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Above, two Santas, Mayor John Holic and City Manager Isaac Turner helped provide a feast for all city employees at City Hall on Dec. 16. Mayor Holic brought kielbasa stuffed pork roast and City Manager Turner deep fried turkeys. Many other employees brought pot luck. There was food and camaraderie for all.

It didn't take long for the troops to find holiday feast. Lori Stelzer, Susan Schult, Judy Gamel, Kathie Smith, Jeanette Bartek and JoAnne Lounsbury helped set up and clean up after the celebration.



Left, several City Hall employees, assisted by those from Public Works, decorated the tree in the lobby.

*May 2011
bring only the best
to you and your family.
Happy New Year!*

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COMING UP



Saturday, Jan 1, New Year's Day, no garbage, recycling or yard waste collected. All items will be collected on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Friday, Jan. 14, Friday Night Live free concert, Centennial Park, sponsored by Venice MainStreet, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15, Venice-Nokomis Rotary Art Fest, Venice Municipal Airport festival grounds, 10 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 16, Venice-Nokomis Rotary Art Fest, Venice Municipal Airport festival grounds, 10 - 4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, City Hall closed. Garbage, recycling and yard waste collected as usual.

Thursday, Jan. 20, Island Nights, downtown, 5:30 - 8 p.m.



Friday, Feb. 11, Venice MainStreet free **Friday Night Live Concert**, Centennial Park Gazebo, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13, Cruisin' at the Gazebo, Centennial Park, downtown, 1 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17, Island Nights, downtown, music, food and shopping 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Italian Feast and Carnival, Airport Festival Ground, east end of Airport Road, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18, Italian Feast and Carnival, Airport Festival Ground, east end of Airport Road, 1 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19, Italian Feast and Carnival, Airport Festival Ground, east end of Airport Road, noon - 10 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20, Italian Feast and Carnival, Airport Festival Ground, east end of Airport Road, noon - 7 p.m.

Venice Joy of Jazz, Centennial Park, 2 p.m.

Firefighters Benevolent Barbecue, Moose Lodge, 111 N. Auburn Rd., supports such local non-profits as Boys and Girls Club Inc. and local families in need. Dinner is a quarter chicken, with coleslaw, beans and roll for \$5. Kids hot dog meals for \$3. Entertainment, silent auction, bake sale and bounce house. Tickets are available at Venice Fire Station 2, 200 N. Grove St. Call (941) 480-3030.

Donations for the silent auction may be made by calling (941) 276-3321 or e-mail: luigiworobel@gmail.com.

Friday, Feb. 25, Venice MainStreet free **Friday Night Live Concert**, Centennial Park Gazebo, 7 p.m.

Winter entertainment begins

The following music groups will give free performances weekly at 3 p.m. at Centennial Park, downtown, throughout the season:

Tuesdays, Happy Time Band, from Jan. 11 through March 22;

Wednesdays, Gentlemen of Jazz, from Jan. 5 through April 19;

Thursdays, Slim and Friends, from Jan. 6 through April 7.

Sundays, Venice Joy of Jazz, Jan. 9, Feb. 20, March 13 and April 10 at 1 p.m.

Take a Bow

Public Works Department

• In his Venice Gondolier Sun column, Monty Andrews wrote: “I have had the opportunity to work with the folks in the city **Public Works Department**, and I hold them in the highest regard. I know how hard they work in preparing the city for this wonderful time of the year while still doing their normal maintenance duties around the city. We all owe the people who help make this city such a wonderful place to live a thank-you for a job well done.”

• Former Council Member Rick Tacy, who is wheelchair bound, was unable to get in his van and looking for someone to help him, when along came Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Mike Carello** (Solid Waste Division) to empty the recycling. Carello stopped what he was doing and started Tacy’s van so he could operate the lift and get in.

• A resident on Inlet Circle praised Solid Waste Equipment Operators **Joe Misak** and **Wade Heath** on the great job they did collecting two large yard waste piles. they had. Misak did the first one by himself and Heath helped by bringing the roll off for the second one. The resident was very impressed at the quality of the work and how good it looked afterwards.

Police Department

Detective **J. Kolodgy** was appreciated for her contribution to the continuing medical education program at Venice Regional Medical Center.

“We are grateful for your willingness to share you time and expertise,” VRMC staff member Jean Morgan wrote.

Fire Department

Battalion Chief **Joe Silva** was thanked for driving Old Betsy in the 50th annual Halloween Parade in downtown Venice, sponsored by the Venice Lions Club and Venice MainStreet.

Engineering Department

Carl Wilks of Dana Fire Inc. thanked GIS Specialist **Mary Gallick** for her help that led to the company’s proposal for the city.

Information Systems Department

“On behalf of the Public Works Department, I’d like to express appreciation to the entire IS Dept. IS Director **Jeff Bolen and his team** routinely address the needs of the PWD in a timely manner, which enables our staff to continue to work efficiently. IS consistently functions as a true support department!” Public Works Office Manager Judy DiFabio wrote.



Mayor John Holic congratulates Fire Battalion Chief Tony Grisanti on 25 years of service to the city.



Mayor Holic presents Municipal Service Worker II Jerry Manchester with a service pin for 10 years of service to the city.

The gift of giving

The following employees will serve on a committee to coordinate charitable activities by city employees: Alan Bullock, Tom Mattmuller, Marta Ugas-Carpenter, Susan Carpenter, Susan Schult, and Carolyn Hart. Thank you for volunteering.

Get on Board: Bus Tokens



The following Public Works Department employees received bus tokens in November and December:

Rocco Jankowski
Scott Marra
John Parrish
Andy Spafford
Damien Stillings
Susan Carpenter

Five bus tokens equals \$25.

Service Anniversaries

The following employees celebrate a 5-year milestone of their employment with the city:

25 years, Battalion Chief/EMT **Tony Grisanti**, Fire Department, Dec. 9. (His years of service were reported incorrectly in the last newsletter.)

20 years, Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Mike Carello**, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division, Jan. 28

15 years, Officer **Betty Camp**, Police Department, Jan. 8

5 years, Administrative Coordinator **Carolyn Hart**, Utilities Department, Jan. 23

Happy Birthday!

The following employees celebrate birthdays during the month of **January**:

- 2, Municipal Service Worker II **Craig Angebrannt**, Public Works Department, Parks Division
- 4, Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Darrin Olah**, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division
- 6, Lt. **Todd Resch**, Police Department
- 7, Firemedic **Chris Ripo**, Fire Department
- 11, Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Dave Szakalos**, Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division
- 12, Electrical Maintenance Technician **Al Conrad**, Public Works Department, Maintenance Division
- 12, Administrative Aide **Marta Ugas-Carpenter**, Police Department
- 12, Administrative Aide **Lee Lyons**, Police Department
- 13, City Clerk **Lori Stelzer**
- 14, Lt. **Dan Armstrong**, Fire Department
- 15, Instrument and Control Technician **Joe Stroer**, Utilities Department, Water Production Division
- 16, Administrative Aide **Susan Carpenter**, Public Works Department
- 21, Officer **Pete Sorrentino**, Police Department
- 22, Permit Supervisor **Karen Butterworth**, Building and Code Enforcement Department
- 26, Officer **Keith Quick**, Police Department
- 27, Plant Operator **Ralph Hamann**, Utilities Department, Water Production Division
- 27, Data Input/Inventory Control Technician **Damien Stillings**, Utilities Department, Water Reclamation Division
- 31, Administrative Coordinator **Dorothy Tary**, Utilities Department, Water Reclamation Division