

# 2011 Fall Newsletter

Venice Shores Subdivision  
Harrison Township, MI  
[www.veniceshores.org](http://www.veniceshores.org)

## Venice Shores Property Owners Association

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, November 7, 2011  
**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 2011
- Guest Speaker
- 2011 year-to-date budget recap
- 2012 budget review
- Establish 2012 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 once again be the featured speaker at this year's General Membership Meeting. He will outline the 2012 CY basic weed control strategy for the Venice Shores canal system, and review the 2011 results. Also included will be a reminder of what type of weeds can/cannot be treated and why, the areas to be treated, any restrictions, and tentative timing for next year's weed control. A brief Q&A period will follow his presentation.

### **VSPOA OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	<i>John Gabor</i> 783-8916
<b>Vice President</b>	<i>Jim Senstock</i> 463-9150
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Jim Wietecha</i> 468-4289
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# Venice Shores Business Updates

## **VSPOA DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

The Venice Shores dues and assessments will be discussed and established for 2012CY at the November General Membership Meeting. For your convenience and reference, the 2011CY dues and assessments are listed below alongside the proposed dues and assessments for 2012CY. Please remember that each **property** receives one vote, and property owners must be present to vote (no representatives, no renters, etc.).

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012 Proposed</u>
General Fund	\$115.00	\$ 90.00
Weed Maintenance Fund	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00
Canal Maintenance Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
Snow Maintenance Fund	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>Total Dues/Assessments:</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## **VSPOA BY-LAWS—PROPOSED CHANGES**

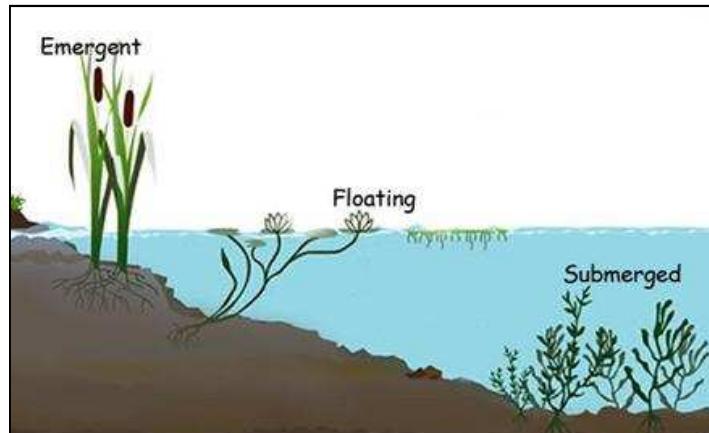
The VSPOA board voted to bring the proposed by-law changes back to the General Meeting this year for further review. However, instead of presenting the complete set of by-law changes as a single voting issue, the board will present each *individual* proposed change for discussion and vote. Note that the VSPOA by-laws were last amended in 1995, and that changing business / economic conditions warrant a review and amendment to the way VSPOA operates. A vote by the residents to adopt each by-law change 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. Residents must attend the meeting to cast their vote, and again, only one vote per property.

## **WEED TREATMENT UPDATE**

VSPOA contracted thePondguy® for three canal treatments in 2011CY. Jason Blake will again speak at this year's General Membership Meeting. Changes and / or concerns regarding the 2011 treatments can be addressed at that time. The board is recommending three treatments for 2012CY, with an optional 4th treatment if warranted. Proposed schedule for 2012CY, based on weather conditions / water temps, is as follows:

- Treatment 1:* Between April 20th—May 10th
- Treatment 2:* Between June 20th—July 1st
- Treatment 3:* Between August 10th—August 22nd
- Treatment 4:* Early September

### **Weed Types**



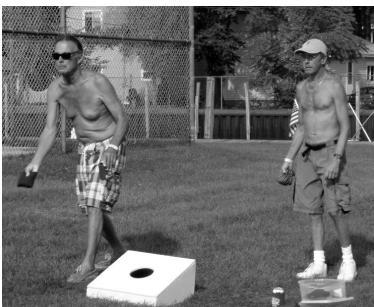
## **MAINTENANCE DREDGING PERMIT**

Venice Shores is now in possession of a maintenance dredging permit, which is available for use by residents on any of the six streets located within the VS subdivision. This permit allows homeowners to do spot dredging in their boat wells or behind their homes without the hassle and cost of applying for an additional base permit. Note that seawall and hoist work are **NOT** covered under this permit. Please direct questions and requests to the chairman of the Canal Committee, Mike DiVito, who manages its use.

