



The Islander

Venice Isle
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Upcoming Events

- 4/1 - Wild Wild West Dance CH 2 6:00 - 9:00
- 4/4 - Blood Donation 9:00 - 12:00 (Big Red Bus)
- 4/5 - Blood Pressure Clinic CH 2 8:00 - 10:00
- 4/13 - Easter Parade 2:00
- 4/20 - Easter Potluck 2:00 - 5:00 CH 2



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See something/say something to report activity

Call (941)-316-1201 or (941)-861-5800 Sarasota County Sheriff. 24 hours
Worried about a neighbor? Contact the above to have do a wellness check on them.

- REALMANAGE** Email: veniceis@ciramail.com 866-473-2573
- VIE PARK OFFICE** M-F 9am to Noon, and 1pm to 3pm 941-488-9648
- VIE Real Estate Office** M-F 9am to 4pm (or by appointment) 941-485-7743

UTILITIES

- BlueStream Fiber Television and Wifi..... 941-208-2040
- Sarasota County Solid Waste941-861-5000
- Waste Management website: WM.com.....941-493-4100
- Frontier Telephone800-921-8101
- Florida Power and Light (electric) FPL.com941-917-0708
- Water/Sewer Sarasota County Environmental Services941-861-6100
- Venice Public Library941-861-1330
- Jacaranda Library.....941-861-1260

MEDICAL

- 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 Rd941-342-1100
- HCA Florida Englewood Hospital 700 Medical Blvd941-475-6571
- Shore Point 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)
- Shore Point of Port Charlotte Wound Care (at the Venice 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 Avenue941-488-8122
- CVS Pharmacy – U.S. 41 By-Pass and East Venice Avenue941-484-8814
- Walmart Pharmacy – U.S. 41 & Jacaranda (South Venice).....941-493-5902
- We Care Pharmacy – 417 Tamiami Trl S.....941-786-9181



VENICE ISLE BOARD MEETING CALENDAR (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesday April 8, 2025

Board of Directors Planning
Meeting

CH 2 10:00 am

Tuesday April 15, 2025

Board of Directors Meeting
CH 2 10:00 am

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 Approval
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: veniceislestates.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

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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. 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: veniceislestates.com. 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 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. 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 Winter 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 34 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. 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 Sales 1-941-920-4598 anytime cell

Venice Isle

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VENICE ISLE COVENANT CHURCH

Imagine that first glimpse of Spring. It could be a budding flower or a tree in bloom. Maybe it's the sound of birds chirping in the early morning. The sight and sound of it fills us with joy! These are signs of life being reborn and renewed. It is glorious to behold! I remember a lilac bush that grew alongside our house.

I knew it was Spring when those first buds started to form. Soon, the bush would be in full bloom. What splendor that was! These sights and sounds give us hope as we see life emerging around us. The beauty of springtime is like getting our spirits recharged. It's like that with the coming of Easter. It's our renewal.

Think about what it must have been like for the disciples who knew that Jesus had been crucified and buried. He was dead to them. They had traded in their lives to be with Him and now there was nothing.

They were truly at their darkest moment. We too can have our world turned upside down. We long for a different perspective or an inward renewal. Something to give us strength. That something is our faith in

Jesus. Our belief that He rose from the dead. Through Jesus rising from the dead, we are given new life.

What the disciples must have felt when they first saw Jesus alive again! 2Corinthians 5:17 says, "when we accept Jesus Christ as our savior, we become a new creation." We are reborn into a new life where we can receive boundless gifts from God. Gifts of peace, comfort, hope, and joy that come to us through our relationship with Jesus. And we have the promise of eternal life. It's a promise you can count on. We invite you to a special sunrise service at 7AM Easter morning right here at Venice Isle in Clubhouse 1. It's part of the Easter celebration at Venice Isle Covenant Church. We hope that you will join us. There is also another worship service at 9AM, Easter morning, at Spanish Lakes, in their Clubhouse. Folks from Spanish Lakes sometimes come to us and this time we will be joining them. The address for Spanish Lakes is 1340 N Tamiami Trail, in Nokomis. We will have sign up sheets for those needing rides and those who can drive. All other Sunday services are at 9AM, in Clubhouse 1. Bible study is on Thursdays

at 2PM, CH2, in the Venetian Rm. All are welcome. Chris Truemper for Venice Isle Covenant Church.

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.

VENICE ISLE COVENANT CHURCH POTLUCK

Venice Isle Covenant Church will host a Potluck Community Social on Monday, April 14th at 4:30PM in Clubhouse 1. We do this on the second Monday of each month so mark your calendars. All are welcome, so bring your friends and neighbors. It is a great opportunity to meet and connect with other Venice Isle residents. Please bring a dish to share, and your own beverage. Plates, napkins, plastic ware, ice and cups will be provided.

