River Club Renovation Scheduled

The contracts for the renovation of the River Club have been approved and signed by the VCDD Board of Supervisors.

This will be the first renovation of the River Club since it was opened in August of 2003.

The renovation is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 16, 2018 and continue until Friday, September 14, 2018. We hope to have the facilities fully open again on Saturday, September 15, 2018 with a grand re-opening party tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018.

Renovations will include new paint and color selections for all interior areas, new carpeting for the dining rooms and bar, new flooring for the offices and tennis shop, wall finishes, new tables and chairs and furnishings in the dining rooms, new lighting throughout the building, new window treatments and new artwork. Acoustic attenuation solutions will also be used in the bar and dining areas to reduce noise levels. This comprehensive acoustic attenuation plan will involve flooring, wall and ceiling treatments, as well as window treatments to obtain the best and most cost effective result to dampen the noise levels throughout the River Club.

During the renovation process it is our intention to keep as many amenities open as possible. Tennis and pool operations will not be affected during the renovation, and it is our hope fitness activities will be minimally affected during the shutdown.

In addition, the River Club will be installing a new patio on a portion of our event lawn, just outside the main dining room. The patio will measure 42 feet by 24 feet and will provide additional seating for both lunch and dinner. The patio will be installed prior to shutting down for renovations. New outdoor tables, chairs and umbrellas have been ordered for the patio. During the renovation period the River Club hopefully will be serving lunch and dinner as well as Sunday Buffet Breakfast on the new patio. A full schedule of service times and events will be sent to all Members prior to beginning renovations in July.

We are excited about the upcoming River Club renovations and believe once the renovations are completed we will have one of the most outstanding social, fitness and dining facilities to serve our Members and guests in the surrounding area!
Entry Gate RFID Changeover is Complete

At the beginning of March we started the changeover from a clicker-based entry control system at our front entry gate to a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system. The new system replaced the old entry gate clickers with a RFID microchip sticker placed under the right side view mirror of all resident vehicles. This system allows better control in limiting only authorized vehicles to enter the Venetian through the automatic guard gate. As previously announced, on June 1st the mechanism that controls the gate was eliminated.

We believe there are four categories of residents who may still need a sticker. Given the stream of prior communications, all residents should be aware before a sticker can be placed on any vehicle, a registration form must be on file in the CDD office. Simply put, no vehicle registration, no sticker.

Here are the four categories:

**Category 1** - Residents who have filed their vehicle registration form but were not available to have their stick placed on their vehicle(s). This may include those “snowbirds” that left prior to getting their sticker affixed.

**Category 2** - Renters who have not submitted a vehicle registration form and are required to have on file an approved lease agreement completed by the property owner. Renters are obligated to include with their vehicle registration form a check made payable to the Venetian CDD in the amount of $13.38, which includes $12.50 for the cost of the RDID sticker, plus 7% sales tax in the amount of $0.88.

**Category 3** - Residents who have changed cars or purchased an additional vehicle after June 1. As noted when the changeover started, each resident household is entitled to two RFID stickers at no charge. Any households with new vehicle(s) acquired after June 1 which will result in the household having more than two registered vehicles will need to complete and submit the vehicle registration form along with a check made payable to the Venetian CDD in the amount of $13.38 for each additional vehicle. If the additional vehicle will result in the household having only two registered vehicles only the registration form will be required.

**Category 4** - New residents who have recently moved into the community.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept credit cards for purchase of RFID stickers and payment of $13.38 per vehicle may only be made by a check payable to the Venetian CDD.

A link to the RFID Registration form is Registration Form (or type this into your browser: files.constantcontact.com/cf2266b0401/a1e670e3-cbe3-4bab-9ef5-08fb56254a8e.pdf)

Here is the process to obtain a sticker for any of the above categories. Remember you must first have your vehicle registration form on file.

A. Email Kareen Richard, VCDD Field Manager, at krichard@vcdd.org indicating you need an appointment to have your sticker affixed. We ask you please email Kareen to request an appointment.

B. Within a timely period Ms. Richard will send you an email indicating the date, time and location where we will affix your sticker.

Again, we please request you use email to arrange your appointment or to inquire about sticker issues as this is a much more efficient method of obtaining service over phone calls or visits to the CDD office.

The timing of placing your sticker will be scheduled as quickly as possible. Timing will be based on the number of requests as well as the availability of personnel.

