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VIE Real Estate Office vi-1 3am to 4pm (of by appointment)	941-403-7743
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Sarasota Memorial Hospital 1700 Tamiami Tr. Sarasota	
Sarasota Memorial Urgent Care Venice 997 41 bypass N	
HCA Florida Doctors Hospital 5731 Bee Ridge Rd	
HCA Florida Englewood Hospital 700 Medical Blvd	
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# VENICE ISLE BOARD MEETING CALENDAR (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesday May 13, 2025	Board of Directors Planning Meeting	CH 2	10:00 am
Tuesday May 20, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	CH 2	10:00 am
Tuesday October 14, 2025	Board of Directors Planning Meeting	CH 2	10:00 am
Tuesday October 21, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting/Budget Approva	l CH 2	10:00 am
Tuesday November 11, 2025	Board of Directors Planning Meeting		
Tuesday November 18, 2025	Board of Directors Meeting	CH 2	10:00 am
Friday January 9, 2026	Annual Meeting & Organizational Meeting	CH 2	10:00 am

### **A REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE**

If you are listing your home for sale please notify the office and make sure you inform your agent to stop by or call the office to find out what is necessary. Agents may also access the park website at: **veniceisleestates.com** 

We have a lot of issues with Agents not knowing the basic information when selling a home in Venice Isle. For example: Whether your home is in the pet section and a 55 over community. Not every home in Venice Isle can have two (2) dogs, 20lbs and under as listed in the Park Rules and Regulations.

If you are not sure if your home is dog friendly, please contact the office.

Every home in Venice Isle can have two (2) indoor cats.

It is your responsibility as the home owner to supply your agents with everything they need to make the transaction seamless.

# 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.

### **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.

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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: <u>veniceisleestates.com</u>. You will need to create an 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 <u>www.realmanage.com/closingportal</u> 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@lutzbobo.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

# NOTES FROM NEVILLE, VENICE ISLE REAL ESTATE SALES INC.

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

I hope everyone is enjoying our wonderful spring season in paradise. It is Beach time.

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 42 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 <a href="www.veniceisle.com">www.veniceisle.com</a>. 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 gives a great selection to choose from. 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.

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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 Sales1-941-920-4598 anytime cell

# VENICE ISLE COVENANT CHURCH

Did you ever go to the grocery store and find that one or more aisles have been rearranged? The peanut butter is no longer on aisle 6; now it's on aisle two with the bread! The shopping takes longer and it is frustrating when you can't find items. Typically, we don't like change. It can be disruptive!

We're more comfortable with the familiar. What if I told you about something that never changes?

How would that make you feel? Hebrews 13:8 tells us that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." That sameness is refreshing in this world of ours. To know that Jesus will not change on us is incredibly comforting. We can rely on His steadiness. We can rely on His strength.

It's as if we can take refuge in the sameness. It reminds me of a time or two when I have been ill. All I want is to be back to normal. It's the old saying, "Normal never felt so good." Well, Jesus can be part of our "normalcy." He can be part of our everyday routine. We can rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus is not going to change on us. When life is throwing curve-balls, He's going to remain the same. We can count on Him to be there in our darkest moments. All we have to do is call on Him. Maybe it starts with a prayer of need. Maybe it starts with a plea of desperation. The sameness of Jesus stabilizes us. It's a place of calmness. It's a refuge for us. I'm reminded of Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." God will see us through. We can rely on His strength when we are feeling weak. The wonderfulness of that takes my breath away! We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9AM in Clubhouse 1. Bible study is over for the season. We will begin a summer session soon, date to be published. It will remain on Thursdays at 2PM, CH2, in the Venetian Room. If you have questions about Bible study, you can call me at (602) 821-4885. Chris Truemper for Venice Isle Covenant Church.

### **VIAC NEWS**

VIAC is pleased to announce newly elected Board Members: Dan Cheney, Nancy Cole & Cyndi Nace

The following Officers were elected to the VIAC Board: President Rich Nuzzo; Vice President Skip Scialpi; Secretary Noreen Rash; Joyce Durbin Treasurer.