We would love to see every one of our VI residents there for good food and fellowship. If you would like additional information please contact Joyce Durbin, 813-841-4863.



BLOOD DONATION

Big Red Bus will be here Friday April 4th, 9am until 2pm.

All donors receive a \$20 eGift card, a One Blood short sleeved t-shirt, and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. ID is required.

Appointments are encouraged.

Please visit OneBlood.org/donate-now and use Venice Isle Estates sponsor code 9462.

Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for supporting this effort.

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hosted by: Health, Safety and Environment Committee

We are excited to invite you to a Blood Pressure Clinic. The following are the detail

:Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Time: 8 am – 10 am during the Park Breakfast

Location: Clubhouse 2 Venetian Room

Come have your blood pressure checked before or after you enjoy a nice breakfast!!!

No sign up necessary

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Apr. 15: TBD

Shelley Dolce, Coordinator,
dolceshelley@gmail.com

Caroline Goode, Co-Coordinator, *new email:
carolinegoode783@gmail.com

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 (HSE) NEWS

We are pleased to announce that VI Board of Directors' member, Joyce Durbin, is our new committee board liaison.

We welcomed three new members: Paul Bois, Teri Slack, and Lori Rohloff to our team this season who will join Shelley Dolce, Caroline Goode, Dawn Backus, Teresa Nuber, Roger McEntarfer, and Nancy Aberdale. Big thanks to our team for actively participating in our meetings and bringing new insights and ideas that keep the committee engaged and moving forward!

Save the Date! The HSE team has begun recruiting vendors and speakers for EXPO 2026 to be held on February 6, 2026 from 10-2 in CH 2. And, yes, we will be hiding the Groundhog again.

HSE ANNOUNCES SPEAKER SERIES....

You are invited to the 2024-2025 Health-Safety-Environment NEW VI TALKS Informational Sessions!! Each month (Nov-Apr) VI TALKS will showcase topics of interest that include a speaker presentation (30-60 minutes) with a Q&A session to follow.

Sessions will be scheduled for the THIRD Tuesday each month following the VI Board Meeting at 1:00 in CH 2—

Cookies will be served so stop by after lunch!

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

**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
941 485 9295

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

SCAM ALERT

[facebook.com/help](https://www.facebook.com/help)

Tips for Avoiding Facebook Scams

- 1. Secure your Facebook account with a strong password and two-factor authentication**
*Avoid including your name, phone number, email address or common words.
 Don't reuse your Facebook password on other services online, and never share your password with others.*
- 2. Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know**
Scammers may create fake accounts in an attempt to friend and manipulate people.
- 3. Watch out for suspicious links and malicious software**
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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	Wild Wild West CH 2 6:00 – 9:00 Garden Club 10:00
		April Fool's Day	
Worship Service CH 1 @ 9:00 Poker Run CH 2 @ 2:00	6	7	8
	Art Group CH 1 9:00 – 12:00 Water Aerobics Pool 2 9:30 – 10:15 Genealogy Help CH 2 Computer Rm @ 10:00 Texas Hold-em CH 2 @ 6:30 p.m. Poker room Domino's CH 1 @ 6:45 Duplicate Bridge CH 1 @ 6:30 Absolute Beginners Line Dancing 6:00 CH 2, Beginners @ 6:30	Water Aerobics Pool 2 9:30 – 10:15 Euchre CH 1. Sign in 6:20 play @ 6:30 \$1.00 Cruiser Club Meeting CH 2 @ 5:00 Tai Chi CH 2 8:30 – 9:30 Knitting, Crocheting & Visiting Group CH 1 @ 9:00 – 11:00 Tuscany Rm Bridge for Everyone 12:30 CH 2 Venetian Rm	Water Aerobics 10:15 Bid Euchre CH
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Palm Sunday	Texas Hold-em CH 2 @ 6:30 p.m. @ poker room VI Community Potluck Social 4:30 CH 1 Domino's CH 1 @ 6:45 Water Aerobics Pool 2 9:30 – 10:15 Duplicate Bridge CH 1 @ 6:30 Absolute Beginners Line Dancing 6:00 CH 2, Beginners @ 6:30	Water Aerobics Pool 2 9:30 – 10:15 Tai Chi CH 2 8:30 – 9:30 Veterans Group Meeting CH 1 @ 10:30 Turtle's Meeting CH 2 @ 5:00 Euchre CH 1. Sign in 6:20 play @ 6:30 \$1.00 Knitting, Crocheting Tuscany Rm	Water Aerobics 9:30 – 10:15 Trivia Night CH Book Club 10:00 Venetian Rm Bid Euchre CH
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2025

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BUS TRIPSApril 4

Captain Brians & The Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy

Pick-Up CH2 10:00 CH1 10:15

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

April 11

Red Barn

Pick-Up CH2 9:1 CH1 9:30

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

April 18

No Bus Trip – Good Friday

April 25

Der Dutchman

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

Pick-Up CH2 10:30 CH1 10:45

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

Bid Euchre will be play on Wednesdays starting January 8 at 6:45 in CH1. Sign in will be at 6:30.

