
Bellagio on Venice Island *Newsletter*

Venice Island Florida



July 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.**

** November 20, 2012 Discover Venice and Sarasota Florida*

**Feel free to share feedback, topics of interest or ideas with the Newsletter team at:
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BOVI Clubhouse Activities!!!!

Pickleball at the Clubhouse...



Join in the fun! There are many activities available at the BOVI Clubhouse. Sunday BBQ's, Pickleball, Tennis, Women's Book Club, Mah-jong, Bridge, Jam Sessions & Water Aerobics. Check the Clubhouse Bulletin Board or the Website for more information.

Three generations celebrate a graduation at the Clubhouse

Lawrence Kosmuch of 220 RT, a 13+ year member of the community celebrates his granddaughter's high school graduation on May 21st. The clubhouse reservation was made in December on the old calendar and didn't appear on our present calendar. Turns out there were conflicts on both days requested. One was with the Book Club and the other was with the Hunnicut's weekly meeting. Both were gracious enough to cancel or move their meetings to allow for the Graduation party, which was a great success!



BOVI Volunteers & Referrals:

Standing ovation and thanks!



“It takes a Village”....Many volunteers are needed to keep BOVI beautiful and functioning. They serve on the Board of Directors and various Committees.



Here are a few to acknowledge this issue:

“Hats Off” to **Mike Phelan** (Bellagio’s Resident IT Guy) for giving the BOVI Newsletter its “polished look” and helping the committee get the first issue “out the door” in a timely manner!!! Additionally he’s created new online: calendaring, reservation request system w/tutorial, posting of the pet directory (**credit to: Erin Holzman, Berta Finkelstein & Ruthi Levering**) online voting’s coming soon!

Special thanks to **Denise Jablonski**, and her Clubhouse Committee: **Carolyn Harrington, Linda Browne, Diana Britton, Polly Skinner & Maureen Edwards** for the many improvements made. Here are some of the highlights: re-covering of the window cornices, chairs, seating area cushions, throw pillows, creating a nice clubhouse atmosphere and new patio umbrellas to add a finishing touch.



Painting refreshes included the clubhouse interior doors, molding, the kitchen area, hallway, both bathrooms, library. The exterior of the clubhouse was power washed and freshly painted, including the windows, doors, columns, vestibule area and facade. Have you seen the new workout room????? Beautiful new flooring, paint and equipment. **Bruce Bench & Jim Harrington** helped with equipment selection and placement.



Word of mouth referrals...

There are times we all need a reliable service provider, here are some for consideration...please share yours for next time!

MWE, Inc. Marty Wise, 813-624-7378, mweinc55@gmail.com Homewatch & home services.
AquaDuck Plumbing, Tony Suppa, 941-786-7059, aquaduckplumbingllc.com (Mike Phelan)
Saul Landscaping, 303-500-9800, info@saullandscapingllc.com (Mark Murray)



Getting to know your neighbors

Let's see who lives in BOVI. Everybody has a story and here's one.....

Meet Titled Poodles MACH Rouge and MACH PACH Chase

Rosemary Nero of 336 Rio Terra is a prominent and highly decorated dog agility competitor, prize winner and medalist, well-known for her successful career running agility dogs.

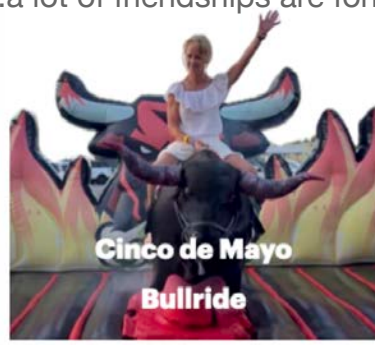
Rosemary earned her first agility title with Remy in 2008. She has earned numerous prestigious titles: 2011 AKC Nationals finalist won 6th place, Agility World Team Tryouts May 2011 and earned a Third Place ribbon. Rosemary and Remy were USDAA Cynosport, an **international 5 country competition**, Grand Prix finalists and won 2nd place in Performance Speed Jumping.