The VIAC Board would like to thank Priscilla Conklin for all her years of service on the Board and the wonderful job she did in the many positions she filled over the years.

The VIAC Board would also like to thank Janet Keckler for the fine job she did being the Greeter, the friendly face of the park to welcome our new residents.

Thank you both so much. We will miss you.

### **VENICE ISLE COURTESY BUS**

The courtesy bus operates Monday- Thursday 9:00-3:00.

Please call or email the administrative bus coordinator to reserve a seat 48 hours in advance.

EMAIL:OFFICE@VENICEISLEHOA.COM

PHONE: 941-488-9648.

Seat reservations are first come first serve. 1 reservation per household for a 2 seat reservation.

A bus Requisition form must be filled out for any special request to the office for approval 30 days in advance.

All trips must be advertised & open to all Venice Isle registered homeowners and their renters.

Please review the Bus Usage Guidelines before making your reservations.

### **ATTENTION:**

Anyone requiring anything from Sound and Lighting

Please contact: Skip Scialpi

845-282-2030

He is in charge of Sound and Lighting.



### HEALTH-SAFETY-ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

### **Hurricane Preparedness**

Whether you are heading north for the summer or staying in Venice you may want to sign up for the emergency system alerts at <a href="https://www.alertsarasotacounty.com">www.alertsarasotacounty.com</a>.

If you have not yet read the Emergency Preparedness Response Guide that is in our Venice Isle Access (VIA) documents online, please do. Also, please refer to the orange document on storm preparedness that was handed out in the Islander and at board meetings. Thank you to the board committees that developed these materials.

### Save the Date!

Friday, February 6, 2026 EXPO 2026

THE HSE committee is busy recruiting vendors and speakers for next year's EXPO. As always if you have any ideas or suggestions please email me at:

dolceshelley@gmail.com

Shelley Dolce, Chairperson HSE committee Have a great summer!!!



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### **VENICE ISLE GREETER**

Hi new VI residence (owners). I am Ginny Yesilonis 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: 443-564-9272

### **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 cans to clubhouse 1 so we can deliver them to the food bank.

Thanks so much. Gayle Laursen 941-412-9053

### **BUS TRIPS**



MAY 2

Skyline Chili & Goodwill Shopping

Call Mary at the office to reserve a seat for this trip only. 941-488-9648

Pick-Up CH2 10:15 CH1 10:30

### MAY 9

Tarpon Point & Shopping

Call Mary at the office to reserve a seat for this trip only. 941-488-9648

Pick-Up CH2 10:30 CH1 10:45

### **MAY 16**

St Armands & Lunch on Own

Call Mary at the office to reserve a seat for this trip only. 941-488-9648

Pick Up CH2 9:15 CH1 9:30

### **MAY 23**

Lighthouse Grill

Call Mary at the office to reserve a seat for this trip only. 941-488-9648

Pick-Up CH2 10:30 CH1 10:45

### **MAY 30**

Dry Dock Waterfront Grill

Call Mary at the office to reserve a seat for this trip only. 941-488-9648

Pick-Up CH2 10:15 CH1 10:30

### **VENICE ISLE'S ART GROUP**

We meet every Monday morning from 9 to 12 in Club House 1. All mediums and skill levels are welcome. There will be a class Monday February 10th on acrylic painting on black background.

Thanks to VIAC sponsorship supplies for these classes are provided. Also introductory books and materials are available so you can try your hand at art. Any questions please contact Pam or Chris.

Chris Wallhouse 941-375-2164

chris@wallhouse.ca

Pam Stebbins 484-356-6378

### **BID EUCHRE**

(VIAC sponsored event)

Had a great season of Bid Euchre ending on April 30. CH 1.Looking forward to a new season beginning in December, 2025. Watch the Islander and 901 for the specific starting date. Again we will be playing on Wednesdays at 6:30PM in CH1.

Bye for now, Nick & Donna Medendorp. 616 566-1230

### **BINGO**



Our Bingo Season ended on Thursday 4/10/25.

This season we had some fun new additions such as "The Lucky Number Game" and we raffled off prizes that included gift cards, lottery tickets, cash giveaways

and free specials.