Beginners are welcome to play. Instruction will be provided. For more information contact Nick or Donna at 616-566-1230 This is a VIAC sponsored event.

BINGO

Bingo 2024/2025 Update

We would like to invite everyone to our 2024/2025 Bingo Season. Doors open at 5:00pm and games start at 6:15pm,

This season we will have some fun new additions such as raffles, giveaways and some new games. VIAC sponsored event.

We are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please call Diane Henry at 513-255-3552 to sign up.

Thank you, Rachel San Antonio (401) 300-6991

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets at Clubhouse 2 in the Venetian Room at 10:00.

April 9, "The Spoon Stealer" by Lesley Crewe

Everyone is Welcome.

Questions: Phyllis Rinke 269-506-3195

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

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**BOCCE**

Bocce is full for the 2025 season. I will have the teams posted at the bocce courts by January 2,2025. Play starts Monday January 6,2025. VIAC Sponsored Event.

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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

Ceramics will meet in Clubhouse 1 every Wednesday from 12:00 – 2:00 pm starting on January 8th, 2025!

All are welcome! VIAC Sponsored Event.

Please email Kit at arokitaro@yahoo.com or Stacey at fireflyfusion@gmail.com

CRUISE CLUB (GOLF CARTS)

Our VIAC Cruiser Club met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 4. We had an in-depth discussion on fundraisers and we hope to get some things resolved at the next VIAC meeting.

Prior to the Cruiser Club meeting, we had our Lock-Up event and it turned out to be awesome. I was worried that we would not do too well since we have had a lot of fundraisers lately. Once AGAIN, thanks to all the criminals, and the generous people who posted their bail. After expenses, we have a little over \$3,000 which will go to the Garden Elementary School in memory of Michelle Emily. It was so much fun to see everyone having such a good time. Our last event for this season will be our Wild Wild West Dance on Tuesday, April 1. The proceeds will be going to VIAC to help keep other amenities going. The tickets will be \$12.50, there will be a DJ, and we will have a variety of music.

We are asking you to please bring a snack for our community snack tables. Dance is from 6:00 – 9:00

@ CH 2. Tickets can be purchased by calling Ann Duemler @ 989-385-0718.

The Cruiser Club will be having the **Easter Parade** on Sunday, April 13. We will line up at CH2 at 1:30 and start out at 2:00. Decorate your golf carts if you want to. Everyone is welcome to participate whether you are a member of the Cruiser Club or not. The more the merrier.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Venetian Room of Clubhouse 2 from 10:00am to 11:30am. New and experienced gardeners welcome!

Here is the list of upcoming planned events.

April 2: We have a special presentation from UF/ Sarasota County Extension office called “All About Alligators”. This has been a popular program in other locations so we’re hoping you enjoy it too. (This program will also be held in the main room in Clubhouse 2)

Carol Antal and Pat Milone Questions? Call 616-890-0035

GENEALOGY HELP

Come to CH 2 on Monday April 7th at 10am for an informal get together to ask questions, discuss and share ideas, hints, and stories concerning your genealogy research including how to get started and DNA.

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



LINE DANCING

MONDAYS, JAN 6 – APRIL 28, 2025 CH #2

6:00 pm- Absolute Beginners

6:30 pm- Beginners, 7:00 pm – Improvers

Comfortable shoes – No Flip flops

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Darlene Thomas DarleneCBQ@gmail.com

740-973-10228

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

Come play Tai Chi with us at Clubhouse 2 Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:30. Tuesdays Clubhouse 1 8:30-9:30 when there are board meetings as they need time to set up. Another VIAC sponsored 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.

At present we are expecting family down the week of March 10 and may have to cancel Tai Chi.

Watch 901 or Facebook for confirmation. The last session will be March 27th. Hope everyone has a safe and good summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Chris & Ellen Wallhouse

941-375-2164 no texting

chris@wallhouse.ca

TENNIS TALK (VIAC SPONSORED EVENT)

The newly surfaced tennis courts continue to be busy every day. League play is in full swing. We have four competitive teams, one ladies team, two men's teams and one Mixed Doubles Team.

Whether you are an experienced player or beginner, you are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun. It's great exercise and a good way to meet people and make new friends. Hope to see you on the courts!!