We will do our best to have your sticker affixed in a timely manner. In the meantime, you will need to go through the left lane at the entrance where the privacy officer will ask you for identification information before entry.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Golf Club Dining Open During River Club Renovation

With the closing of the restaurant at the River Club set for July 16, 2018, the Venetian Golf Club has graciously agreed to open up to the community for dining. During the time period the River Club restaurant is closed, residents can enjoy lunch Tuesday – Sunday from 11 am – 3 pm, and dinner Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 pm – 8 pm.

To make reservations for lunch, dinner or themed events we ask that you call the Food & Beverage Manager, Luke Yost. The telephone number to reach Luke’s office is 941-441-2290. If Luke is unable to answer your call, please leave a message and he will return your call. Include your name, date requested and number of people in your party. Reservations will be accepted up to seven (7) days in advance. Reservations are recommended as there is limited seating available for walk-ins.

The Golf Club will work with the River Club Management to insure that you are kept apprised of the lunch and dinner menus and featured specials that will be scheduled. Themed events will also be made available for you to enjoy. The Venetian Golf Club looks forward to serving all residents during the summer months while the River Club is being renovated.

Meeting Dates

VCDD Board of Supervisors has regular meetings the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Venetian River Club, 502 Veneto Blvd., North Venice, FL 34275, at 9:30 am. The Board meetings have tentatively arranged to meet at the Golf Club during the River Club renovation. The following fiscal year 2017-2018 meeting dates have been established.

July 9, 2019  August 27, 2018
July 23, 2018  September 10, 2018
August 13, 2018  September 24, 2018

Facilities Advisory Committee, at 9:00 a.m. at The River Club:

July 2, 2018
August 6, 2018
September 10, 2018

Tennis Advisory Committee, at 4:00 p.m. at The River Club:

TBA

Pool and Fitness Advisory Committee, at 2:00 p.m. at The River Club:

June 18, 2018  August 20, 2018
July 16, 2018  September 17, 2018

Social and Dining Advisory Committee, at 10:00 a.m. at The River Club:

June 13, 2018  August 8, 2018
July 11, 2018, 2018  September 12, 2018

River Club Renovation Advisory Committee at The River Club:

To be scheduled as needed.

For complete information visit the VCDD web site at: www.venetianddd.org
Traffic Laws Apply to Golf Carts & Bicycles

Golf carts and bicycles have been frequently observed in The Venetian running stop signs, failing to properly signal turns and failing to stop for pedestrians in cross walks. In addition, bicycles have been observed riding two abreast instead of single file, which poses a safety hazard.

According to Florida law, golf carts may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless it is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and a windshield. A golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a review mirror, and reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.

Golf carts have also been observed being operated by young children. As tempting as it may be to allow children, or especially grandchildren, to drive a golf cart, Florida law requires a golf cart must be operated by individuals age 14 or older. Allowing a child under age 14 to drive a golf cart in The Venetian is not only illegal it is a safety hazard. Therefore, we kindly request residents not allow individuals under the age of 14 to drive golf carts inside The Venetian.

A person riding a bicycle has all the rights applicable to any driver, except as to special regulations for bicycles. In Florida the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways, and must obey the same traffic laws as the operators of other vehicles. This includes obeying speed limits, stopping at stop signs, stopping at cross walks for crossing pedestrians and proper turn signaling. In addition, a bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the rider and/or passenger's head by a strap that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets.

Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with a light on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a light and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear. A bicycle or its rider may be equipped with lights or reflectors in addition to those required by Florida law.

Hurricane Season is Upon Us

It seems like just yesterday we were preparing for Hurricane Irma. Once again Hurricane season is here and all Venetian residents should have a hurricane action plan in place. During two public meetings our own hurricane response team outlined measures they intend to take in the event a hurricane affects our community. If you choose to stay through a hurricane make sure to have adequate food, water, batteries, medications, pet food and supplies on hand to last up to at least one week. If you intend to use hurricane shutters have a plan to put them up in sufficient time prior to a hurricane and a plan to take them down in a timely manner as required by the POA after the storm. If you are personally unable to install and remove hurricane shutters please make arrangements in advance for a neighbor or paid vendor on standby to assist you. Please remember The River Club is not designed or authorized as a storm shelter. Therefore, Venetian residents are advised and encouraged to make appropriate plans to evacuate four days before a hurricane hits, to shelter in place in their residences, or to seek protection in an approved shelter as provided by local government authorities.

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