Buyers enjoyed the VI Community Sale. I want to first of all Andrew James for coordinating & monitoring the parking flow. I want to acknowledge the Committee: Barb & Dick Cusick, Gennie Guthrie, Andrew James, Marti Parker, and Faith & Phil VanZanten. The big thank you goes to the Traffic Control Volunteers: Keith Belman, Paul Boyce, Sandi Campney, **Ann Duemler**, Gary Durbin, Goose Gosslin, Maureen Gurertin, Patrick Heenen, Jo Johnson, Bill Kovacek, Louie Leitermann, Mike Malast, Jerry St Onge, Jenny Phillips, Rita Schumann, Richard Turgeon, Al Yesilonis. The VI Maintenance Crew for their help in setting up & tearing down. "Last but not Least" a special THANK YOU to all the Residents who had to endure the extra traffic in the community. Without your help & understanding we would never be able to have this event. I want your feedback; any ideas you have for the next sale; anything we forgot or could have done better please let me know. Thank you again to all – YOU made this a successful event.

Noreen @ 585-781-0218

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There will be **NO VI COMMUNITY SALE** for 2025. We will be going to every other year, because Participation & Volunteers were down quite a bit this year. We did not fill all the tables in the main room & the Venetian Room was not set up.

**SAVE THE DATE**

New England Dinner. January 31, 2015. Join us for a night of good food and spending time with friends.

All are welcome.

**FROM THE EDITORS' DESK**

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The deadline to submit is 3:00 p.m. on the 11th of the month preceding the month in which you wish to see your article published.

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## SEASONAL ACTIVITIES OCTOBER – APRIL

Art Groups/all Media.. Monday 9 a.m..... CH1 Tuscany Rm Trivia..... Third Wed 7:00 p.m..... CH2  
 Bingo..... Thursday 6:15 p.m..... CH2 ..... (Jan – April)  
 Bocce- ..... Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 a.m .. CH2 Courts  
 Ceramics ..... Wednesday 12 – 2p.m..... CH 1 (Begins Jan 24)  
 Garden Club..... 1st Wednesday's 10:00 ... CH2 Venetian Rm  
 Horseshoes-..... Wednesday 10 a.m..... CH1 Pits  
 Knitting, Crocheting... Tuesday 9:30 a.m ..... CH 1 Tuscany Rm  
 Shuffleboard Practice- Monday 1 p.m..... CH1 Courts  
 ..... (Open Tues, Wed, Thur)  
 Shuffleboard..... Friday 1 p.m..... CH1 Courts  
 Tai Chi..... Tues, Thurs 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 CH2  
 Tennis/open league..... Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8 a.m Tennis Courts  
 Book Club..... 2nd & 4th Wed 10 a.m.... CH2 Venetian  
 WOW Women Group... Monday 3 p.m..... CH2 Venetian  
 ..... (Begins 2024)

### CARDS

Bridge Everyone..... Monday 6:30 ..... CH1 Sorrento Rm  
 Bridge Everyone..... Tues 12:30..... CH2 Venetian Rm  
 Duplicate Bridge-..... Monday 6:00 ..... CH 1  
 Bid Euchre..... Thursday 6:30 ..... CH 1  
 Euchre ..... Tues & Fri 6:45pm..... CH1 Sorrento Rm  
 Poker..... Tues, Thurs 6 p.m ..... CH2 Rialto  
 Texas Hold'Em..... Mon 6:30 p.m..... CH2 Rialto  
 Texas Hold'Em..... Thursday 10 a.m..... CH2 Rialto

### Golf

Golf/Mixed League..... Tuesday 10:00 a.m ..... Lake Venice  
 Men's Casual Golf League...Thursday 10 a.m.....Lake Venice  
 Gentleman's Group ..... Tuesday 11:20 a.m..... Capri Isle  
 Gentleman's Group 2-. Thursday's 10:30 a.m..... Capri Isle

### HORSESHOES

Horseshoes ..... Wednesday 10:00 a.m..... Horseshoe pits

### Trivia

### DANCING

Line Dance Class Advanced....Tuesday 10:30 – 12:30.....CH1  
 Line Dancing Beginners.....Monday 6:30 – 8:00.....CH2

### QUILTERS

Quilters ..... Friday 9:00 – 2:00..... CH2 Venetian Room

## YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

Bible Classes..... Thursday 2 p.m.....CH2 Venetian  
 Billiards..... Mon – Sat 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.CH2 San Marco  
 Church Services ..... Sunday 9:00 a.m..... CH1  
 Coffee Klatch/Ladies.... Friday 8:30 a.m..... CH1 Tuscany  
 Cruiser Club..... 1st Tuesday 5:30 p.m..... CH2