Once a month we had homemade cookies to enjoy at half time made by our own Leisa Goodwin.

We would like to thank everyone who came to play. Couldn't have done it without you!!!

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteer staff; especially the callers, Skip & Al.

We are always looking for volunteers to help.

Please call Diane Henry at 513-255-3552 to sign up; you can let her know your availability. Next season will start in November of 2025.

Hope to see you again!!

Thank you,

Rachel San Antonio (401) 300-6991

Diane Henry (513) 255-3552

### **BOOK CLUB**

Our season is over for the year. Book Club will start in January 2026. Phyllis Rinke is retiring from organizing the book club after 10 years. Thank you.

Any questions call Donna Medendorp @ 616-566-1231.

### **EUCHRE**

Meet Tuesday's in CH 1 in the Sorrento Room at 6:30 p.m. Sign in 6:20 p.m. \$1.00. Friday Euchre is still undecided. VIAC Sponsored Event.

Carla Garven 941-307- 0863

VIAC Sponsored Event

### **BOCCE**

Bocce 2025 has come to an end. We had a very cold start but finished up warmer.

If you are interested in being on the waiting list for next year please call Diane Henry @ 513-255-3552



### **BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE**

Tuesdays 12:30 CH 2 Venetian room.

VIAC Sponsored Event.

Linda Kuehl 920-539-0143

### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Duplicate Bridge for interested bridge players will start in January 2025 thru early April 2025 at Clubhouse #1 (Sorrento Room) on Monday evenings from 6:30 -9 PM. VIAC Sponsored Event.

Please contact: Tim Kneen- text/call 330-207-8524 or email drtakneen@gmail.com

### **CERAMICS**

Venice Isles Ceramics Club will take a brief recess after meeting on April 30, 2025 and will resume meeting on May 14, 2025. We meet on Wednesdays from 12pm - 2pm, and will continue to meet throughout the summer months, so please come and join us! All residents are welcome. Please email Stacey Jacobson at:

fireflyfusion@gmail.com with any questions

### **CORN HOLE LEAGUE**

(VIAC sponsored event)

We finished play with our season-ending tournament on Saturday, March 28. Competing in tournament were the top per-game-average scorers ... the 32 most skilled of our 128 participants.

The winners were:

Team Champions... Roy Lashley and Bob Viens

Ladies Individual Champion... Nancy Elmore

Gentlemen Individual Champion... Rob Hughes

Look for the Islander and 901 posting in October for 2026 cornhole league sign – ups.

Joe Antal



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### **CRUISE CLUB (GOLF CARTS)**

The Cruiser Club had its final meeting for the season on Tuesday, April 15. We will be doing another Halloween Party and at this point, the date will be Thursday, October 30, 2025. If that changes, I will let you know. We are planning on doing the PJ Party the first part of December. I will also get back with you on that one.

Our Cruiser Club will start our regular meetings again on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. We hope to see all of you then.

Have a great summer all of you. We will miss you. Take care of yourselves and stay healthy. If you have any questions during the summer, please call me at 989 444-4055.

Marcia

### **GARDEN CLUB**

Our April meeting was "All about alligators" presented by Sarasota County Extension Office, Dr. Katherine Clements.

Feeding any wildlife is illegal in Florida. That includes birds and turtles. Of course Alligators are a protected species and not to be fed. Walk your dog at least 10 ft from any lake. Alligators love small animals and that includes your dog or worse, small children. They can lunge so stay back from the lakes. Tell your guest please.

Their favorite feed is turtles. If you are feeding turtles you are asking for an alligator. Turtles are wild so it is illegal to feed them anyway.

Next Garden Club meeting will be the first Wednesday January 2026. Have a wonderful safe summer and we will see you on your return.

