Parking at The Venetian Entrance on Laurel Road is Prohibited

It is understandable parents wish to pick up their children from the school bus stop at the Laurel Road and Veneto Boulevard intersection. Unfortunately, vehicles parked in the entranceway to The Venetian represent a severe safety hazard to both cars and pedestrians alike, especially children. There are no parking signs which note parking is not allowed in this area at ANY time.

Traffic safety cones are set up every weekday afternoon by the front gate privacy staff along Veneto Boulevard at the entrance from Laurel Road to assist drivers in understanding no parking, stopping or standing is allowed in this area. The privacy staff has been instructed to ask any cars parking in this area, especially during the afternoon school bus drop off period, to move.

An alternate parking location may be on Pesaro Drive just right of the intersection of Veneto Boulevard and Pesaro Drive. This is a wide two-way street which allows curbside parking and is literally a one-minute walk from the school bus drop off site on Laurel Road.

Board Minutes

Minutes of all VCDD Board of Supervisors meetings are recorded and the public may request a copy of the recording by calling Belinda Blandon, District Manager at 239-936-0913 or via email at bblandon@rizzetta.com.

Written minutes are drafted for every Board of Supervisors meeting and are distributed to the Board the following month. The draft minutes are usually finalized and approved by the Board at within two meetings. Once approved, the minutes are then posted to the VCDD web site at www.venetiancdd.org/documents.

Thus, printed final minutes of Board meetings are usually not available to the general public until approximately 4 weeks after the meeting date.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Many Venetian residents enjoy walking, jogging and bicycling in our community. Their safety is of the utmost concern.

Florida law prohibits walking or running in roadways when sidewalks are available. Walking or running in the streets in our community is not only illegal but a safety hazard. We thus ask all walkers and joggers to please walk or run on the sidewalks.

Florida law considers bicycles to be a "vehicle," and as such they are subject to all the same laws as motor vehicles. Bicycles should be ridden only in the streets of The Venetian and not on sidewalks or on the golf cart path. In addition, bicyclists should obey all traffic signs and laws including coming to a full stop at stop signs and stopping for pedestrians in cross walks.
Advisory Committees Update

The VCDD Board of Supervisors recently revamped the standing advisory committees consolidating the former Pool & Fitness Advisory Committee and Tennis Advisory Committee into a newly formed Recreational Advisory Committee. Additionally, a new Landscape Advisory Committee was chartered. The other standing advisory committees include the Facilities Advisory Committee and the Social & Dining Advisory Committee.

From time to time the VCDD Board will charter ad hoc advisory committees to advise the Board on an issue of current concern. Such committees include the recently decommissioned Renovation Advisory Committee and the current Pickleball Advisory Committee.

All VCDD advisory committees operate under the Florida Sunshine Laws and must hold all discussions and communications in a previously advertised public setting. No two-way communications between advisory committee members outside of these public meetings is allowed.

Each advisory committee has a liaison member of the VCDD Board of Supervisors. Current committees, their VCDD Board liaison, and their committee members are:

**Facilities Advisory Committee**, Board Liaison – Steve Kleinglass - email: skleinglass@vcdd.org
John Dabney, Chair – email: facilitycommittee6@vcdd.org
Carl Chorba – email: facilitycommittee1@vcdd.org
Debbie Gericke – email: facilitycommittee3@vcdd.org
Jim Allen – email: facilityadvisorycommittee5@vcdd.org
There are currently three open positions on the Facilities Advisory Committee

**Social & Dining Advisory Committee**, Board Liaison – Rich Bracco – email: rdbracco@vcdd.org
Diane Bazlamit, Chair – email: socialcommittee7@vcdd.org
Linda Cautero – email: socialcommittee3@vcdd.org
Mary Ann McGee – email: socialcommittee6@vcdd.org
David Moy – email: socialcommittee1@vcdd.org
Livvy Faford – email: socialcommittee5@vcdd.org
Janet Angerame – email: socialcommittee4@vcdd.org

