

Venice Shores Property Owners Association



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Mike DiVito; Bill Struhar

NEWSLETTER

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Venice Shores Business Updates

2011 DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

The VSPOA Dues and Assessments were due on March 1st and are deemed delinquent if not received by June 15, per Policy VSPOA-0003 (Jan 24 2004). Please remember that all dues will be collected and the property owner may face additional court costs and have a lien placed upon their property if the board has to take action to collect dues. At press time, 35 properties had dues outstanding. As a reminder, the amount per property for the 2011CY is \$200. Please direct questions and payments to:

Jim Wietecha, VSPOA Treasurer
31375 N. River Rd
Harrison Township, MI 48045



VSPOA BOARD MEETINGS

Come see what's happening in & around your neighborhood! Want to know what issues are facing your community? What events are planned? Perhaps you just want to meet your neighbors, or maybe you have a question, concern, or suggestion. 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, usually in the upstairs banquet room. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. You can see first hand how the all-volunteer VSPOA board of directors works to make our little enclave of Harrison Township the best kept secret on Lake St Clair! Who knows, you may be Venice Shores' next board member!

VENICE SHORES COMMUNICATIONS TO RESIDENTS

Venice Shores has occasion to communicate with the residents of the community at various times during the year and for various reasons. As you know, the newsletter is published three times per year and flyers announcing upcoming events are often placed in your paper boxes or attached to your mailbox flag. During the June board meeting, it was suggested that all *unofficial business* communications always be printed on the same color paper so that VSPOA residents can easily identify news from Venice Shores. This is a great idea and one that all committees are adopting—beginning with the Spring/Summer edition of the VSPOA Newsletter! Beige paper prints well with black ink and is now the official color of VS news for the Venice Shores resident. Keep a lookout for future communications—just look for the beige paper! And while we're on the subject of flyers, be advised that nothing can be placed directly in your mailbox unless it is official USPS business. Using mailboxes for any other reason is a violation of Federal Law. Existing residential mailbox laws state that only authorized letter carriers may insert mail into a residential mailbox. For this reason, if your property has 1) an open-backed paper box, or 2) no paper box, or 3) no mail pick-up flag, then you may not receive drop off flyers. We try our best to make sure each resident knows about upcoming events, but since we cannot use your mailbox, we sometimes have no choice but to skip your property. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

Have you seen the newest addition to the neighborhood? Both entrances—Bayhaven and Clairpointe—plus most canals, now feature a Neighborhood Watch sign. The signs state "All suspicious activity will be reported to police."



National studies show that areas with a Neighborhood Watch have lower crime rates. In a previous edition of the VSPOA Newsletter, we described ways in which residents could help keep VS the safe community we all value. To review those suggestions, please visit www.veniceshores.org & locate the 2011 Winter Newsletter.

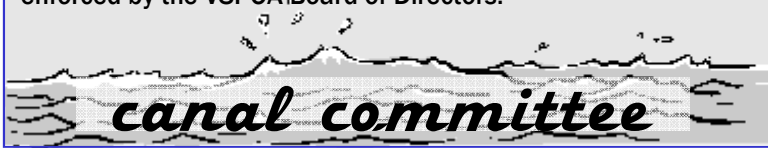
EVENT ORGANIZERS WANTED

The Christmas Decorating Contest will again be hosted by Bill Struhar, but we do not yet have a commitment on the Annual Block Party. If you are interested in using your skills to plan and execute this event or any others, please attend the July board meeting to volunteer, or contact John Gabor. The Block Party is well attended and it would be a shame to miss out on it this year!

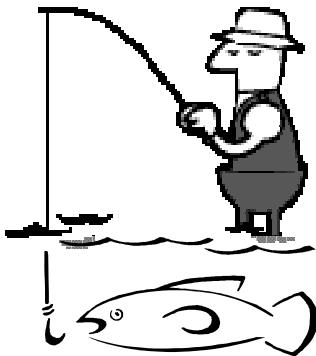
Venice Shores Committee News

The first weed treatment for the VS canal system was applied week of May 25. Original estimates were late April, but due to the cold, long, wet spring, weeds had not yet grown to a point where treating them would have been effective. Additional treatments will be announced as they are scheduled. You will always receive a copy of application notice BEFORE treatment, in accordance with DEQ regulations. If you have questions, please contact Mike DiVito or Mark Ososki.