### CARDS

Euchre ..... Tue, Fri 6:45 p.m.....CH1 Sorrento  
 Hand & Foot..... Wed 1:00 p.m..... CH1 Tuscany  
 ..... (May – Oct)  
 Hand & Foot..... Thursday 5:30 p.m..... CH1 Tuscany  
 Mahjongg ..... Wednesday 1 p.m.....CH2 Venetian  
 Mexican Train Dominoes.. Monday 6:45 p.m..... CH1  
 Pinochle/everyone..... Monday 12:30 p.m.....CH1 Sorrento  
 Pinochle/everyone..... Wed & Sat 6:45 p.m...CH1 Sorrento  
 Poker..... Tues & Thurs 6 p.m .....CH2 Rialto  
 Texas Hold'Em..... Monday 6:30 p.m.....CH2 Rialto  
 Texas Hold'Em..... Thursday 10 a.m.....CH2 Rialto

### Exercise (Workouts)

Walking Workout ..... Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 a.m ..... CH2  
 Water Aerobics ..... Daily Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m CH2 Pool



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# APRIL



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# April Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1. Kind of nut
- 6. Condition
- 11. Extreme
- 12. Rhythmic pattern
- 15. Remnants
- 16. Scales
- 17. N N N
- 18. Bicyclist
- 20. Local Area Network
- 21. Mark down
- 23. Brews
- 24. Amount of medication
- 25. A set of garments
- 26. Small fastener
- 27. Sage
- 28. Engrave
- 29. Picnic insect
- 30. Uninterested
- 31. Humiliation
- 34. Walking sticks
- 36. Dung beetle
- 37. Big party
- 41. Double-reed woodwind
- 42. Cozy
- 43. Dwarf buffalo
- 44. Noble
- 45. Not now
- 46. Jewels
- 47. South southeast
- 48. Forceful
- 51. Encountered
- 52. Sporting venues
- 54. Not a single person
- 56. Perfume
- 57. Large Asian country
- 58. Thick woolen fabric
- 59. It comes from bees



**DOWN**

- 1. Emotional exhaustion
- 2. Stretchable
- 3. And more
- 4. Ship workers
- 5. Chop finely
- 6. Climbed
- 7. Fables
- 8. Jewish month
- 9. 5 plus 5
- 10. Surround completely
- 13. Stopped
- 14. Feudal worker
- 15. On edge
- 16. Unpunctual
- 19. Deservedly receives
- 22. Grain alcohol
- 24. Lowlife
- 26. Bleats
- 27. Was victorious
- 30. Large mass of floating ice
- 32. Honey insect
- 33. Climb up
- 34. Seashores
- 35. Side by side
- 38. Windflower
- 39. Eventually
- 40. Hurried
- 42. Humiliated
- 44. Being
- 45. Ceasefire
- 48. Banquet
- 49. 2.53 centimeters
- 50. Type of salmon
- 53. Morning moisture
- 55. Container







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Karen has created her own favorite joke and it goes like this. A woman says, "I can't get my husband to come in and get hearing aids."

Karen says, "No problem. I'll call and yell at him. I would talk to him but he isn't wearing hearing aids."

Every time she gets to say this she cracks up. I am more amused by her laughing at her own joke.

Getting husbands to come in for hearing aids is the one talent I haven't mastered.

Recently a couple came in. As they were completing the new paperwork the husband said to his wife, "why aren't you filling out forms? You need a hearing test as well." She looked at Karen, who was at the front desk, then said softly, "I have very sensitive hearing. I said that to trick him into coming in. He needs help but won't get it." He didn't hear a word.

Karen walked them into my office and said under her breath, "He thinks they are both getting tested. I told them we might only have time for one. He has a big loss, he didn't understand me twice. She has sensitive hearing."

After the test it was obvious he could be helped with hearing aids. I had even said, "You may not realize how hard it is for you to hear your wife's voice. Your loss shows me that you will struggle to hear her without hearing aids. You married her so listening to her and this should be your priority. Hearing aids will help with this."

As he was leaving he turned to Karen and asked, "How do I return demos?"

Karen mentioned to me later, he'll drop them off, he won't wear them. His wife tricked him to come in. He isn't ready to receive help.

I wasn't surprised when he walked in a couple of days later to return the demos and mentioned he didn't wear them much. I assured him, when he is ready we will be here to help. When you decide you want help, we are here for you.

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