TRIVIA NIGHT

The last Trivia Night for the season will be **Wednesday April 16 at 7pm in CH2**. Variety of general knowledge questions on popular topics like movies, sports, animals. We play in teams so you can rely on the knowledge of others. Come with a team of 6 or even alone and we will find you a team. \$1 per person and all money goes as prizes. Always great fun.

Pam Hunt 781-635-9869

TURTLE'S 2024/2025 SCHEDULE

Greetings 2025 Turtles!

Welcome back to all of the snowbirds and the start of 2025! We had a very good meeting in D

So the usual applies... bring \$1 dues, bring a dish to share, bring your own plates & utensils, and wear something green. We'll have a good time and some great food.

Jim Backus

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

Play continues through April although the number of participants keeps dwindling. Dan Walsh, 781-325-6796, will assist in scheduling tee times as needed. If you're looking for a game, this is the place to go! Rates go down a bit in April.

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



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I asked him why, and he said, "My wife is yelling at me morning and night!"

I must have looked confused because he explained. He told me, "One morning, I was getting coffee, and my wife walked in with a booming voice. I told her I heard her and she didn't need to yell. She laughed and said, 'Well, there's a first time for everything.' But today, she said something to me, and I missed it. Then she looked me in the eyes and said loudly, 'Go ask Blair to help you... and me.'"

George thought he needed his hearing aids to be louder, but that wasn't the problem. His hearing aids were clogged with skin debris and wax. This blocked the microphone and speaker, changing how sounds came through. If the microphone is blocked, it won't pick up voices clearly. If the speaker is clogged, sounds won't come through at a normal volume, making others feel like they need to yell.

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Others Might Have to Yell – If your hearing aid isn't working properly, people may have to speak louder to get your attention.

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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

‘WOW’ – WOMEN’S GROUP - APRIL 2025

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](mailto:GeorgiaGander@gmail.com)

THANK YOU

Jo Lizama and Judi Kramer have a special thank you to dog walkers, short route walkers and long route walkers for being such good sports during our 5K Walk Give Cancers of All Colors the Boot for our special cause of Cancer Research this past February ‘25, thank you also to dedicated group of committee members for putting on such a fun and successful fundraiser in VI!

EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK

April 20th, CH 2 @ 2:00 – 5:00

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Bring a covered Dish to share.

Need a Head court for Ham. Please RSVP Deadline: Tuesday April 15th FIRM.

Darlene @ 740-973-1028 or

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Art Groups/all Media.. Monday 9 a.m..... CHI Tuscany Rm
 Bingo..... Thursday 6:15 p.m CH2
 Bocce..... Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 a.m .. CH2 Courts
 Ceramics Wednesday 12 – 2p.m..... CH 1 (Begins Jan 24)
 Computer Help..... Wednesday 1 – 3 p.m..... CH2 Lido
 Garden Club..... 1st Wednesday's 10:00 ... CH2 Venetian Rm
 Horseshoes..... Wednesday 10 a.m..... CHI Pits
 Knitting, Crocheting.... Tuesday 9:30 a.m CH 1 Tuscany Rm
 Shuffleboard Practice- Monday 1 p.m..... CHI Courts
 (Open Tues, Wed, Thur)
 Shuffleboard..... Friday 1 p.m..... CHI 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)

TRIVIA
 Trivia..... Third Wed 7:00 p.m..... CH2
 (Jan – April)

LINE DANCING
 Absolute Beginners...Mondays 6:00 pm..... CH 2
 Beginners.....Monday 6:30 pm..... CH 2
 Improvers.....Monday 7:00 pm..... CH 2
 (Jan 6 – Apr 28, 2025)

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..... CHI
 Coffee Klatch/Ladies.... Friday 8:30 a.m..... CHI Tuscany
 Cruiser Club..... 1st Tuesday 5:00 p.m..... CH2

CARDS
 Euchre Tue 6:30, Fri 6:45 p.m CHI Sorrento
 Hand & Foot..... Wed 1:00 p.m..... CHI Tuscany
 (May – Oct)
 Hand & Foot..... Thursday 5:30 p.m..... CHI Tuscany
 Mahjongg..... Wednesday 1 p.m..... CH2 Venetian
 Mexican Train Dominoes.. Monday 6:45 p.m..... CHI
 Pinochle/everyone..... Monday 12:30 p.m..... CHI Sorrento
 Pinochle/everyone..... Wed & Sat 6:45 p.m...CHI 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

CARDS

Bridge Everyone..... Tues 12:30..... CH2 Venetian Rm
 Duplicate Bridge..... Monday 6:30 CH 1
 Bid Euchre..... Wednesday 6:30 CH 1
 Euchre Tues & Fri 6:45pm..... CHI 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

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