

# 2010 Fall Newsletter

Venice Shores Subdivision  
Harrison Township, MI

## Venice Shores Property Owners Association

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, November 1, 2010  
**All residents encouraged to attend**

**TIME:** 7:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 pm)

**PLACE:** Mariner's Boat Club (upstairs)  
31970 North River Road  
Harrison Twp, MI 48045

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome
- General update for 2010
- Guest Speaker—thePondguy®
- 2010 year-to-date budget recap
- 2011 budget review
- Establish 2011 dues / assessments  
**MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE**
- VSPOA By-law review and vote  
**MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE**
- Questions & new issues
- Adjourn

***Refreshments / snacks provided***

***Cash bar available***

### **NOTICE of SPEAKER**

thePondguy® will be the featured speaker at this year's General Membership Meeting. He will outline the basic weed control strategy for the Venice Shores canal system, including what type of weeds can/cannot be treated and why, the areas to be treated, restrictions, and timing of the 2011 weed control schedule. A brief Q&A period will follow his presentation.

### **VSPPOA OFFICERS**

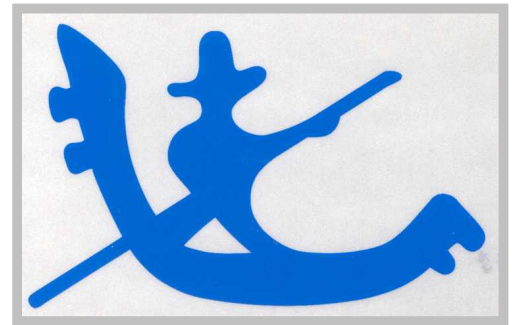
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# Venice Shores Business Updates

## **VSPOA DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

The Venice Shores dues and assessments will be discussed and established for 2011CY at the November General Membership Meeting. For your convenience and reference, the 2010CY dues and assessments are listed below, alongside the proposed dues and assessments for 2011CY. Please remember that each **property** receives one vote, and property owners must be present to vote (no representatives, no renters, etc.).

	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011 Proposed</u></b>
General Fund	\$105.00	\$115.00
Weed Maintenance Fund	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Canal Maintenance Fund	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00
Snow Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b><i>Total Dues/Assessments:</i></b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## **VSPOA BY-LAWS—PROPOSED CHANGES**

As reported in the Spring/Summer edition of the newsletter, a sub-committee of board members worked to update the VSPOA By-laws, which were last amended in 1995. The task was completed and the VS Board of Directors voted unanimously at the Sept 2010 meeting to recommend the adoption of the updated bylaws. A vote by the residents to adopt the new by-laws will take place during the November General Membership Meeting. You will find both the OLD by-laws & the PROPOSED by-laws enclosed with this newsletter for review. Note that additions and/or changes are underlined for emphasis to help you locate changes easily. Residents must attend the meeting to cast their vote, and again, only one vote per property.

## **WEED TREATMENT UPDATE**

To maximize the effectiveness of weed treatments in 2011, the new agreement between VS and thePondguy® was amended to include three (3) treatments for the control of aquatic weeds and/or algae. The planned schedule is as follows:

*Treatment 1:* Between April 20th—May 10th

*Treatment 2:* Between June 20th—July 1st

*Treatment 3:* Between August 10th-August 22nd

To learn more about the strategy for the VS canal system, please attend the November General Membership Meeting, where thePondguy® will explain the ins & outs of weed treatment in our area.

## **MAINTENANCE DREDGING PERMIT**

Venice Shores has applied for a maintenance dredging permit. The procurement of this permit will allow Venice Shores residents to do spot dredging in their boat wells or behind their homes without applying for an additional permit. Note that seawall and hoist work is NOT covered under this permit. The chairman of the Canal Committee will manage the use of this permit, which is expected to be available for use by the Spring of 2011.

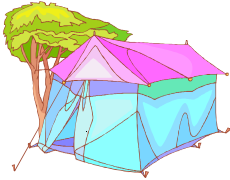
## **NEW! [www.veniceshores.org](http://www.veniceshores.org)**

Have you clicked on the new Venice Shores website yet? It's up and running and full of information for you, the residents of Venice Shores. You'll find board meeting minutes, past issues of the newsletter, and a link to our events. Or, if you have questions about deed restrictions, who's on the board, or just want to play around and find your property on Google Earth—make sure to check it out! More features and information may be added at any time, so visit often!

# Venice Shores Committee News

## events committee

The Annual Block Party was held Saturday, Sept 11 in the grassy areas on Windmill. For those of you who were in attendance, you know a good time was had by all. For those of you who missed it—you really missed a fun event! Many thanks to Scott & Sarah Bawol for all of their efforts in pulling off a great event, despite the rainy weather. This year's delicious menu featured tender roasted pig & butter-drenched corn on the cob, among other favorites. Prizes included coolers filled with boating themed snacks, festive decorated baskets, plus gift cards from local businesses. There was a bounce & play for the kids too. And new this year, the band 'Backbeat' entertained the masses with great sounds of vintage rock. And the tent was really welcome!



About 130 residents participated—old and new alike. Some came early, some came later—and some came early & stayed late! Thanks again, Scott & Sarah—great job!

