

2017 VSPOA Winter Newsletter

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Venice Shores Subdivision
Harrison Township, MI
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Venice Shores Property Owners Association



VSPOA Board & Officers—Elections and Terms

VSPOA board members are elected during the May General Membership Meeting for a term of three (3) years. Elections are staggered, meaning 1/3 of the board is elected each calendar year. Officers are elected annually during a special meeting following the May general meeting. Officers serve one (1) year terms. The following lists current board members and officers, along with term expirations.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tom Bane	2017	Bob Piltz	2018
Scott Hall	2017	Doug Pollum	2018
Ken Kandt (C/S)	2017	Don Prymak	2018
Kevin Kollmorgen	2017	James Wietecha (T/R)	2018
Doug McDougal	2017	Mark Deldin	2019
Bill Peters	2017	Phil DeVergilio (R/S)	2019
Jessica Swanson	2017	Jan Drapeau	2019
Mark Wright	2017	James Faircloth (V/P)	2019
Karl Bobcean	2018	Brandon Kelly	2019
John Gabor (Pres)	2018	Kevin Paton	2019
Paul Kurtz	2018	Al Reijmer	2019
Mark Ososki (Web)	2018	Mike Willard	2019

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please attend one of the upcoming meetings & make your wishes known. A nomination application is available from James Faircloth. Board meetings are now held the first **WEDNESDAY** of every month at Bumpers Boat Club, 31970 N. River Rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. 2016/2017 schedule is as follows:

June 1 (2016)	July 12 (one week delay)	Aug 3
Sept 7	Oct 5	Nov 2 (GMM)
Dec 7	Jan 4, 2017	Feb 1
March 1	April 5	May 3(GMM)

VSPOA COMMITTEES—CURRENT CHAIRS & MEMBERS

BUILDING: Bob Piltz, *Chair* 586-468-5951
Members: Piltz/Wright/Kelly

CANAL: Mark Wright, *Chair* 586-468-8173
Members: Wright/Peters/McDougal/Hall/Bane/Ososki

MAINTENANCE: Mark Deldin, *Chair* 586-948-9878
Members: Deldin/Bane/Kollmorgen/Prymak/Wright/Ososki

CIVIC AFFAIRS: Al Reijmer, *Chair* 586-530-8600
Members: Reijmer/McDougal/Gabor

WELCOMING: Karl Bobcean, *Chair* 586-493-9159
Members: Bobcean/Kurtz/Drapeau/Paton/Potoski*

EVENTS: Paul Kurtz, *Chair* 586-524-5444
Members: Kurtz/Bane/Paton/Wright/J.Gabor*/L.Kelke*/C.Fleming*/L.Abbey*

* Non-Board Committee Members

DEED RESTRICTION: James Faircloth, *Chair* 586-4549-2255
Members: Faircloth/Drapeau/McDougal/Piltz/Wright/Gabor

WEB/SOCIAL MEDIA MGR: Mark Ososki, *Chair* 586-465-5266
Members: Ososki/Paton

VSPOA OFFICERS

President	John Gabor 586-783-8916
VP	James Faircloth 734-522-7757
Treasurer	Jim Wietecha 586-468-4289
Recording Secretary	Phil DeVergilio 586-468-5457
Corresponding Secretary	Ken Kandt 586-703-6942
Records Secretary	Mark Ososki 586-489-2363

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Venice Shores General Business Updates

NOVEMBER 2016 GENERAL MEETING RECAP

2017 Dues and Assessments

The 2017 VSPOA Dues & Assessments were approved by a majority of those residents present and voting at the November 2016 General Membership Meeting. The total amount of dues/assessment did not increase over 2016 CY. The breakdown is as follows:

2017 DUES/ASSESSMENTS:

General Venice Shores Dues:	\$ 80.00
Weed Control Assessment:	\$ 60.00
Snow Removal Assessment:	\$ 20.00
Canal Maintenance Assessment:	\$ 20.00

TOTAL: **\$ 180.00 per lot**

The 2017 Association Dues/Assessments are due **March 1st** & are deemed delinquent if not received before June 15th**. The enclosed payment coupon is specific to your property. Please verify all of your information is correct. Contact Jim Wietecha @ 468-4289 with any questions. Make check payable to VSPOA and **MAIL** the payment coupon & check to:

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

To ensure your payment is credited properly, please DO NOT drop off envelope with payment in Jim's mailbox. The US Postal Service does not allow this action. **Payments must be made by mail!** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

** Please also read the Dues/Assessment collection procedure on our web site, which outlines the costs, fees, & penalties of delinquent payments. This procedure was approved by the board back in 2012 and follows the VS Deed Restrictions, which states that dues & assessments (D&A) are due on March 1 and are considered delinquent if not paid by June 15. A list of all properties not current on D&A will be forwarded to the VS attor-

WEED CONTROL

Weed control was approved for the 2017 season, with three treatments scheduled. The first of three treatments is tentatively scheduled to be applied in late April or early May weather dependent. Please watch for updates through e-mail, at the entrance signs & for a notice posted on your property. The treatments also cover empty boat wells, but please remember that the DNR restricts treatment in certain areas of Canal 5 (along MacRay's wetland). Contact Mark Wright, Canal Chairperson, if you have questions.



Venice Shores Community News



IN SYMPATHY

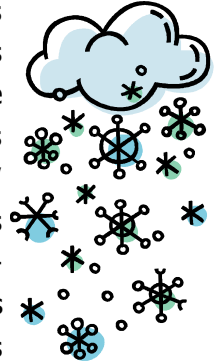
It is with great sadness that I report the passing of several of our beloved friends & neighbors. Please join me in offering sincere condolences to the loved ones of the following VS residents:

Mary Soules (Windmill)

Ed Drapeau (Gloca Mora)

SNOW ETIQUETTE

We've seen some snow this season but it is down from previous years! While many of us are happy not to see it pile up when it does snow following some basic guidelines helps everyone. Streets in VS are plowed when there is at least a 2" snowfall. To help keep the streets as clear as they can be, we ask that you do not park in the street when snow is forecast in an amount where plowing will be required. We also request residents shovel / blow snow from their driveways back onto their property, and not into the street. This helps keep the roads clear after the plows have been through. In addition, the plow contractor has been cautioned not to move snow into resident's driveways, as sometimes happens at the ends of each street. Thanks to all for working together to keep the roads as clear as we enjoy this winter weather!



FLOOD INSURANCE

If you are still paying for flood insurance you may want to check into applying for a LOMA. The flood plane in this area was lowered by FEMA re-qualifying property owners that had a valid LOMA or never applied for one in the past under the old flood plain map. Mortgage companies were notified of this change & some may have notified the property owners. If you had a qualifying LOMA in the past & have not been advised that you no longer need flood insurance, contact your mortgage company & ask what paperwork is required to re-qualify your property. The information needed is usually available through the Harrison Twp Building Department. You may be eligible for up to a one year refund on previous flood insurance premiums.

If you have never applied for a LOMA on your property the HT Building Department can provide the information on how to apply. Please keep in mind that the cost of applying for a LOMA can range from \$350 to \$500 with no guarantee that your property will qualify since it is based on the elevation of your property, house, and the current flood plain level map. **This information is being passed along to residents as a courtesy only.** This does not fall under the responsibility of VSPOA and its board members.



Enjoy Winter!

Venice Shores Committee News

Events Committee



Announcing the winners of the **2016 Annual Christmas Decorating Contest:**

Specialty Awards:

President's Award—31416 San Juan

Stephen Beskange

Elegance Award—41258 Windmill

Mark & Cathy Deldin

Santa's 1st Stop—41361 Gloca Mora

Robert & Gayle Halverson

Santa's Runway—31035 San Juan

Dawn & Kevin Paton

Street Awards:

31301 North River Road

41333 Bayhaven

31241 San Juan

41621 Windmill

41430 Clairpointe

41459 Gloca Mora

Dave & Cathy Aldrich

Ken & Elizabeth Kandt

Fred & Beverly Zarna

Janice Acton

Michael & Sharon Carley

Bill & Carolyn Struhar

Each winner received a gift card to a local eating establishment (as well as community recognition via front yard signage announcing their award! Once again, congratulations to the winners of the 2016 contest!

NO WINTER BLUES—HOE DOWN!

