



Venice Shores Property Owners Association

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
All residents encouraged to attend

TIME: 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 pm please sign in)

PLACE: Bumpers Landing 31970 N. River Rd

AGENDA

- Opening Comments and Welcome
- Roll Call of Board Members and Officers
- Approve Agenda
- Introduction of Board Members
- Overview of Last Year
- Budget Presented by Jim Wietecha
- Vote on Each Fund as Presented in the Budget
- Questions and Comments
- Closing and Motion to Adjourn

VSPOA Quorum: *Twenty (20) voting members of the association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any General or Special meeting of the VSPOA membership.*

Harrison Township Public Library, Rosso Hall
(Townhall at L'Anse Creuse Road)
586-329-1261 website: www.htplib.org
Mon 10-6; Tue/Wed 11-8; Thur/Fri/Sat 11-5

UPCOMING EVENTS

VSPOA General Meeting November 6
Christmas Decorating Contest --- CHAIR NEEDED
No Winter Blues Party – Mark Deldin and Diane Carlson
Date: TBD

VSPOA OFFICERS

President
James Faircloth 734-552-7757

Vice President
Mark Deldin 586-948-9878

Treasurer
Jim Wietecha 586-468-4289

Recording Secretary
Phil DeVergilio 586-468-5457

Corresponding Secretary
Ken Kandt 586-246-8252

Record Retention Secretary
Mark Ososki 586-465-5266

REMINDERS:

✓ If you haven't been receiving E-mail updates from VSPOA, maybe we do not have an e-mail address for you or you have changed your address and have not notified us. VSPOA does not provide these addresses to anyone. Your board controls the type and frequency of the e-mails sent to provide valuable information in a timely manner so please keep us up to date. Send your updates to pres@veniceshores.org.

✓ **Wanted:** Event Chairperson (s)
Any resident or group of residents can chair an event. Board funding is available. New event ideas are welcome. Contact any Board officer.

✓ **DEED RESTRICTIONS** are enforced to maintain an attractive subdivision and protect everyone's use of the canals. Contact a Board member with any questions.

✓ **Please** watch your speed when traveling down the streets.



GET ACTIVE !!!

Come to a Venice Shores Homeowners Association meeting or event. Socializing with some of your neighbors from other streets will enhance your enjoyment of life in Venice Shores. Take it one step further and volunteer to chair one of our events. Yes, there is work involved, but it's rewarding and enjoyable. And best of all, your neighbors will appreciate your effort! Your name could be listed below!

FALL BLOCK PARTY

A special thank you to the following families for helping this year. The event was well attended and enjoyable. We encourage even more participation next year.

- WRIGHT FAMILY
- KURTZ FAMILY
- RHEEDER FAMILY
- WIETecha FAMILY

2018 BOAT PARADE AND PICNIC

Over 100 residents participated in the annual VSPOA Small Boat Parade and Picnic on July 7th. This year's event added live music, with entertainment from our subdivision "Blues Brothers", Phil Cavill and Al Marino. Gift certificates were awarded for outstanding "See You at the Movies" boat decorations. Scott Rheeder's famous smoked pulled pork, and side dishes contributed by several neighbors, made for a delicious picnic menu.

A huge thank you to Lori Kelke and her committee, Terri Barbarich, Jessica Swanson, Wendy Oravec, Claire St. Louis and Diane Carlson. Special thanks to James Faircloth and Scott Cusic who hosted the event on their property.

The theme for the 2019 Parade and Picnic will be "Christmas in July"...date forthcoming. Thanks to all the neighbors who attended and were part of the 2018 fun event.

FOND FAREWELL

We would like to say good bye to a long-time dedicated Board member and resident of Venice Shores. Grace Potoski, you will be missed by all and we wish you nothing but the best moving forward.



FALL LEAVES

Now that summer has transitioned to fall, we'll find ourselves raking our lawns instead of cutting them. Please do not rake or blow leaves into the canal system, as they can accumulate on the bottom over time. Our canals are the most valuable resource in our community and we thank you for your cooperation

FLOOD PROJECT/PUMPS

The VSPOA 2018 Flood Mitigation Project is nearly complete. We installed power and discharge piping in 29 locations throughout the sub. Electrical inspections were recently completed and covers installed over power posts. We have 15 pumps, installed and operational, keeping our streets dry. The system got a good test on October 5th with 1.4" of rainfall. The streets were pretty much dry by the end of the day.

