

Venice Bay Park



Summer 2021

To All Venice Bay Park Residents,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well!

2020 was a trying year for so many of us and we had to learn to live within the boundaries of restrictions and health safety...every week (or day) trying to understand how we needed to act or re-act accordingly.

Now, with establishments opening up (or trying to) and the restrictions a bit less (for now), we look forward to 2022!

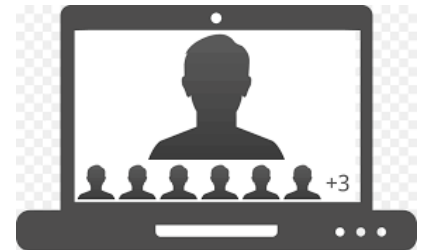


Following are some updates...

From the Board of Directors and Wisdom Community Management

Annual Member Meeting – February 16, 2021

Technology – love it or hate it? The pandemic changed a lot of things and how we had to present the Annual Meeting was no exception. In an effort to respect mask mandates, social distancing requirements and the health of our residents, Tom Wisdom, VB Park manager, offered a Zoom link (and call-in number) to residents with email addresses on file. This technology gave residents, for the very first time in the park’s history, the option of attending the Annual Meeting, virtually, from the safety of their own home in or outside the park. Overall, both the on-site meeting and the Zoom option were successful. We are hoping for greater virtual attendance in the future – we will continue to offer the Zoom link and call-in numbers for future Annual Meetings. In this case, we feel that technology is a good thing. It helps us reach more residents! *Thanks to Tom for providing this option!*



Voting Results - 2021 Proposed Budget

Residents were asked to review the proposed budget and to vote by Proxy on the following:

- Carryover – Any excess of Membership Income over Membership Expense for the Year ended December 31, 2020 as defined in IRC Sec. 277 shall be applied to next year’s operating budget, as provided by IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604. (If not carried over the excess, if applicable, would be subject to Corporate Income Tax.) **38 In Favor** **1 Not in Favor**

- Reserve Scheduled 2021: The Board proposed a Reserve Schedule as per the 2021 Budget distributed: **33 In Favor** **4 Not in Favor**

- Waive Formal Year-End Financial Review: I cast my vote below in regard to waiving of the year-end formal financial review for 2020 per F.S. 718 and understand that a year-end report will still be provided by Venice Bay Park. **30 In Favor** **8 Not in Favor**

Voting Results – 2021 Ballot Election

Residents were asked to vote on four open Board seats. The following four candidates were named to the board: **David DuFault, Tom DuVall, Susie Lane** and **Donald Zenner**.

Officers were elected directly following the Annual Members Meeting as follows:

President	Robert Morgan
Vice President/Treasurer	David DuFault
Secretary	Susie Lane
Directors	Robert Duncan
	Tom DuVall
	Judy Toth
	Donald Zenner

Note: After February 16, 2021, two board members relocated outside of the park - Judy Toth whose seat was filled (for the remainder of her term) by Ken Carter and Susie Lane, who will continue secretarial support as a contract employee until a replacement can be named. Both changes were approved by the Board.

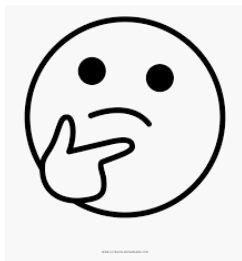
From the Board and Wisdom Community Management (continued)

Upgrades and Work in the Park

With the pandemic shutting so many things down early in 2020, improvements were also stalled, however, we want to share both improvements and some unexpected repairs that had to be done:

- Installed a new white fence around both trailer storage areas
- Installed new gravel at 127 & 129 Bayou
- Deep cleaned all rooms in the Clubhouse
- Paved/sealed streets
- Installed speed humps to slow down traffic coming/going in the park
- Security camera installed to monitor dumpster area on the north side of the clubhouse
- Replaced kitchen air conditioner motor
- Replaced air conditioner on clubhouse roof
- Replaced some kitchen cabinets due to water damage from air conditioner leak (*thanks to our own Bob Austin for building the cabinets for us; we appreciate it!*)
- Currently main sewer repair/clean-out on Bayou is necessary due to a major clog as a result of residents flushing “wipes” through the system. Cost is approximately \$5,000. ***Please do not flush wipes (even if they say they are flushable) through our sewer system; they do not break down and ultimately cause clogs and flooding on the property. The same goes for not flushing paper towels, tissues, cotton balls and feminine products. If you have a renter, please share this information with them as well. Future clogs for the same reasons could be placed back on the homeowner.***

Park Improvements and Ideas



When you walk around or drive through the park, what kind of updates or improvements would you like to see?

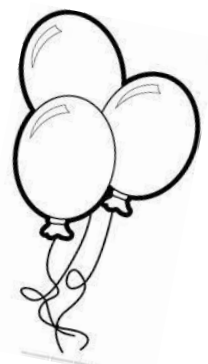
We would like to hear your suggestions and ideas. Your ideas will be reviewed at each upcoming Board Meeting.