# Venice Shores Committee News

## events committee

The 2011 Venice Shores Boat Outing at Algonac Harbour Club was a total BLAST! Attendance was greater than anticipated, but we still managed to accommodate everyone who wanted to come. Of course, a VS outing is never without excitement—this year was no exception. Not only did we have one boat break down on the way up on Friday (but still manage to come with friends on Saturday!) ~ the event also featured a *spectacular* storm on Saturday evening! In fact, some boaters opted to come up by car instead of boat due to the ominous weather forecast. The weather didn't dampen spirits though! The pool was great, the food was amazing, and the fun didn't stop all weekend! Thanks to all who participated ~ hope to see even MORE next year!



**The infamous "Bean Bag Game"**



**"Ladies of the 'Hood'" aka VS Boat Babes!**



**The FOOD...!**

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The *Annual Christmas Decorating Contest* is officially booked and will once again be hosted by board member Bill Struhar. This is one of VS's most popular events—typically with over 25% of VS households participating. So climb in that attic and find dusty Ole Saint Nick. Rouse Rudolph from his slumber, and repair that string of lights! Then—Get ready! Get set! GO! Decorating can be simple & elegant or Hollywood flash. Gear your talents to appeal to the kid in us all or to the quiet peacefulness of the season. Originality counts! Flyers containing all YOU need to know to compete for one of 10 prizes in this year's contest will be distributed as the event nears. So mark your calendars—judging will take place December 21!! Winners will receive bragging rights, have a sign erected in their front yard, and will also be listed in the Winter Newsletter—published February 2012.

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The Venice Shores community is looking for an overall Events Chairperson to serve for 2012. This involves the coordination of the events for the year & representing the committee to the board. Want 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 2012, let us know! If you missed having the *Annual Block Party* this year, volunteer early to organize it for next year! We're always open to new event suggestions, so use your imagination & present your idea to the board! Have an idea but don't want to lead the event? Just present your idea and ask for help—you'll be surprised how many people will offer assistance. We hope to add some new events for 2012, but need YOUR participation!

## 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***

#### **For Hire**

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

#### **Parking**

Please refrain from parking vehicles on your lawn. Vehicles are to be parked in garages or on paved driveways / parking pads. Residents with an abundance of vehicles should make arrangements to either rent storage or install additional parking—such as a circle drive or parking pad. Several residents have noted that this practice has increased over the past summer & have voiced concern over the neighborhood appearance. In addition, see items below regarding storage of boats and deed restrictions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

#### **MacRay Harbor Storage Deals for Venice Shores Residents!**

MacRay Harbor is offering VS residents member rates for winter storage! The \$2.65/sq-ft fee includes haul out, bottom power wash, shoring & launch in spring. And, you'll be eligible for member fuel discounts for the 2012 season with paid winter storage. That's a \$.20 savings per gallon Mon-Thurs & \$.10 on weekends! Plus, winter storage customers also enjoy 20% off Sunday Brunch (no holidays). MacRay features 24-hour security, paved storage, room to work with 24-hour access, electrical hook-up / water access, and staff on site. This is a great offer from our neighbors at MacRay, so call now! For more info, contact Member Services at 586-468-1900; x443. Offer brought to VS by Director of Marina Operations, Brian Elliott. Thank You Mr. Elliott!

#### **Crews Inn & MacRay Restaurants: Off-Season Offers!**

Please see valuable MacRay coupon on page 6, and enclosed flyer for special off-season offers from Crews Inn. Remember to frequent local businesses during the winter season. Both restaurants offer fantastic food—so when you're wondering where to go for dinner, your decision is no more than a few blocks away in either direction!

#### **DEED RESTRICTION REMINDER:**

#### **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 & by-laws or contact a board member if you have additional questions.