Carol Antel and Pat Milone

### **GENEALOGY HELP**

Pam Hunt 781-635-9869 Ann Geise 612-715-1336

# KNITTING, CROCHETING, CRAFTING & SHARING GROUP

Tuesdays at CH1 in the Tuscany room from 9-11. For more info please contact Bridget at 810-650-9671

### **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS**

Mexican Train Dominoes, a VIAC sponsored event, is played all year. We meet at Club House 1 between 6:30 and 6:45. In the season we will be in the main hall. Otherwise we meet in the Sorrento room. Table assignments are drawn at 6:45. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT 6:45 TO PARTICIPATE THAT NIGHT.** 

Hope to see ALL Mexican Train players on Monday nights. If you have any questions, please call Carl at 518-847-4081 or Claudette Lavey at 401626-7276.

Carl Risch

### **TAI CHI**

Hope everyone has a safe and good summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in November 2025.

Chris & Ellen Wallhouse 941-375-2164 no texting chris@wallhouse.ca

# TENNIS TALK (VIAC SPONSORED EVENT)

League play is over until the Fall League. The courts are open for play any day 8 a.m. until dusk. Get a racket and have a ball. Have a great summer everyone.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia has ended for the season. See you in the fall. Pam Hunt 781-635-9869



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### VENICE ISLE MIXED GOLF LEAGUE

January 7, 2025 – April 30, 2025

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 or

Andy Budd 440-417-3607

# VENICE ISLE GENTLEMAN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Group play has concluded for the spring season as many have returned to their northern courses and "real" grass.

Year round residents are encouraged to contact each other for summer play. Many thanks to statistician/sec'ytreasurer,

Steve Root, and scheduler, Dan Walsh. Fall play is expected to resume in mid October. Channel 901 and the October Islander will have updates. Enjoy your summer.

### VENICE ISLE CASUAL GOLF LEAGUE

Casual Golf has concluded for the Spring season. Watch for updates for the 2025 season.

Contact: Ralph Joyce 765-419-4636

### **TEXAS HOLD'EM**

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

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### **VETERANS GROUP**

As always I will be at Club House one on Wednesday's from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to assist Veterans and their families filing claims for benefits. If you know a Veteran who has not filed for benefits please have them call me. They do not have to live in the park.

Dan Phillips 859-322-0746

# WATER AEROBICS (VIAC SPONSORED EVENT)

Summer water aerobics continues at 9:30am, Monday through Friday. These are self-led sessions and the CD workouts and equipment is always available for your use. We look forward to everyone returning next season.

### **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.

Sharon Pennington 740-534-3750

### <u>'WOW' – WOMEN'S GROUP -</u> <u>APRIL 2025</u>

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 acupressure, meditation, sound and light therapies, Reiki, Reflexology and even how to 'breathe'.

Have a wonderful summer and fall as you continue on your unique health journey.

Georgia Gander

gggander@gmail.com

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# **May Crossword**

### **ACROSS**

- 1. Identical
- 5. Illustrated
- 10. Goblins
- 14. Coagulate
- 15. Sound
- 16. Type of sword
- 17. Accomplishment
- 19. Culminating point
- 20. Permit
- 21. British biscuit
- 22. Off-white
- 23. Stalker
- 25. Funeral piles
- 27. "I agree"
- 28. Water removal
- 31. Adjust again
- 34. Sneaks a look
- 35. Wetland
- 36. Gorillas
- 37. Squeeze
- 38. Online journal
- 39. Zero
- 40. Requires
- 41. Sows
- 42. Icebreakers
- 44. Honey insect
- 45. Stop
- 46. Choral composition
- 50. Mend
- 52. Approaches
- 54. Consumes
- 55. Freshwater mussel
- 56. Perspicacity
- 58. Economic prosperity
- 59. Rent
- 60. Lack of difficulty
- 61. Rational
- 62. Aromatic compound
- 63. Lyric poems

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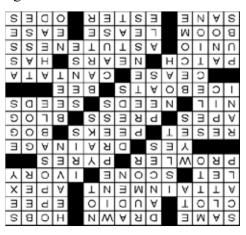
- 1. Anagram of "Clasp"
- 2. Change
- 3. Slogan
- 4. Estimated time of arrival
- 5. Social events
- 6. Hearsay
- 7. Gulf port
- 8. Juice extraction
- device
- 9. Excluding
- 10. Paradise
- 12. Ale or lager
- 13. Alluring

