

# August 2026



## Newsletter

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### It's YOUR Venice, Get Involved!

- ♦ August is well underway and the VNC has important info to share with you!
- ♦ Take action and participate to make a difference today.
- ♦ All voices matter and are of value to consider.
- ♦ We are in this together . . . Let's Go!

### TAKE ACTION

#### Meetings & Time Sensitive Surveys:

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# OAKWOOD COMMUNITY VOICES WORKSHOP 3 PART SERIES



☀️ **Help Preserve Oakwood's Black History** ☀️

**African American Historic Places LA**

**Oakwood Community Voices Workshop 3 Part Series**

**Oakwood is one of LA's last remaining Black coastal communities.**

**Only about 4% of local landmarks represent African American heritage.**

**This project exists to change that, and it starts with you!**

You're invited to join us:

**Saturday, August 22nd 11:00 - 3:00pm**

**at the Oakwood Recreation Center Annex Room**

**Enjoy lunch and participating in the final workshop, Part 3**

African American Historic Places, Los Angeles ([AAHPLA Link](#)) is a collaboration between Los Angeles City Planning's Office of Historic Resources and the Getty Conservation Institute working to identify, protect, and celebrate places important to Los Angeles' African American heritage, and historic Oakwood is an important part of that story.

Venice residents, former residents, families, and community members are invited to share the places, stories, memories, and cultural landmarks that matter and help shape strategies for preserving Oakwood's Black heritage for generations to come.

**This is the final workshop, and your participation matters!**

Join your neighbors for storytelling, mapping, music, food, and an important conversation about Oakwood's future. Lunch Included.

**[RSVP FOR THE AUGUST 22nd WORKSHOP](#)**

**[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT](#)**



## **VERA DAVIS MCCLENDON OAKWOOD JUNIOR ART CENTER**



~Photo Credit: Westside Current



~Photo Credit: Venice Paparazzi

## **Help Shape the New Vera Davis Junior Arts Center**

### **Something exciting is coming to Venice!**

The historic Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center at 610 California Avenue is being transformed into the Vera Davis Junior Arts Center, creating a new community space for arts, creativity, learning, and youth programming.

What kinds of classes, workshops, activities, and arts programs would you like to see offered at the new center? Your voice and ideas matter. You can help shape a Junior Arts Center that reflects the interests and needs of Venice.

**The City is seeking community feedback through August 31st**

**TAKE THIS BRIEF COMMUNITY SURVEY NOW**  Design your Art Center!

**Curious why this project has been nearly 30 years in the making?  
and more about the remarkable Venice woman whose name the center proudly carries ✨**



**CLICK HERE FOR ANSWERS**



## THE MISSING IN THE MIDDLE LA



What could the future of neighborhood-scale housing look like in Venice and across Los Angeles? Missing Middle LA is a new Los Angeles City Planning initiative focused on smaller, more attainable homes including duplexes, small-lot homes, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) that fill the “missing middle” between single-family homes and large apartment buildings.

**Join City Planning to learn about the proposed changes, ask questions, and share feedback directly with the City.**



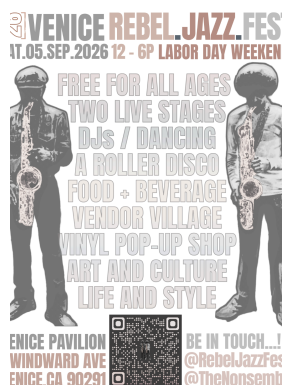
**Saturday, August 29, 2026 6 to 8 PM**



**Sadie's Studio in Westchester**

**8342 Lincoln Blvd - Los Angeles, CA 90045**

[\*\*REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND\*\*](#)



**FREE FAMILY FUN**

**SUMMER JAZZ** 🎷

**JAZZ-IS VENICE REBEL.JAZZFEST**

returns to the beach for its five-year anniversary

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**12 PM to 6 PM**

This free, family-friendly celebration features two live music stages, a DJ roller disco, vendor village, pop-up vinyl shop, and plenty of music right on the sand between the Boardwalk and breakwater.



# RESOURCES:



## Show Your Venice Pride

Love Venice?

Help us spread the word about  
the Venice Neighborhood Council!



Are you an enthusiastic stakeholder willing to host a VNC yard sign at your home, business, or property?

Let's help more neighbors learn about their Neighborhood Council and how to get involved

It's a simple way to show your Venice pride,  
build community awareness,  
and encourage your neighbors to participate.



**Request a VNC Yard Sign  Today!**

Contact the VNC Outreach Chair

[outreachchair@venicenc.org](mailto:outreachchair@venicenc.org)

# AUGUST 16th-25th WEEKLY+ SCHEDULE



**18<sup>th</sup>**

## **VNC Board of Officers Monthly Mtg.**

Westminster Elementary School

**6:30pm in Person**

**21<sup>st</sup>**

## **Venice Arbor Committee**

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**11:00am in Person**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Oakwood Voices Workshop 3**

Oakwood Recreation Annex Room

**11:00am - 3:00pm in Person**

**25<sup>th</sup>**

## **Outreach Committee Meeting**

Extra Space Storage

**4:00pm in Person**

**View 🕶️ all meeting details and links  
on the VNC website calender**

[venicenc.org](https://venicenc.org)

✨ See you there! ✨



**The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC)**  
**is your grassroots community voice to LA City government.**  
**The VNC represents you on critical quality of life issues**  
**such as land use planning and development,**  
**homelessness and more.**

**VNC Website Home Page Log In**

Stay up to date with the Venice Neighborhood Council's  
evolving schedule of Meetings and Events  
by logging onto our website and calendar on the regular.



Updates and changes are common, and  
we don't want you to miss out!

**Committee meetings**  
**are where the magic happens** ✨

- **Check out** the VNC Website Committee Pages to see what they're exploring 🧐
- **Attend different types** of committee meetings to discover what ignites your spark 🔥
- **Consider joining** a Committee or applying to run for a board member seat in the next election 📦
- **ALWAYS revisit** our VNC Calendar and double check Agenda information as meeting details are subject to change ✅

**Help Preserve the Past and Shape the Future of Venice**

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🌟 **Monthly Meetings at a Glance** 🌟

- **Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm** - VNC Board of Officers Monthly Meeting
- **Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am** - VARB (Venice Arbor Committee)
- **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm** - Outreach Committee
- **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm** - PTIC (Parking, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)
- **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm** - LUPC (Land Use & Planning Committee)
- **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm** - Homelessness Committee
- **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm** - LUPC (Land Use & Planning Committee)