We are now considering whether to leave the pumps in over the winter or remove some of them along with the plugs, so water can drain naturally. Lake levels will dictate what we do. If a pump is to be left in place, our landscaper will place hay bales over the catch basins to protect the pump from freezing. These bales will be removed in the spring.

It is too early for the Corps of Engineers spring 2019 lake level forecast to be accurate, but we will be watching it carefully come January and February. If we have a moderate level increase, we will install more pumps in the locations already set up. If the increase is more significant, or if we see shortcomings in the pump locations, areas that are not being dried out, we may have to add a few. It is a moving target.

If you see any issues with the pumps, PLEASE contact Doug Pollum @ 586-530-9069, Doug McDougal @ 586-419-8917, or any board member and report it. Also, if you have a pump power post in your front yard, please feel free to paint the protective PVC pipe cover the color of your choice.

Many thanks to all those who were generous with their time to help with installations!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS

We lost a couple members of our community. Please keep in your thoughts George Willershausen and Michael Vargo.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to give a special thank you to Doug Pollum for his leadership and heading up the pump project. Also, we would like to thank anyone else that helped with this project.



VENICE SHORES RESIDENTS FACEBOOK GROUP

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- This group is NOT monitored by board members. Official communication to/from the board will not be posted in this group.
- Posts are at the sole discretion of the administrators.
- Posts of a harassing nature will be removed.
- Posts containing argumentation between members will be removed.
- Posts specifically calling out another community member in a negative fashion will be removed.
- Any individuals who violate the above Rules will be removed from the group.

CUTTING CABLE BY MARK OSOSKI

With the high cost of cable many people are wondering what alternatives there are and how difficult it is to set up. With an antenna, you can drop your cable service, have your TV scan for over the air channels and enjoy free high definition live TV. But, what if you want to record TV shows to watch later like you did with cable service? Or what if your cable service also provides phone service? You'll need a couple more devices. Note: We are assuming you are going to keep high speed Internet service; (at least 15Mbps) and have some spare network ports on your router or switch.

Here are some options:

TV

In our area there are about 42 TV channels that are easily picked up. They include: 2, 4, 7, 9, 20, 38, 50, 56, and 62, and others. Each station now broadcasts 2 or more different digital sub channels. So, channel 4 is actually 4.1 (NBC), 4.2 (This TV), and 4.3 (MeTV). Also available are Ion TV, QVC, Grit TV, and others.

Install an antenna in your attic or on the roof. A good one that's worked for me is Clearstream's 2V Indoor/Outdoor antenna which sells on Amazon Prime for \$80.00. It should be aimed in the West/Southwest direction with no trees or obstacles in the immediate path. If you're not sure how to install an antenna, hire a professional. It can be dangerous working on the roof and the antenna must be grounded properly. It's usually a good idea to run the cable from the antenna to the location where your cable service enters the house. That way you can use the existing wiring after you drop cable service.



Ooma

An Ooma box is one of many brands for providing home phone service using your Internet connection. The basic Ooma box costs \$80.00 on Amazon Prime. After it's connected to your Internet and telephones, you can move your original phone number over to it and cancel your old phone service. Your Ooma phone bill will be about \$3.00 per month for taxes. Directions are clear, and help is available to guide you during setup. Emergency 911 location works, along with caller ID. It also functions as an answering machine if you wish.

Tablo

You can order a Tablo device to watch and record live TV from your antenna. You'll be able to pause and skip over commercials. The 4 channel Tablo device costs \$199.00 on Amazon Prime and allows you to record up to 4 different channels at the same time. The Tablo also requires an external USB hard drive which costs about \$49.00 on Amazon.

You must have a smart TV which can download the Tablo app, (similar to Netflix). If you don't have a smart TV, you can use a Roku device. Again, directions for all devices are pretty clear and help is available.



Using the above devices, I was able to cut my cable bill from \$150.00 per month to \$59.00 per month, saving about \$91.00 per month. This savings paid for the new devices in less than 6 months.