



VENICE CITY SCENE

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In an effort to give back to the community, city employees have formed a Charity Committee in January. The first fundraiser resulted in \$1,000 gift from Mi Pueblo Restaurant for All Faiths Food Bank.

Members of the committee are Alan Bullock, Susan Schult, Carolyn Hart, Susan Carpenter, Tom Mattmuller and Marta Ugas-Carpenter.

On June 20, Mayor John Holic helped committee members make their first donation.

From left, members of the employees benevolence committee Police Lt. Tom Mattmuller and Marta Ugas-Carpenter watch as Mayor John Holic presents a check for \$1,000 to Dan Dunn for the All Faiths Food Bank. The committee of city employees was started to help the less fortunate of the community. With the help of Mi Pueblo Restaurant, it was able to make its first contribution. Below, Ugas-Carpenter and Mattmuller receive the donation from Mi Pueblo Restaurant.



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COMING UP

Farmer's Market, every Saturday in Centennial Park, 8 a.m. - noon.

Check the city's web site: www.venicegov.com for the next special event.



Sunday, July 3, Patriotic Music Tribute to war veterans and those now serving, Centennial Park Gazebo, noon - 3 p.m. Bring lawn chairs. Each show begins on the hour. Celebrity dunk tank in between shows.

Monday, July 4, Independence Day Fireworks, sponsored by the City of Venice and Sertoma Club of Venice, shot from the South Jetty, sunset.

City Hall closed. No garbage collected.

Friday, July 8, Friday Night Live Concert, Centennial Park Gazebo, 7 p.m.



Friday, Aug. 12, Friday Night Live Concert, Centennial Park Gazebo, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 26, Friday Night Live Concert, Centennial Park Gazebo, 7 p.m.

Take a Bow

Police Department

The Venice Police Department's presence downtown during the season was well recieved.

"I just want to acknowledge how nice it is to see our police officers physically out and walking the island!" Venice citizens wrote. They mentioned seeing Sgt. **Ron Perisho**, Detective **Aleks Gregoire** and Officer **Guy Castiglione** several times.

Downtown business owners of Scamotz Tomato Pies also praised the efforts: "(We) want to commend you for your new initiative of building relationships between local businesses and your officers. It was a pleasure meeting Lt. **Mike Rose** and being informed about different aspects of the city from his point of view as a police officer. He is, as I'm sure you know, a veteran asset to

the department, personable, informative and left us smiling. I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity to thank Detective **Aleks Gregoire** and Officer **Andy Levesque** for the work they did when some money was stolen from the restaurant."

Officer **Ruth Terry** was thanked for her kindness after helping to calm a woman involved in a car accident.

Public Works Department

A resident reported how happy he is with garbage collection and yard waste services. He commented that it is always picked up and left neat and tidy.

Engineering Department

A city resident sent a note to City Engineer **Kathleen Weeden** to thank her for improving the Pinebrook Park Fitness Trail. "I have noticed the changes, the new lumber and signs. It is such a special place to me and many others. Your work is appreciated."

Service Anniversaries

The following employee celebrates one of the 5-year milestone of employment with the city:

30 years, Airport Maintenance Technician/Leader Robert G. Anderson, Public Works Department, on July 20.



Code Enforcement Inspector Pat Stuehler receives recognition for 5 years of service to the city from Development Services General Manager Tom Slaughter.



Police Chief Tom McNulty presents a 20-year service pin to Officer Paul Joyce as Mayor Holic watches.



Police Chief Tom McNulty and Mayor John Holic present Sgt. Ron Perisho with a 10-year service award.

Happy Birthday!

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

- 2, Council Member **Jeanette Gates**, City Council
- 5, Council Member **Emilio Carlesimo**, City Council
- 7, Sgt. **Eugene Frangioni**, Police Department
- 7, Heavy Equipment Operator **John Parrish**, Public Works Department, Maintenance Division
- 8, Utility Billing Coordinator **Pam Baity**, Finance Department
- 8, Office Manager **Judy DiFabbio**, Public Works Department
- 8, Officer Sean Hammett, Police Department
- 12, Officer **Paul Freeman**, Police Department
- 12, Senior Inspector **Bud Keefer**, Building and Code Enforcement Department
- 13, Municipal Service Worker I **Rocco Jankowski**, Public Works Department, Maintenance Division
- 13, Municipal Service Worker II **Scott Lott**, Public Works Department, Parks Division
- 14, Environmental Technician **Lee Krauss**, Utilities Department, Field Operations Division
- 15, Administrative Assistant **Jeannette Bartek**, Administrative Services Department
- 15, Lt. **Tony Fitzgerald**, Fire Department
- 17, Fire Marshal **Jack Stevenson**, Fire Department
- 19, Officer **Dan Schuler**, Police Department
- 20, Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Pam DeNeen**, Public Works Department, Solid Waste and Recycling Division
- 22, Firemedic **Ken Ridgeway**, Fire Department
- 24, Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Doug Mersek**, Public Works Department, Solid Waste and Recycling Division
- 24, Solid Waste Equipment Operator **Joe Misak**, Public Works Department, Solid Waste and Recycling Division
- 25, Lt. **Steve Armstrong**, Fire Department
- 25, Utilities Director **Len Bramble**, Utilities Department
- 27, Mayor **John Holic**, City Council
- 29, Deputy Chief **Steve Kona**, Fire Department
- 30, Council Member **Jim Bennett**, City Council
- 30, Administrative Aide **Betty Napoli**, Public Works Department