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The *Annual Christmas Decorating Contest* is definitely a go & will be led by board member Bill Struhar! Now that Fall is here, it's never too early to begin your plan of attack! Will you go with what you have, or will you watch your neighbors to see what they do first, then outdo them? Will you add an extra set of lights to brighten your roofline at the last minute—hoping to win the coveted Santa's Runway prize? Or go for a classic look—and the Elegance award? It's entirely up to you! But for the residents of VS, it's always fun & entertaining to see how neighbors compete with each other! Christmas decorations are already out in the stores, so shop till you drop and dazzle us with your creativity! Bill will deliver a flyer to all residents in December, containing all YOU need to know to compete for one of 10 prizes in this year's contest. So mark your calendars—judging will take place December 21!! Winners will receive bragging rights and have a sign erected in their front yard & will also be listed in the Winter Newsletter—published in February 2011.



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The Venice Shores community is looking for an overall Events Chairperson to serve for 2011CY. This involves the coordination of the events for the year, and representing the committee to the board. If you'd like to volunteer for this very prestigious position, please attend the General Membership Meeting in November & speak up! Or, if you want to volunteer to organize & lead just a single event for the 2011 calendar year, let us know! In fact, it was overheard at the block party that the *All Holiday Party* is really missed. Someone even suggested that February when 'all is drab' would be a great time for this event... Or, maybe you're already missing the summer boating season & want to organize a boat outing. Several great marinas are close by—Metro Beach, Algonac Harbor Club—or find somewhere new! Then again, if none of these are your cup of tea, come up with an activity you think residents will enjoy. Just present your idea at a board meeting for approval, ask for volunteers to help, and away you go! Board members & past committee members are always willing to help YOUR event succeed—you just need to ask.

## welcoming committee



Welcome to all the new residents of Venice Shores! Home sales have picked up, & new faces have been seen around the community. If you are new to Venice Shores & have not yet been welcomed, please call the Chair of our Welcoming Committee—Barb Marten—at 586-468-5951. A member of the Welcoming Committee will arrange to meet at a time convenient for you. You'll receive a welcome gift, including a neighborhood sticker for your vehicle & VSPOA burgee for your boat. Plus—you'll meet someone new! Welcome to the neighborhood!

# Venice Shores Updates

**VSPOA**  
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to request content or to include your  
 special interest items!  
 Newsletter is published 3x per year

**Winter**  
**Spring / Summer**  
**Fall**

*Happy  
 Fall!!*



## *general interest*



### In Sympathy

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

✠ Phoebe Walters, Bayhaven

✠ Bob Baarck, Clairpointe

### For Hire

Babysitter—my home (Bayhaven); infant to preschool. References available. Please call Rose DiVito @ 586.465.3029

### Bubbling of Boats for Winter / Winter Storage of Boats, Trailers, and Motor Homes

VSPOA Deed Restrictions require that any bubbling device or other means that interrupt the natural freezing of any of the canals comply with the restrictions in the Venice Shores Deed Restrictions and By-laws. Copies are available on the website. Please make sure you are in compliance to avoid any injury to our outdoor ice enthusiasts! In addition, VSPOA requests that all residents make use of *side* of house storage, hoists, or off-site storage areas for boats / trailers and motor homes during the winter months, instead of driveways. Front or rear yard storage of motor homes is strictly prohibited, but side yard parking is allowed between the front line and rear line of the house. Please consult the deed restrictions and by-laws or contact a board member if you have additional questions.

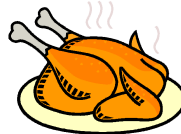


### OCTOBER 2010

Trick or Treat!

- ◆ VSPOA Board Mtg—Oct 4
- ◆ *Newsletter published*
- ◆ Halloween—Oct 31

### NOV



### 2010

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

### DEC 2010

*Merry Christmas!*



- ◆ VS Board Mtg—Dec 6
- ◆ Decorating Contest—Dec 21
- ◆ Christmas—Dec 25

# Just for FUN!

## VENICE SHORES WORD SEARCH

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### **Find the following words & soon you'll know your way around the Venice Shores community!**

Board members, events, streets & activities—just a little bit of fun to keep you informed about our community!

Bane	Community	Harrison Twp	Prymak
Baranski	DeVergilio	Kids	Relax
Bawol	DiVito	Kollmorgen	Rice
Bayhaven	Drapeau	Lake St Clair	San Juan
Beck	Family	McDougal	Senstock
Block Party	Fish	Neighbors	Skrzycki
Board Appreciation	Fishing Derby	North River	Struhar
Boating	Friends	Ososki	Swimming
Canals	Gabor	Peters	VSPOA
Champine	Garage Sale	Piltz	Wietecha
Christmas Decorating	Gloca Mora	Porter	Windmill
Clairpointe	Hall	Potoski	Wright

## Just for FUN!

### *Quotable Quotes ~ Experience*

"Information's pretty thin stuff unless mixed with experience." ~ *Clarence Day*

"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes." ~ *Oscar Wilde*

"Good judgment comes from experience, and often experience comes from bad judgment."

~ *Rita Mae Brown*

### *Just Because*

A truck carrying copies of Roget's Thesaurus overturned on the highway. The local newspaper reported that the onlookers were stunned, overwhelmed, astonished, bewildered, and dumbfounded.

Speaking of news, did you ever wonder why anchors begin the nightly broadcast with "Good evening..." then spend the rest of the hour telling you why it isn't?

What two words have the most letters? Post office

While I'm on the subject of mail—I did notice that mail delivery has really slowed down. Last month the flower seeds came as a bouquet (my hubby took credit!).

A budget is a complete record of how you managed to spend more than you earned.

Which is why life is like a donut. You're either in the dough or in the hole.

Everyone has a photographic memory—some just don't have film.

And finally...What do you get when you cross some ants with some ticks?

All sorts of antics, of course.

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