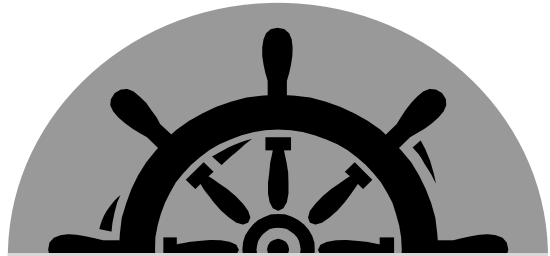
Please also remember that boats, sea-doo's & other recreational or maintenance items may not protrude into canal right-of-ways per VSPOA Deed Restrictions, Section 9. Violations are subject to penalties set forth in Policy #VSPOA-0001, which is strictly enforced by the VSPOA Board of Directors.



fishing contest



Once again, Mike DiVito will be hosting the Annual VSPOA Fishing Contest! The event will take place on Saturday, June 18th. All of Lake St Clair, the St Clair River, and all of its tributaries constitutes eligible waters—so grab your pole, your net, your waders and your bait, and stake-out your spot. Bring your catch back for measurements for a chance at a prize. Full details can be found on the enclosed flyer. Hope to 'sea' you there!



VSPOA Boat Outing! August 12 & 13

ALGONAC HAROUR CLUB MARINA

Join the VS group for a fun-filled weekend boat outing! This year, we'll be heading back to the beautiful Algonac Harbour Club. The marina is situated on the North Channel—far enough to 'get away from it all'—but close enough for a day trip. The weekend will feature several organized games, as well as a catered dinner for participants. You must register in advance for this event, and spaces are limited. For details, please see flyer enclosed with this newsletter. This is always a popular event, so book early to ensure your well!



general interest

Harrison Township Public Library

Come on by and check out the all volunteer library serving the residents of Harrison Township! For as little as \$5 per year, members have access to more than 30,000 items in their collection, including:

- Audio books (CDs)
- Large type books
- Large Children's section
- Nearly 1000 feature films / DVDs (for adults, children, and families)



The library also offers internet access from their computers, and wireless access if using your own laptop. You can even participate in one of their on-going used book sales, or visit while a bake sale is in progress! And it's a great place to take the kids to get them reading this summer! Hours and contact information:

Harrison Twp Public Library

38151 L'anse Creuse

Mon: 10 am–6 pm

www.htplib.org

Beaufait Addition

Wed: 12 pm–8 pm

586.329.1261

Corner of L'anse Creuse/Townhall

Sat: 10 am–4 pm

Show Your Patriotism this JULY 4TH!

At the suggestion of Michelle, a resident on Gloca Mora, we invite all VS residents to show their patriotism this July 4th by decorating their property lining the canals with RED, WHITE and BLUE! Many boaters from neighboring marinas wander through our canal system in their dingys—let's show them what a great neighborhood this is & that we are proud to be Americans! Use flags, bunting, your imagination! Who knows, next year this might be as big as the Christmas Decorating Contest!

Babysitting Services

Babysitting, my home—newborn to toddler. Call Rose @ 586.465.3029

Just for Fun

What is the difference between a bald man, a prince, and orphan, and a monkey's mother?

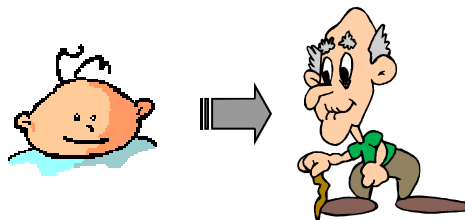


- A bald man has no hair apparent.
- A prince is an heir apparent.
- An orphan has nary a parent.
- A monkey's mother is a hairy parent!

How to Verify Your Age

Ever forget how old you are? Try this trick to remind yourself!!

- Write down your age
- Multiply by 2 and then add 5
- Multiply that by 50
- Subtract 365
- Add the loose change in your pocket under \$1.00
- Add 115
- The first two digits in the resulting number are your age
- The last two are the change in your pocket!



Of course, I suspect if you can't remember your age, you don't have a chance of remembering this formula!!

AND FINALLY...Due to budgetary constraints, the light at the end of the tunnel is being turned off.....