

2010 Spring / Summer Newsletter

Venice Shores Subdivision
Harrison Twp, MI

Venice Shores Property Owners Association

Back by popular demand—the Spring/Summer issue of the VSPOA Newsletter! We'll be bringing you more info, more news, & more features. Once again published 3x per year!

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Members: Rosanne Ososki*; Ginny Porter*; Jeannie Gabor*; Paul Kurtz*; Barb Marten*

* Non-Board Committee Members

Venice Shores Business Updates

VSPOA BY-LAW UPDATES—PROPOSED CHANGES

A seven member sub-committee of VSPOA officers & board members continue working with the intent of bringing you, the residents, an updated set of VSPOA By-Laws on which to vote during the General Membership Meeting in November, 2010. The current set of by-laws were last amended in 1995. Some of the by-laws are outdated and are no longer applicable, while others were recommended for review. The sub-committee will present their proposal for board approval during the September 2010 board meeting. The approved language will be voted on by all residents in attendance at the November 2010. Remember, one vote per property, but all household members are always welcome at all board meetings. And speaking of....

VSPOA BOARD MEETINGS



Come see what's happening in and around your neighborhood! Want to know what issues are facing our community? What events are coming? Perhaps you just want to meet some of your neighbors, or maybe you have a question or concern. Come to a board meeting! VSPOA meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at the Mariner's Boat Club on N. River Road, in the upstairs banquet room. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. You can see how the all volunteer VSPOA board of directors works to make our little area of Harrison Township the best kept secret on Lake St. Clair! We love it here, and hope you do too!

N. RIVER ROAD BIKE PATH UPDATE

The VS board held an informational meeting in May to give our residents an update on the Harrison Township proposed bike path (slated to run along N. River Road) and to give Venice Shores residents a chance to voice their concerns. When all the dust settled, it was decided that the actual bike path will cross at Bridgeview and will parallel the shoulder on the north side of N. River Road, extending east up to MacRays' entrance. The path will not continue to Clairpointe, as was originally planned. A sidewalk that would run from MacRays to Bayhaven, on Township owned property, is still being considered.

NEWLY REMODELED WEBSITE—COMING SOON!

www.veniceshores.org is getting a major make over! Scheduled to come on-line in late July, it will have many innovative features. Designed for the VS resident, you will be able to access the latest information, including board meeting agendas & minutes, plus names & pictures of VSPOA board members. Contact information for select officers will also be available. Fun & informational buttons will access features such as VS photos, Newsletters, Events (past & upcoming), Deed Restrictions, By-Laws, & Enforcement Procedures. You'll be able to find your property using Google Earth, and access other websites of local & relevant interest right from the VS site. Map links, Army Core of Engineers, local government, and Lake St. Clair news are just a few. Local weather will also be displayed when the site is opened, so you don't have to search to see if it's a good day to play hooky and go fishing. The site will also be useful to realtors. They can direct perspective buyers to the site to give them a preview of our great community. It will feature a pictorial tour of Venice Shores, including street and canal views, entrance views, and a view of MacRay's exit to the lake. And for Venice Shores property owners only, you will be able to **privately and securely** join the VS email mailing list. Adding your email address to this list will allow VS to communicate with you quickly about relevant topics, and to pass along informational flyers. Past topics have included information and net layouts in Lake St. Clair for invasive fish species, notification of special informational meetings, and closures of local roads for special events that impact our community. This list will NEVER be sold, shared, or otherwise accessed except to communicate genuine information. It will NEVER be used to pass jokes, and will not be available to VS residents on-line. It is used only for Venice Shores business and will be controlled by a Venice Shores officer. So look for the new website in late July! We think you'll find it fun and informative!