Rosemary continues to be a recognizable figure in the competitive dog agility community. She continues to run her high drive poodles and has just earned Rouge a MACH (Master Agility Championship) title and a PACH (Preferred Agility Championship) on Chase. Youtube action [video!](#)



Happenings in the hood!

🎵 “Girls just want to have fun!”...a lot of friendships are formed here in our community!



What did you do on your “summer vacation”??

Mike and Tracy Phelan, Pacific Coast Highway, CA

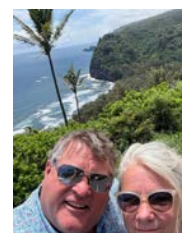
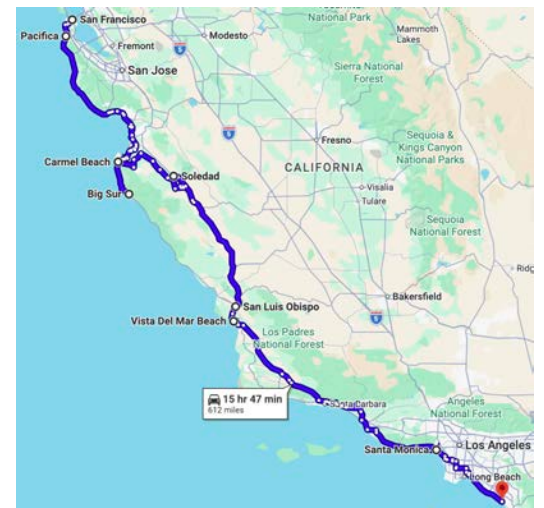
We drove Pacific Coast Highway (CA-1) from San Francisco through Pacifica, Carmel, Big Sur, San Luis Obispo, Pismo, Vista del Mar, Santa Monica, Laguna and Hermosa Beach. Followed by....

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

We spent five days circumnavigating the island starting in Kailua-Kona we headed north to Kamuela-Pololu, then south and around to Volcano, on to Hilo and across to Waikoloa with many stops along the way. Then for some R&R, we took off to...

Key West

Families emptied out on Memorial Day leaving the Pier House’s soft sand beach, pool and spa to us. Beautiful sunsets from our room overlooking the water with quieter nights out than usual.



Happenings in the Community!

Have you noticed all of the flags on holidays around BOVI and Venice?

Join your fellow neighborhood patriots and get your flag for the upcoming holiday season! If you have any questions, Bruce Bench is our resident expert and he's highly involved in this initiative.

There's still time to get a flag for the 4th of July! Purchase through June 26th=====>



**VENICE-NOKOMIS
ROTARY**
FLAGS ACROSS VENICE-NOKOMIS



U.S. FLAG HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER **SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL VETERANS**

For \$50 a year, the **ROTARY** will install a beautiful, 3' x 5' United States flag on your property. You do not need to be home. Your flag will be installed for several days during FOUR National Holiday periods. It will then be removed, stored and re-installed for the next holiday. At the end of the season, it will be stored for the next year.

The Venice-Nokomis Rotary is **ONLY** servicing the following zip codes:
34285, 34275, 34292 and 34293.

Four (4) Flag Holidays are:

- Memorial Day
 - Labor Day
 - 4th of July
 - Veterans Day
- Weather Permitting

<https://www.venicenokomisrotary.org/flags-across-venice>



We need input from the community. Send us your suggestions, photos or ideas for future editions.

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Friendly Reminders

Message from the BOD...we're in our 3rd month of service to the community and beginning to settle into our respective roles and coming together as a group. We remain committed to fostering a community culture grounded in respect, courtesy and consideration in all interactions. Remember, emails to Sunstate go to brian@sunstatemanagement.com copy teambrian2@sunstatemanagement.com.