## Just for FUN!

### Punctuation Exercise

Punctuate the following phrase (answer elsewhere in this newsletter):

Woman without her man is nothing

### Quotable Quotes—Life & Death

"The drama of life begins with a wail and ends with a sigh." ~ *Minna Antrim*

"Why does life keep teaching me lessons I have no desire to learn?" ~ *Ashleigh Brilliant*

"What a wonderful life I've had! I only wish I'd realized it sooner." ~ *Sidonie Gabrielle Colette*

"If you die in an elevator, be sure to push the up button." ~ *Sam Levenson*

### Just Because

#### On Vanity

Men—are you tired of hearing your wife ask if you think she's pretty? It's not that she's vain. It's just that the average woman would rather have beauty than brains because the average man can see better than he can think.

#### On Technology

A computer once beat me at a game of chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.

#### On Politics

Ever wonder why Americans have to choose from just two people for President of the United States, but get to pick from 50 for Miss America?

#### On Retirement

##### **NO nursing home in my future...**

Nope—I'm going to live on a cruise ship year-round! The average cost for a nursing home is \$200 a day. I've checked on ship reservations—I can get both long-term *and* senior discounts, amounting to only \$135, leaving \$65 a day for spending! Plus:

- ◆ I get as many meals a day as I want—I can waddle to the restaurant or order room service. And it's GOOD food too, not that cardboard stuff my friends will be eating.
- ◆ Cruise ships often have 3-4 swimming pools, a workout room, free washers & dryers, a casino, and movies or shows every night—what will you be doing?
- ◆ They often have free toothpaste, razors, soap and shampoo! You'll get a bath twice a week...
- ◆ They treat you like a customer—not a patient. I estimate gratuities at \$10 day. An extra \$5 in tips and there's no telling what you'll get!
- ◆ I will get to meet new people every 7-14 days.
- ◆ TV broken? Light bulb need changing? Need the mattress replaced? No Problem!! They will fix everything and apologize for the inconvenience. You? Go ahead & ring that bell, see how long it takes the staff to respond!
- ◆ Clean sheets and dry towels every day—without asking!
- ◆ If you fall in a nursing home and break your hip, you'll end up on Medicare. If you fall and break a hip on a cruise ship, they'll likely upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life!
- ◆ I get to see Alaska, South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, etc., etc...



So don't look for me in a nursing home—just call ship-to-shore! Oh, and as an added savings—no funeral expenses—when you die, they just dump you over the side at no extra charge! **Bon Voyage!!!**

#### And this, just in....

Energizer Bunny arrested! Charged with battery....

## Just for FUN!

### **Punctuation exercise answer(s):**

The difference in gender never ceases to amaze. A simple punctuation exercise is no different. Over 95% of men punctuated the sentence as follows: **Woman, without her man, is nothing.** Women, on the other hand, not only used more creative punctuation, but changed the sentence meaning in doing so: **Woman: without her, man is nothing.** Which is it in your household?

### **Mix & Match ~ Boat Names & Residents**

How well do you know your neighbors on the water? Match the boats with the VS owners!!

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Splashdance      | a. Mark/Rosanne Ososki |
| 2. Doc & Deliver    | b. Kim/Lisa Colombo    |
| 3. Tranquility      | c. Bob/Mary Soules     |
| 4. Copout           | d. Steve/Carol Fleming |
| 5. Force Me 2       | e. Don/Arlene Kubisz   |
| 6. Just One Look    | f. Al/Diane Reijmer    |
| 7. Fullmoon         | g. Ed/Diane McDade     |
| 8. Crazy Lady       | h. Karl/Joann Bobcean  |
| 9. Rhyme Oar Reason | i. Carl/Laurie Kelke   |
| 10. Missy           | j. Matt/Lisa Hutching  |

### **Exclusively for Venice Shores Residents!**



**Buy 1  
Get 1 Free!**

**Coupon valid 11/01/11—02/15/12**

**Holidays Excluded**

**Thursday: 11am—9pm**

**Friday & Saturday: 11am—10pm**

**Sunday—Brunch only: 10:30am—3pm**

**Coupon must be surrendered upon use**

**Lunch or Dinner entrée at the Bistro!**

**Visit [www.macray.com](http://www.macray.com) or call 586.468.1900**