Venice Shores Committee News

events committee



A special thanks to Mike DiVito for his continued efforts in hosting the *Annual Fishing Derby*, held June 12. I believe 2010 was Mike's 7th year leading this event?? And contrary to popular belief, Mike doesn't always win for biggest fish. He does, however, win for biggest fish ***tale!!***

This year's *Annual Fall Block Party* will once again be hosted by Scott & Sarah Bawol. They did a fabulous job last year, so we look forward to another great day of fun, neighbors, & good food. Date is set for Saturday, September 11. Look for a flyer announcing further details in Jul/Aug. This is one you don't want to miss—so new residents & old—make sure to mark your calendars!

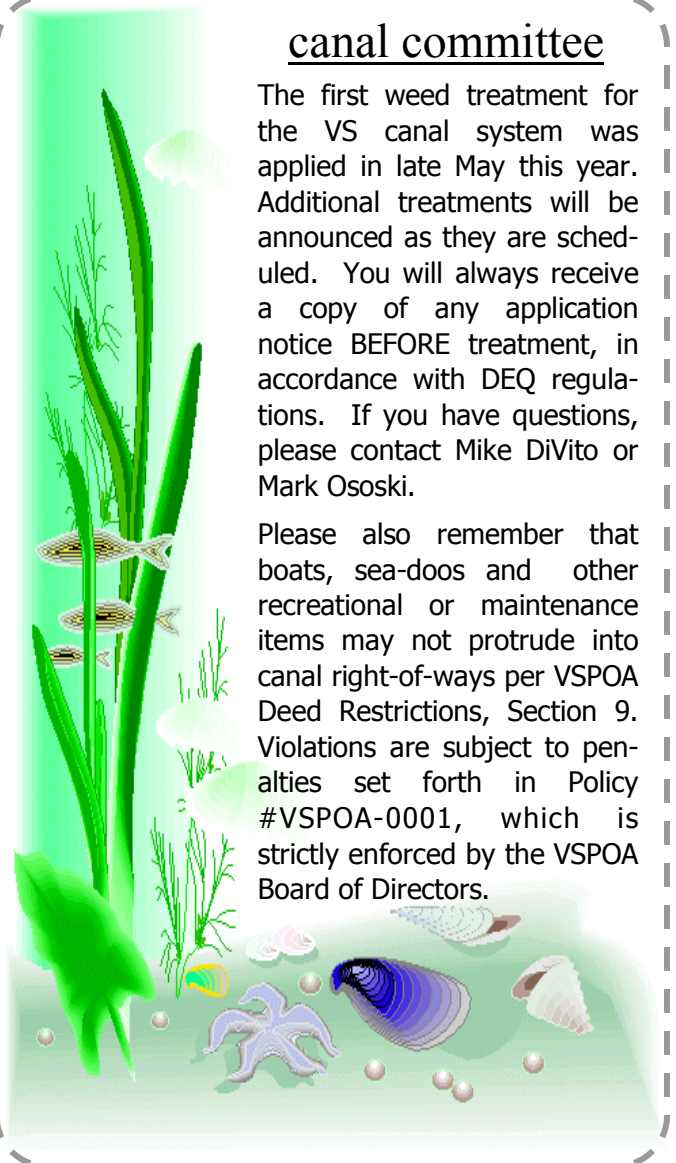
The *Annual Christmas Decorating Contest* is on tap again this year & will be organized by Bill Struhar! We know it's hard to think about cold & snow & uh—Christmas decorations—when summer hasn't fully bloomed yet, but we all need something to look forward to in a Michigan winter. Well, this is it! It's always enjoyable to see how our neighbors compete with each other for winner of their respective street, then go the extra mile for one of 4 specialty categories. Watch newsletter and flyers for more information in the coming months!!

Anyone wishing to volunteer to organize and lead a single event for the 2010 calendar year, please contact John Gabor. Several events that have been extremely successful and well attended in past years include the *Annual Boat Outing*, the *All Holiday Party*, and/or *Feather Bowling* at Bath City Bistro. Or come up with event ***you*** think residents will enjoy. It's easy, it's fun! Just present your idea at a board meeting for approval, ask for volunteers to help, and you're all set! So gather your friends, come on down, & dazzle us with your entertaining ideas! I'm sure many board members & past committee members will be willing to help YOUR event succeed. Hope to see you there!