How do I submit ideas?

- Drop your idea in the black box on the office door
- Send an email to Susie Lane at slanehouse@gmail.com
- Mail your idea to Venice Bay Park, 149 Serpentine Dr., Venice, FL 34285

From the Woman’s Club - Park Activities Update

Events were cancelled beginning late February 2020 due to the pandemic. A couple events were held over last summer but, unfortunately, it didn’t last long and all gatherings were cancelled again until June 5, 2021 when we were excited to start Donut Saturday back up. We will continue to hold Donut Saturday, the first Saturday of each month, and other events as long as it is safe to do so. Watch for Taco Tuesday – planned for Saturday, August 21st. *Thanks to Debbie Trebesch and Debbie DuVall for organizing these activities.*



Hurricane Elsa - No Damage to Report

We are happy to report that Hurricane Elsa wasn't as bad as the meteorologists predicted. Venice Bay Park received some wind, about three inches of rain with no damage or flooding. Let's hope the hurricane season continues to miss our little park!

Welcome New Residents

We have welcomed many new owners over the past 18+ months and a few new full-time renters as well. Please stop and say "hi" the next time you take a walk.



Lynn Mahoney – 112 Bayou
Scott Johnston – 178 Morning Star
Kathleen Scanlon – 177 Morning Star
Michael & Nancy Lott – 167 Morning Star
Roberto Lopez – 116 Bayou
Lyndee Jo Wallace-Smith & Annelisa Smith – 117 Bayou
David O'Dell & Anthony Buono – 158 Serpentine
Tom & Shellie Anthony – 155 Serpentine
Donald Nichols – 115 Bayou
Rick & Pamela Cox – 166 Morning Star
Sunny Laite – 116 Bayou
John Meisch – 158 Morning Star
Dixie Spinnell – 127 Bayou
Albert Kasper – 2 Morning Star Ln
Amanda Bough – 138 Bayou
Anthony Licato – 152 Serpentine
Lori Hydeck – 1 Morning Star Ln
Gliden Allan – 159 Morning Star

In Memory of Those No Longer With US

Venice Bay Park is and has been a special place to so many people over the years. In many cases, they came, they stayed and then their kids came and they stayed and so it continues generation to generation.

We regret to share that we lost a few longstanding park members since our last newsletter. We miss their contributions, hearing their stories and seeing them at events. Our condolences go out to their families and loved ones.

*Mary Kumjian (Mar. 2020), Alma Magnopoli (Sept. 2020),
Ted Stempien (Nov. 2020), Donald Miller (not known),
Jimmy Linn (Jan. 2021), Louis Boggs (May 2021),
Shirley Dillard (May 2021)*



Communication – last, but not the least important

Over the past several years we have gone from no electronic communications at all to multiple ways of communicating to our park residents. We encourage you to utilize as many of these forms of communication as you can.

Email

We are trying to build our email list and email – this is the quickest way for us to communicate with you. If you use email, but have not completed a ***Consent for Electronic Email Communication*** form, we have included one with this newsletter. Just complete, sign, and email or send back per instructions on the form. This enables us to send you park updates such as storm status information as well as Annual Meeting invites to attend virtually. (Thanks to those who have already turned in the form to us; you do not need to turn in another one)

Venice Bay Park Facebook Page – this is a closed group for park members only. Search Facebook for Venice Bay Park and ask to join. We communicate events and other park related topics on this page.

Venice Bay Park Website – in the browser at the top of your computer screen, enter **venicebaypark.com**. Here you can find park updates, forms, minutes of board meetings and monthly financials.

Venice Bay Park Email – if you have billing questions or need a coupon book, please send an email to **vbapark@yahoo.com**.

THANKS FOR READING...until next time!

Susie Lane
Editor

CONSENT TO USE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Section 2.3 of the Venice Bay Adult Park Bylaws was revised in 2020 to authorize the use of electronic notice for meetings of the Association. Consistent with the governing law, Florida Statutes 718.112, the Bylaws require a lot owner to consent in writing to the use of electronic transmission before the Association can use that mode of communication.

Using electronic notices would save the Association money, and reduce the burden on the owners who volunteer to operate the Association. If you regularly use electronic communications, please authorize the Association to communicate with you electronically by completing, signing and returning this form. Thank you.

OWNER'S NAME _____

Phone # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

I hereby consent to receive meeting notices, and related documents such as proxy forms, by electronic transmission. My current e-mail address and/or phone number is set forth above. This consent will remain in effect, and apply to new or revised electronic addresses provided by the owner to the Association, until you rescind this permission in writing.

Owner Signature

Date: _____

Note: If you have already completed this form, you do not need to complete again unless your email address has changed.

3 ways to return:

- Drop in black box on office door
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- Scan document and send via email to Susie Lane at slanehouse@gmail.com