Watering restrictions have changed for City residents...due to extreme drought conditions, watering restrictions have changed in Venice City limits. **Changes for City residents include:**

- 💧 Watering Hours (Sprinklers) Watering 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m. OR 8 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., once per week
- 💧 Hand Watering Any day before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- 💧 New Lawns/Landscaping First 30 days, any day during restricted hours, AND days 31-60, 3 days per week during restricted hours



Hurricane readiness....[Google City of Venice 2026 Hurricane Guide online](#)==>

It's that time again folks! Hurricane season is June 1st through December 1st. Be prepared. Know your Flood Zones, Bellagio is Zone X, Evacuation Zone D. BOVI is one of the highest elevations on the island and is considered low flood risk.



Be a good neighbor, and have a "Buddy System". Know if your neighbor on each side is home or away. Remove all outdoor objects that could become projectiles. Have enough food, water and medication for at least 3 days for you and your pets. Have your "grab bag" for evacuation, important papers in water proof containers, fill your tub with water if you shelter in place. Take photos of your home's interior for insurance. Be sure your car gas tank is full. Have a good fire extinguisher for electric fires, first-aid kit for cuts, flashlights, batteries, emergency lights and radio.

Neighborhood alert, HOA inspections by Sunstate!

"Don't get caught with your pants down!" Just a heads up! Regular inspections of the community are conducted to ensure everything's in order. To stay off the "naughty list" focus on:

- removing dead trees or palm fronds over 15' from the ground
- trash barrels needs to be "completely concealed from view"
- roofs or driveways in need of a power wash
- trim back plantings dead or alive overhanging the street gutters

First offenders will receive written notice with reinspections occurring every 30-days, if left unaddressed further follow-up may occur.



Bellagio Pet Directory



Art by Ruthi Levering

Due to popular demand we're posting this.....thanks to Erin Holtzman , Berta Finkelstein & Ruthi Levering!

NAMES	DOG NAME	DOG BREED	ADD.	PH #	EMAIL ADDRESS
Buddy & Sharon Beacham	GIDGET	HAVANESE	300 RT	(252) 531-3572	beachamnc@aol.com
Bruce & Jane Bench	TILLY	KING CHARLES CAVALIER	105 CDA	(425) 765-9091	bruce.bench@comcast.net
Jacqui Blanchard & Ted Gideon	SADIE	COCKER SPANIEL	120 RT	(240) 515-8866	jackieblan@gmail.com
David & Cindi Boesler	BALDUR	STANDARD POODLE	108 CDA	(574) 361-2434	deboesler@gmail.com
Bruce & Allison Breder	LILY BEAR	POODLE MIX	231 RT	(215) 272-8978	allisonbreder@verizon.net
Mary Brown	MOGI	POM CHI	237 RT	(941) 408-3081	wynmary@verizon.net
Bill Claiborn & Berta Finkelstein	BARKLEY	BLACK/TAN HOUND MIX	106 CDP	(818) 357-0877	bertaf@hotmail.com
Jeff & Danielle Foster	SWEENEY & HONEY	MIXES	221 RT	(330) 283-2118	Danielle.foster@gmail.com
Ann Wickliffe Graybeal	AMAYA	MINI AUS SHEPHERD	305 RT	(941) 356-8445	anngraybeal@gmail.com
Bruce Katzmire & Ed Bender	ANNIE & KOKO	COLLIE MIX & CHOC LAB	206 RT	(941) 484-3939	lochals@aol.com
Deb Klisart & Cathy Servis	JAXSON	COCKER SPANIEL	200 RT	(941) 488-6536	dklisart@verizon.net
Bob & Carol Kunath	MOLLY	BICHON/POODLE	208 RT	(847) 540-8175	bobkunath@gmail.com
Ruthi Levering & Erin Holzman	STELLA & DULCE	SHITZU & POODLE MIX	223 RT	(239) 980-4236	rslever@aol.com
Larry & Carrie Luber	CALI	POM/POODLE/AUSSIE MIX	405 RT	(315) 263-4881	larryluber@gmail.com
George & Jan Maniatty	ZENI	MINI SCHNAUSER	334 RT	(413) 522-3400	gmaniatty@gmail.com
Carol McAdams	DUDLEY	HAVANESE	133 RT	(814) 308-4845	carolmcadams264@gmail.com
Bob McAlpin	BUBBA	BLACK LAB	403 RT	(941) 323-8780	bobmc403@icloud.com
Ken & Judy Miller	BLOSSOM	BASENJI	202 RT	(607) 760-9258	kxm46@yahoo.com
Cammie Miller	BE (HAPPY)	BICHON	243 RT	(941) 445-2502	cammie.sarasota@gmail.com
Dave & Char Moscioni	RUBY	GOLDEN RETRIEVER	107 CDA	(419) 656-2276	moscionitile8@icloud.com
Brian & Barbara Nelson	LIBBY	CAVAPOO	244 RT	(219) 781-8221	bnelson580@aol.com
Linda Nelson	ZOEY	GOLDEN MIX	320 RT	(219) 798-3718	islandgirl320@gmail.com
Nick & Rosemary Nero	ROUGE & CHASE	POODLES	336 RT	(224) 280-0951	rosemarynero@protonmail.com