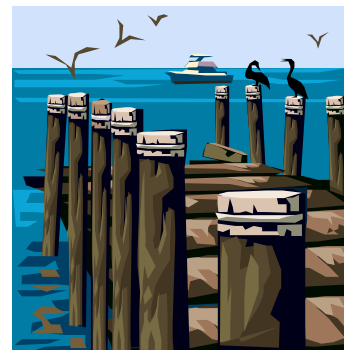
canal committee

The first weed treatment for the VS canal system was applied in late May this year. Additional treatments will be announced as they are scheduled. You will always receive a copy of any application notice BEFORE treatment, in accordance with DEQ regulations. If you have questions, please contact Mike DiVito or Mark Ososki.

Please also remember that boats, sea-dos and other recreational or maintenance items may not protrude into canal right-of-ways per VSPOA Deed Restrictions, Section 9. Violations are subject to penalties set forth in Policy #VSPOA-0001, which is strictly enforced by the VSPOA Board of Directors.

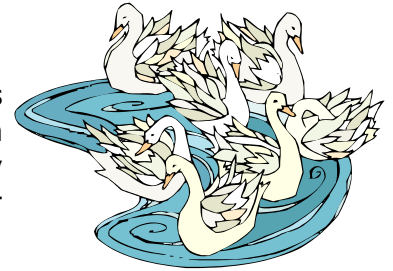


Happy Summer!!



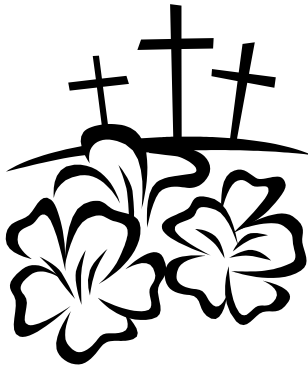
general interest

Boaters—please be mindful of wildlife in & around the waterways. Turtles have been spotted diving for supper this year, and as we all know—although beautiful—those graceful swans can be temperamental critters, especially around their nests! BEWARE!!! We care about the safety of you and our animal friends.



New residents—Welcome

A cheerful welcome to new residents of the Venice Shores community! We're happy to have you! If you have not yet been officially welcomed, please call the Chair of our Welcoming Committee—Barb Marten—at 586-468-5951. You'll receive a welcome gift, including a neighborhood sticker and VSPOA boat bungee. Once again, welcome to Venice Shores!



In Sympathy

It is with sadness that we list the Venice Shores residents our community has lost since January. To the family and friends of those listed, please accept our condolences.

- ✠ Margaret Chinacarini, Bayhaven
- ✠ Roland Dimattia, Clairpointe
- ✠ Thelma Schmidt, Clairpointe



JULY 2010

Have a safe & happy holiday!

- ♦ Independence Day—July 4
- ♦ VSPOA Board Mtg—July 12
- ♦ OPA Racing off Beacon Cove Marina—July 16-18



AUGUST 2010

- ♦ VSPOA Board Mtg—Aug 2
- ♦ Parade of Lights—Aug 7
- ♦ Mt Clemens Car Cruise—Aug 7
- ♦ Raft-off—Aug 14



SEPT 2010

- ♦ Labor Day—Sept 6
- ♦ VSPOA Annual Block Party September 11
- ♦ VSPOA Board Mtg—Sept 13



OCTOBER 2010

Trick or Treat!

- ♦ VSPOA Board Mtg—Oct 4
- ♦ Newsletter published
- ♦ Halloween—Oct 31

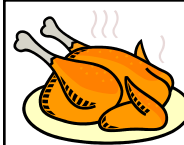
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NOV 2010

- ♦ VS General Membership Mtg—Nov 1
- ♦ Veterans Day—Nov 11
- ♦ Thanksgiving—Nov 25