- 18. A small island
- 22. Colored part of the eye
- 24. Y Y Y
- 26. Long-haired wild
- oxen
- 28. Accomplishments
- 29. Not bad
- 30. They come from hens 50. Taverns
- 31. Hindu princess
- 32. Majestic
- 33. Choice
- 11. Like human thumbs 34. False appearances
  - 37. A leguminous plant

  - 38. Borscht vegetable

- 40. He built the ark
- 41. Perception
- 43. Develop into
- 44. Swap
- 46. Reason
- 47. Coming up
- 48. Thigh armor
- 49. Donkeys
- 51. Dwarf buffalo
- 53. French for "State"
- 56. Beer
- 57. Modern







### **Charity and Disaster Fraud**

Charity fraud schemes seek donations for organizations that do little or no work—instead, the money goes to the fake charity's creator.

While these scams can happen at any time, they are especially prevalent after high-profile disasters.

Criminals often use tragedies to exploit you and others who want to help.

After a natural disaster or other emergency, unethical contractors and other scammers may commit insurance fraud, re-victimizing people whose homes or businesses have been damaged. Sometimes these fraudsters even pretend to be affiliated with the government, when they are not. If you need any post-disaster repairs, do your research before hiring any contractor.

### <u>Protect Yourself. The following tips</u> <u>can help you avoid these schemes:</u>

- Give to established charities or groups whose work you know and trust.
- Be aware of organizations with copycat names or names similar to reputable organizations.
- Be wary of new organizations that claim to aid victims of recent high-profile disasters.
- Do your research. Use the Federal Trade Commission's resources to examine the track record of a charity.
- Give using a check or credit card. If a charity or organization asks you to donate through cash, gift card, virtual currency, or wire transfer, it's probably a scam. Learn more about this trick from the FTC.
- Practice good cyber hygiene:
  - · Don't click links or open email attachments from someone you don't know.
  - · Manually type out links instead of clicking on them.
  - · <u>Don't provide any personal information</u> in response to an email, robocall, or robotext.
  - · Check the website's address—most legitimate charity organization websites use .org, not .com.
- After a natural disaster or other emergency, carefully vet any contractors before hiring them to work on your home or business.

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### Is There a Hearing Problem?

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Joe's checkup is ending, and his doctor asks, "Is there anything else?"

Joe says, "I don't think my wife is hearing well. What can I do?"
The doctor recommended a simple exercise to determine if it was her hearing. Stand about 50 feet away from your wife, when her back is to you so she can't see you. Ask her a general question and see if she answers. If she doesn't answer, step closer and ask again. If she doesn't answer, take another step closer and ask again. Keep doing this until you know she heard the question and answered it

Joe went home and did the exercise. Joe stood in the hallway behind his wife while she was in the kitchen cooking. He asked in a clear, steady voice, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No reply. So, he took a step closer and asked again. No reply. So, he took a step closer and asked again.

After five times his wife spun around and yelled, "For the fifth time, chicken!"

While Joe's story is humorous, it illustrates a serious point: hearing loss often goes unnoticed by the person experiencing it. If you're wondering whether your loved one might have a hearing problem, here are some signs:

Frequent Misunderstandings: misinterpret what's said or respond inappropriately

Complaints About Mumbling: frequently claim that others don't speak clearly

**Difficulty in Noisy Environments:** they struggle to follow conversations in noisy places

**Loud TV:** set the TV volume higher than is comfortable for others

Withdrawal from Conversations: appear to disengage during conversations

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Bible ClassesThursday 2 p.mCH2 Venetian
BilliardsMon – 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 5:00 p.m CH2
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Knitting, Crocheting Tuesday 9:30 a.m. CH1 Tuscany Rm
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Pinochle/everyone Monday 12:30 p.mCH1 Sorrento
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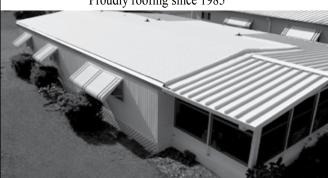
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