**Recreational Advisory Committee**, Board Liaison – Susie Lentile – email: slentile@vcdd.org
Dick Foster, Co-Chair - email: RecreationalCmte2@vcdd.org
Joy Wolf, Co-Chair – email: RecreationalCmte3@vcdd.org
Betty Smith – email: RecreationalCmte1@vcdd.org
Mary Abbruzzese – email: RecreationalCmte4@vcdd.org
Pam Perry – email: RecreationalCmte5@vcdd.org
Pat Appolonia – email: RecreationalCmte6@vcdd.org
Susan Rector – email: RecreationalCmte7@vcdd.org

**Landscape Advisory Committee**, Board Liaison – Rick McCafferty – email: rmccaffetry@vcdd.org
Chair not yet selected
Debbie Gericke – email: LandscapingCmte1@vcdd.org
Diane Guardiano – email: LandscapingCmte2@vcdd.org
Jeff Klein – email: LandscapingCmte3@vcdd.org
Joe Spallina – email: LandscapingCmte4@vcdd.org
Mary Lavery – email: LandscapingCmte5@vcdd.org

Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee, Board Liaison – Susie Lentile – email: slentile@vcdd.org
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Please welcome Sally Cason the new administrative assistant to the VCDD Field Manager.

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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 following fiscal year 2018-2019 meeting dates have been established.

February 11, 2019       June 24, 2019
February 25, 2019       July 8, 2019
March 11, 2019          July 22, 2019
March 25, 2019          August 12, 2019
April 8, 2019           August 26, 2019
April 22, 2019          September 9, 2019
May 13, 2019            September 23, 2019
June 10, 2019

The Facilities Advisory Committee meets at The River Club at 9 am on the following dates:

February 4, 2019        June 3, 2019
March 4, 2019           July 1, 2019
April 1, 2019           August 5, 2019
May 6, 2019             September 9, 2019

The Social & Dining Advisory Committee meets at The River Club at 10 am on the following dates:

February 13, 2019       June 12, 2019
March 13, 2019          July 10, 2019
April 10, 2019          August 14, 2019
May 8, 2019             September 11, 2019

The Recreational Advisory Committee meets at The River Club at 2 pm on the following dates:

February 4, 2019        June 3, 2019
March 4, 2019           July 1, 2019
April 1, 2019           August 5, 2019
May 6, 2019             September 2, 2019

The Pickleball Advisory Committee meets at The River Club at 4 pm on the following dates:

February 18, 2019       June 17, 2019
March 18, 2019          July 15, 2019
April 5, 2019           August 19, 2019
May 20, 2019            September 16, 2019

The Landscape Advisory Committee has not held their initial meeting and thus has not yet established 2019 meeting dates and times.

Envera Security Presentation

At the January 28, 2019 meeting of the VCDD Board of Supervisors Envera Next Generation Security Company presented information to the board on their technology-based community security solutions. The VCDD currently budgets approximately $300,000 annually for privacy officers to staff the entrance gate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year making it the second largest line item in the CDD budget after landscaping and grounds maintenance. Envera provides technology solutions which may augment and enhance the services provided by our privacy officers while at the same time providing significant cost savings.
Envera Security Presentation Continued

There are no plans to change our current use of privacy officers and roving patrol. The board is simply following its fiduciary duty in gathering information on possible ways to upgrade and enhance our current privacy services and save money in the process. Should the board decide to consider any changes to our current use of live privacy officers, or to supplement our live privacy officers with advanced security technology, public hearings will be held to provide for resident education and feedback.

Looking Ahead: 2019 Topics for Consideration

Looking forward to 2019 the VCDD Board may consider the following topics in 2019:

1. Assuring The River Club is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
2. Installation of two new central air conditioning units for The River Club. (This item has been approved).
3. Balancing all River Club heating and air conditioning units to insure proper air flow throughout the building.
4. Making needed repairs to The River Club roof.
5. Repainting of sign and lamp posts and mailboxes throughout The Venetian. (This item has been approved).
6. Planning for renovation of the Tiki Bar.
7. Consideration of the proposed Pickleball Courts.
8. Consideration of the proposed Venetian Dog Park.
9. Consideration and possible implementation of the recommendations of the Traffic Enforcement Advisory Committee.

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Michael Rodriguez will continue to “substitute” for Kareen Richard during her absence.