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JUNE 2019

Venetian Shores dates to remember

Project: Venetian Shores Storm Water Project Phase I

Location: Bayview Isle Drive, Villabella Drive and the connecting section of Venetian Boulevard

Projected Start Date: May 28th, with completion by October 1, 2019.



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Storm Water Meeting

May 10, 2019, Venetian Shores Storm Water Pre-construction Meeting took place at Founders Park Village Hall

For those of you who attended the pre-construction meeting at the Community Center Friday, May 10th, the Venetian Shores Homeowners Association (VSHA) appreciates your interest and involvement. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting, the VSHA will try to pass along any information that is provided by the Village. As promised, the Village manager, Seth Lawless is providing information about the project and the construction plans documents.

Here is also some information below about the project costs and funding sources.

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What is it?

It is a construction project installing a storm water collection system. Pipes and junction boxes will be buried on each side of both streets. The roads will be raised and designed to drain to either side from the crown of road into a "Miami Curb", basically a v shaped gutter.

When?

Projected start date is May 28th, with completion by October 1, 2019.

How will it impact residents?

A trench, approximately 4 ft wide will be dug near the edge of pavement. Mailboxes and driveways will be restored, landscaping will not. The contractor will work with owners to minimize inconvenience. Workers will be onsite M - F 7 am to 6 pm.

Project Cost?

\$1,708,735.00. Grant funding will offset a portion of the project costs, including a \$150,000.00 grant from the South Florida Water Management District and \$800,00.00 of Stewardship Funds (approved by the Florida Legislature). The remainder of the project costs (\$758,735.00) will be paid from the Stormwater Enterprise Fund and Local Government Discretionary Sales Surtax Funds.

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Plans for the project are posted at the VSHA website

www.vsha.net

On the HOME page, lower right corner



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Wildlife Photographs



This female **Peahen** was photographed in Venetian Shores.

Although the term "peacock" is often used to refer to males and females, the true name of the species is the Indian peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*). Males are known as peacocks and females as peahens. They are native to India.

Several differences exist between males and females. The most obvious difference between male and female Indian peafowl is their coloration. Males are usually an iridescent shade of bright blue. This bold coloration helps them to attract mates. Females, have much more subdued plumage. Their feathers tend to be brown, gray or cream in color. Females have white bellies, while males' bellies are the same blue as the rest of their plumage. Females have the advantage over the males in the wild, as it's easier for them to camouflage themselves and avoid predation.

Another gender difference when it comes to Indian peafowl is size. Measuring in at between 3 and 4 1/2 feet long and weighing between 9 and 13 pounds, males are significantly larger than their female counterparts. Peahens tend to measure between 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 feet long and weigh between 6 and 9 pounds.



This **manatee** was photographed in Venetian Shores.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **West Indian manatee** (*Trichechus manatus*) or "sea cow", also known as **American manatee**, is the largest surviving member of the aquatic mammal order Sirenia (which also includes the dugong and the extinct Steller's sea cow).

The West Indian manatee is a species distinct from the Amazonian manatee (*T. inunguis*) and the African manatee (*T. senegalensis*). Based on genetic and morphological studies, the West Indian manatee is divided into two subspecies, the **Florida manatee** (*T. m. latirostris*) and the **Antillean or Caribbean manatee** (*T. m. manatus*).^{[4][5]} However, recent genetic (mtDNA) research suggests that the West Indian manatee actually consists of three groups, which are more or less geographically distributed as: (1) Florida and the Greater Antilles; (2) Mexico, Central America and northern South America; and (3) northeastern South America.^{[6][7]}

The West Indian Manatee was placed on the Endangered Species List in the 1970s, when there were only several hundred left,^[8] and it has been of great conservation concern to federal, state, private, and nonprofit



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organizations to protect these species from natural and human-induced threats like collisions with boats.^[2] On March 30, 2017, the US Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the federal reclassification of the manatee from endangered to threatened as the number of sea cows had increased to over 6,000.^{[8][9]}

Like the other sirenians, the West Indian manatee has adapted fully to aquatic life, having no hind limbs. Pelage cover is sparsely distributed across the body, which may play a role in reducing the build-up of algae on their thick skin. The average West Indian manatee is about 2.7–3.5 m (8.9–11.5 ft) long and weighs 200–600 kg (440–1,320 lb), with females generally larger than males.^[10] The difference between the two subspecies of the West Indian manatee is that the Florida manatee is commonly reported as being larger in size compared to Antillean manatee.^[11] The largest individual on record weighed 1,655 kg (3,649 lb) and measured 4.6 m (15 ft) long.^{[12][13]} This manatee's color is gray or brown. Its flippers also have either three or four nails.

As its name implies, the West Indian manatee lives in the West Indies, or Caribbean, generally in shallow coastal areas. However, it is known to withstand large changes in water salinity, so has also been found in shallow rivers and estuaries. It can live in fresh, brackish, and saline water. It is limited to the tropics and subtropics due to an extremely low metabolic rate and lack of a thick layer of insulating body fat. While this is a regularly occurring species along coastal southern Florida, during summer, this large mammal has even been found as far north as Dennis, Massachusetts, and as far west as Texas.^[14] A manatee was spotted in the Wolf River (near where it enters the Mississippi) in Memphis, Tennessee in 2006.