Renters-Cindy & Jerry	MACCABEE	HAVANESE	110 CDP	(401) 741-2566	rickriley312@gmail.com
Jeff & Debbie Robinson	LOLA, PENNY & LUCIA	SMALL MIXES	124 RT	(203) 671-6976	drobinson325@gmail.com
Jack & Rachel Rocks	JAEGER	GIANT SCHNOODLE	410 RT	(719) 233-0100	rachrocks@mac.com
Tony & Lorraine Schinelli	GUS	YORKIE/ SCHNAUZER MIX	309 RT	(404) 557-8201	anthony.schinelli@gmail.com
Maureen Tibbs/Tim Sheridan	BELLA	DOODLE	232 RT	(610) 733-0762	reen112@comcast.net
Paula & Rick Shurtz	LUCY	BLACK LAB	251 RT	(217) 202-0347	shurtz2111@sbcglobal.net
Larry & Linda Smith	PIPER	PORTUGUESE WATER DOG	401 RT	(850) 368-8404	lwsmith222@gmail.com
Duane & Cheryl Smith	MIA	YORKIE	211 RT	(586) 770-2403	hdscms@gmail.com
Jay & Kathy Snyder	FINN	SCHIPPERKE	101 CDA	(802) 384-6674	jksnyders@gmail.com
Adrienne Straub-Kadas & Karl	TASHA	POM	411 RT	(416) 505-9264	adriennestraub@hotmail.com
Robyn & Jon Sumner	WINGNUT	BLACK LAB	108 CDR	(301) 991-5000	rivermistarts@gmail.com
Jeanne & Mark Westervelt	LIBBY	DOODLE	304 RT	(617) 519-3286	mark.westervelt@comcast.net
Bob & Linda Whiteley	ANDY	SM. BLACK & TAN MIX	111 CDA	(941) 451-4576	Lkww1004@gmail.com
Robyn & Michael Andolina	JUNIOR	BENELTON TERRIER	332 RT	(203) 982-2593	Appl3000@aol.com
	Cat Name	Breed			
DIANA BRITTON	CLEO(PATRA)	SPHYNX	129 RT	(941) 504-6331	disnowbirdservice@gmail.com
LINDA BROWNE	LUCY	TABBY	234 RT	(941) 716-2739	lbbrowne10@gmail.com
DAN & SARAH JOHNSTON	CHESTER	TUXEDO	116 CDA	(315) 857-5771	saradan60@gmail.com
NANCY SIMONETTI	JOEY	BENGAL	210 RT	(941) 486-8166	gnancysimonetti@gmail.com
JACK & RACHEL ROCKS	MOZ & ROSI	BENGALS	410 RT	(719) 233-0100	rachrocks@mac.com
CONNIE & CARL WEISS	FRANK SINATRA	ORANGE TABBY	215 RT	(618) 207-5542	carl.weiss@gmail.com
MARGARET & JOE MENOTTI	LEO & OLIVER	BENGAL & BLACK CAT	218 RT	(508) 330 5172	mmenotti@msn.com
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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.

June 9

~~July 14~~ - Cancelled

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

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