

Bellagio on Venice Island *Newsletter*

Venice Island Florida



April 2026

A little history for owners, years ago a large casino out west brought suit against BOVI and others over naming rights which is why you'll see strict adherence throughout this and other documentation with reference to us as Bellagio on Venice Island (BOVI).

*BOVI is the only gated community on the Island of Venice. The community of 142 homes is a private sanctuary, with wonderful amenities: a spacious clubhouse with a small library, a large heated community pool, a well-equipped exercise room, TruCourt pickleball & tennis courts surrounded by miles of paved walking/hiking/biking trails to downtown Venice, to the beaches or along the Intracoastal Waterway – BOVI truly offers something for everyone to love.**

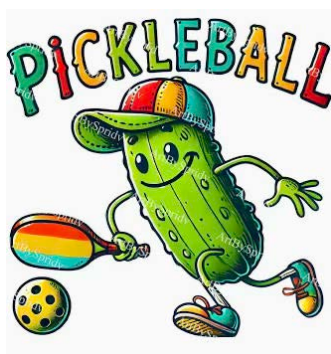
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BOVI Clubhouse Activities!!!!

BBQ's, board games, pool, courts or music...what's your pleasure?

Join in the fun! There are many activities available for you to participate in at the BOVI Clubhouse: Sunday BBQ's, Pickleball, Tennis, Women's Book Club, Mah-jong, Bridge, Jam Sessions & Water Aerobics. The list goes on with the monthly clubhouse parties. Please check the Bulletin Board at the Clubhouse or the BOVI Website for further information and who to Contact. If you don't see an activity that interests you, maybe you could start one!?!?



BOVI Volunteers & Referrals:

Standing ovation and thanks!



Let's give a standing ovation and special thanks to **Bruce Bench** and his Hardscape Committee, **Maureen Presner** and the BOVI Board of Directors for their time, due diligence and hard work! We now have new beautiful front and rear gates, smart looking street signs, painted light poles, paved streets, tennis/pickleball courts, new fencing and more! What an upgrade!!!

Thanks to:

- Hardscape Committee: **Bruce Bench**-Chair, **Larry Luber**, **Denis Plehn** and 'hats off' to **Cheryl Smith** for handling Request for Proposals (RFP's)!!!
- **Deb Schmidt** for all the beautiful planter work by the back entrance, what a beautiful welcome to the community!
- PET Committee **Brian Nelson**, **George Wollman** led by **Allynn Gooen** addressing issues with the community pool.



Word of mouth referrals...

There are times we all need a reliable service provider, here are some referrals for consideration. We encourage you to share names of vendors you've had a positive experience with for us to post in the upcoming newsletter.

Deluxe Home Gallery (<https://deluxehomegallery.com> Eric 941-210-6013) Remodeling services: kitchens, baths, floors, windows & more. Pay their Nokomis showroom a visit, you won't regret it.
Referral by: Mike & Tracy Phelan, 333 Rio Terra, 617-549-2755

Handyman of Venice (<https://www.handymanofvenice.com> Keaton 941-219-5973) Where integrity meets craftsmanship for all your different needs (Painting, carpentry, odd jobs and more!) BOVI uses Keaton for a number of different jobs as do other members of the community.

CAR DOC (<https://www.cardocontheisland.com> 941-786-1595) Local services on the Island in Publix Plaza. Excellent work, fair prices, great people, explanation in simple terms.

Referral by: Denis Plehn, 115 Corte Del Asolo, 415-250-6290



Meet your New Neighbors:

Welcoming our new neighbors to the community!

The Botsfords!

"Hello from Glenn and Susan Botsford of 249 Rio Terra. We moved here from Orlando. Glenn is originally from Florida and I am from Georgia. I was an art teacher. Glenn is a Director of Sales for a North American manufacturing company. We enjoy hiking, bike riding, traveling and going to the beach. Glenn plans to pick up fishing now that we are on the Gulf coast. We chose Venice because we've been wanting to get to the beach and after visiting a friend who had a place here, we thought Venice was perfect for us."



Helpful hints for living in BOVI:

Some Tribal Knowledge For Newbies

Do you have those unsightly pesky rust stains from the irrigation system on your house walls???

Here is *one* quick and easy fix! It's called **SNOWCAP**. It's a powder which you mix with water in a hand sprayer. It immediately eliminates rust stains. Available at Babe's Hardware and Lowe's.



Happenings in the hood!

Have you heard!?

The new Social Committee is on a roll!!! The events have been a great success and well attended!!!! Sooo much fun!!! The **“Rock the Block”** party really Rocked!!! Great band featuring our own BOVI resident, **Mark Murray** on the drums!!! Mark (also the Social Committee Chair) and **Mary Murray** (on the current Board of Directors) were the hosts and treated everyone to a great array of BBQ!!!! Thank you Murrays for supplying the brats, dogs and burgers!!! Thank you **Kevin Leytze** for being the Grill Master!



The next event is a BBQ on April 26. Keep an eye out for fliers on gates.