Wow! Special thanks to our gracious hosts—**Carol Jo Fleming and Lori Sue Abbey** for organizing the fabulous 2017 NO WINTER BLUES HOEDOWN at MacRay's! What a great idea—each attendee picked a 'Country Name'—there were some doozies!!! Dress was pure Country, with some fabulous western wear. Dinner featured pulled pork, fried chicken, cornbread and other western flavors, plus a special dessert.

Thank you ladies for a great evening! Another thank you goes out to resident Russell Glide for locally sponsoring each attending resident as a thank you to all VS neighbors. Very generous, indeed!



HOSTS— Carol Jo Fleming & Lori Sue Abbey

Russell Bobby & Cara Lu Glide—Co-Sponsor



DO-SI-DO! Dancing the night away!



Venice Shores Committee News

Upcoming Events

Venice Shores strives to provide events that are of interest to its residents. Have an idea for a VSPOA sponsored event or want to chair an neighborhood-wide event? Just come to any board meeting & present your idea for discussion. We'd be happy to hear what you have in mind! Some booked / proposed 2017 events are listed below. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ORGANIZE THE GARAGE SALE, BLOCK PARTY, AND CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST!** Please contact any board member to volunteer!!



Board Appreciation Dinner

Date: April 27, 2017

Organizer: Jeannie Gabor

Annual VS Garage Sale

Dates: May 19, 20, & 21

Organizer: TBD



Annual VS Boat Outing

Tentative Date(s): July 21,22,& 23 or 28,29, & 30

Place: Middle Channel Yacht Club

Organizer: James Faircloth

"Parade of Boats" Dingy Decorating Contest

Date: 4th of July only

Organizer: James Faircloth & Friends



"Annual Fishing Contest"

Date: June 10, 2017

Organizer: Kevin Paton

"Annual Block Party"

Date: September 9, 2017

Organizer: TBD



VS Annual Christmas Decorating Contest

Judging Date: TBD / December 2017

Organizer: TBD



Gather some friends, submit an idea! I'll list YOUR event idea here!

Macomb County Water Conservation

The county-owned Macomb Interceptor transports sewage from 11 northern Macomb County communities into a network that leads to a wastewater treatment plant in Detroit, operated by the Great Lakes Water Authority. The 3-mile-long 11-foot-diameter concrete sewer main—the Macomb Interceptor—runs west along 15 Mile from Garfield Road to ITC Michigan’s electric transmission lines corridor. At the ITC corridor, the line connects to a giant sewer transmission line, the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor, which serves 850,000 residents in 25 municipalities in Macomb and Oakland counties. A section of the Macomb Interceptor has collapsed forcing sewage to be pumped around the collapsed area. Candice Miller, our new Macomb County Drain Commissioner, is urging all residents to conserve on water usage daily until repairs are finished to avoid pumping untreated sewage into the Clinton River. If you Google “ways to conserve water” there are many easy things you can do to help.

Deed Restriction Changes

A quick up date as to the status of any changes to our Deed Restrictions. The VSPOA Board was unable to secure enough signatures in the short timeframe allotted to extend the modification period by one year and combine the two sets of deed restriction. This means that as of today, the next opportunity to make any changes to the deed restrictions as we currently understand it would be November 2026. The board plans to review all options that might be available to make updates to our deed restrictions in the future. No matter what options may be available, all Venice Shores residents would have an opportunity to review and approve / disapprove. Our current deed restrictions are over 40 years old and do need some adjustments to continue to provide a neighborhood that will attract future generations.

Light Up Our Neighborhood

Let’s light up our neighborhood!!

It is a fact that the more you light up your property at night, the less likely you are to be a target for theft. The cost to provide street lights throughout the subdivision is cost prohibitive. We would have to pay for the purchase, installation and monthly electrical costs of each light. A very inexpensive way to provide good lighting throughout our streets is to set up your own front lights to run from dusk to dawn, using the brightest LED blubs you can buy. A single 12-watt LED (10 Hr/day) will cost you about **\$5 per year**. Comparable CFLs that consume about 14 watts will cost **\$5.85 per year**, and a 60-watt incandescent blub will cost **\$15 a year**. It is very cost effective to install LED lights and leave them on at night. Ride through our neighborhood at night and see for yourself how different the areas appear where several houses in a row have their front lights on.

Lighting provides a safer neighborhood so let’s light it up!!!