^[15]https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Manatee_Florida.jpg

Manatee from [Crystal River, Florida](#)

The Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*), a subspecies of the West Indian manatee, is the largest of all living sirenians. Florida manatees inhabit the most northern limit of sirenian habitats. Over three decades of research by universities, governmental agencies, and NGOs have contributed to understanding of Florida manatee ecology and behavior. They are found in freshwater rivers, in estuaries, and in the coastal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. Florida manatees may live to be more than 28 years old in the wild, and one captive manatee, "Snooty", lived for 69 years.^[16]

Large concentrations of Florida manatees are located in the Crystal River^[17] and Blue Springs regions in central and north Florida, as well as along the Atlantic Coast, and Florida Gulf Coast.

The other subspecies of the West Indian manatee is sometimes referred to as the Antillean manatee (*T. m. manatus*). Antillean manatees are sparsely distributed throughout the Caribbean and the northwestern Atlantic Ocean, from Mexico, east to the Greater Antilles, and south to Brazil. They are found in The Bahamas, French Guiana, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad, Venezuela, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico. Historically, Antillean manatees were hunted by local natives and sold to European explorers for food. Today, they are threatened by loss of habitat, poaching, entanglement with fishing gear, and vessel strikes.



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This **American Crocodile** was photographed in Venetian Shores.

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The **American crocodile** (*Crocodylus acutus*) is a species of crocodylian found in the Neotropics. It is the most widespread of the four extant species of crocodiles from the Americas, with populations present from South Florida and the coasts of Mexico to as far south as Peru and Venezuela.

The habitat of the American crocodile consists largely of coastal areas.^[3] It is also found in river systems, but tends to prefer salinity, resulting in the species congregating in brackish lakes, mangrove swamps, lagoons, cays, and small islands. Other crocodiles also have tolerance to saltwater due to salt glands underneath the tongue, but the American crocodile is the only species other than the saltwater crocodile to commonly live and thrive in saltwater.^[4] They can be found on beaches and small island formations without any fresh water source, such as some of the many cays and islets across the Bahamas and the Caribbean.

The American is one of the larger crocodile species. Males can reach lengths of 20 ft,

weighing up to 2,000 lb.^[5] On average, mature males are more in the range of 9 ft 6 in to 13 ft 5 inches in length weighing up to about 880 lb.^[6] As with other crocodile species, females are smaller; rarely exceeding 12 ft 6 inches in length even in the largest-bodied population.^[7]

Like any other large crocodylian, the American crocodile is potentially dangerous to humans, though it tends not to be as aggressive as some other species.^[8]

The snout is longer and narrower than that of the American alligator, but broader on average than that of the Orinoco crocodile. American crocodiles are also paler and more grayish than the relatively dark-hued American alligator. This crocodile species normally crawls on its belly, but it can also "high walk".^[17] Larger specimens can charge up to nearly 10 mph.^[18] They can swim at as much as 20 mph by moving their bodies and tails in a sinuous fashion, but they cannot sustain this speed.^[19]

American crocodiles, unlike American alligators, are extremely susceptible to cold temperatures and live exclusively within tropical waters. During 2009, unusually cold weather in southern Florida 150 wild American crocodiles died.

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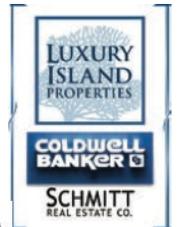


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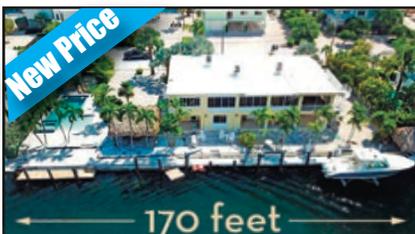
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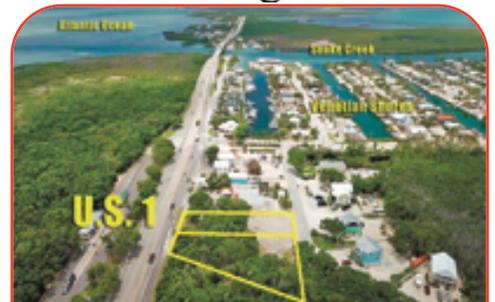
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#3 C-21—4 sides

#4 Sotheby's—3 sides

#5 Moorings & K Company—3 sides each

#6 Island Equity & Coastal Realty—2 sides each

#7 American Caribbean & ReMax—1 side each

2019 Sales

#1 Coldwell Banker Schmitt—14 sides
(Charlotte & Jan had 7 of the 14 sides)

#2 Moorings & Coastal Realty—3 sides each

#3 Berkshire Hathaway & American Caribbean—2 sides each

#4 C-21—1 side

#5 Valencia Group, Outside of MLS & Allison James—5 sides



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