****Please consider signing up to host an event!!! Contact Mark and he will guide you through the process. We need more volunteers!!!!

Neighborhood alert!!

Beware and be careful! Looks like two “teenagers” (see photos below) were scoping out the



Messages from your neighbors

“Aloha” from neighbors, Suzanne & Dave Havrilla celebrating their 40th anniversary in Hawaii!



Having fun in beautiful Hawaii!

A Little Reminder

Friendly reminder

BOVI is a deed restricted community with HOA rules and regulations. The Rules & Regulations are in place to keep BOVI beautiful and maintain property values for our community as a whole. Please remember, it is the homeowner's responsibility to trim trees and remove dead palm trees and dead fronds on trees that are over 15' high. Keep your roof clean and if you mark an area a "no prune" zone, ensure it's managed to avoid overgrowth in keeping with the overall appearance and in adherence to BOVI guidelines. Thank you for being a good neighbor!



Check the Venice Mainstreet Weekly Newsletter by going to [VisitVeniceFL.org](https://www.visitvenicefl.org) and sign in for the weekly newsletter of all things happening in downtown Venice.

Fair Weather Friends

Send off from our “Full Timers” to our Seasonal Residents

We'll miss you and look forward to your return.

While you're gone we'll enjoy a slower pace, easier parking and less congestion.

Enjoy your time away wherever that may be, and we look forward to your return to paradise.



Calendar & Events

Today < > Apr – May 2026		
25	APR, SAT	8 – 10am Pickleball (Adv.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts
26	APR, SUN	All day 8 – 10am 2 – 3pm 5 – 7pm Bellagio BBQ - All Welcome! Bellagio Clubhouse Pickleball (Adv.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts Goowin's Balloowins - Fun for all & great for any event as well as any birthday! Bellagio BBQ - All Welcome! Bellagio Clubhouse
27	APR, MON	8 – 10am 10 – 11am 1 – 3:30pm Pickleball (Beg.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts Water Aerobics Swim Session..all welcome! Clubhouse Pool Mahjong - All Welcome for Card & Boardgame Events Bellagio Clubhouse.
28	APR, TUE	8 – 10am 10 – 11:30am Pickleball (Adv.) - Tennis Court Bellagio Courts Grounds Committee Mtg. no Webinar Bellagio Clubhouse
29	APR, WED	8 – 10am 10 – 11am 1 – 3:30pm 1 – 3pm Pickleball (Beg.) - Tennis Court Bellagio Courts Water Aerobics Swim Session..all welcome! Clubhouse Pool Mahjong - All Welcome for Card & Boardgame Events Bellagio Library or Lanai Tennis on Courts Bellagio Courts
30	APR, THU	8 – 10am 1 – 6pm 1 – 4:30pm Pickleball (Adv.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts Hunnicut Standing Private Session - Religious Study Bellagio Clubhouse Bellagio Jam Session Open to All - Music Ensemble Bellagio Clubhouse
1	MAY, FRI	8 – 10am 10 – 11am 1 – 3pm Pickleball (Beg.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts Water Aerobics Swim Session..all welcome! Clubhouse Pool Rummikub - All Welcome for Card & Boardgame Events Bellagio Clubhouse
2	MAY, SAT	All day 8 – 10am 4 – 8pm Kentucky Derby Party - All Welcome! Bellagio Clubhouse Pickleball (Adv.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts Kentucky Derby Party - All Welcome! Bellagio Clubhouse
3	MAY, SUN	8 – 10am Pickleball (Adv.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts
4	MAY, MON	8 – 10am 10 – 11am 1 – 3:30pm 4 – 5pm Pickleball (Beg.) - Tennis Courts Bellagio Courts Water Aerobics Swim Session..all welcome! Clubhouse Pool Mahjong - All Welcome for Card & Boardgame Events Bellagio Clubhouse. Social Committee Monthly - No Webinar Bellagio Clubhouse
5	MAY, TUE	8 – 10am 4 – 9pm Pickleball (Adv.) - Tennis Court Bellagio Courts Newcomers Club Party Bellagio Clubhouse



NOTICES

DUES Payment DATES: Q1 – March 1st, Q2 – June 1st, Q3 – September 1st & Q4 – December 1st

Dues are \$1,116.14 per quarter

NOTE: The BOVI Fiscal Year runs from March 1 to February 28.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings start at 4pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month & will be held at the Clubhouse unless otherwise indicated.

January 13

March – No Meeting

May 12

July 14

September 8

November 10

February 10

April 7 Annual & Monthly

June 9

August 11

October 13

December 8

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Phelan, President

Margaret Menotti, Vice President

Debbie Roth, Treasurer

Mary Murray, Secretary

Ted Vaughn, Director at Large

Newsletter Team

Connie Plehn, Lead

Tracy Phelan, Contributor

Kathie Vaughn, Contributor

Susan Botsford, Contributor

Mark Murray, Contributor

We are open to new additions, come join the team!!

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