



**LEADERSHIP VENICE CLASS OF 2023**



# WHAT IS LEADERSHIP VENICE?

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Leadership Venice is designed to expose current and future leaders to all aspects of the Venice community.

**FOUNDERS**

**Boone Law Firm**

**C.J. Fishman**

**Robinson, Gruters & Roberts, P.A.**



# PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

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- To gather community leaders of diverse backgrounds
- To develop their knowledge and desire to accept civic responsibilities and leadership roles
- To expose participants to the problems and opportunities that face the Venice community
- To open dialogue among emerging and current community leaders

The program runs from February until October meeting all day once a month. As part of the program the class selects and implements a **class project**.



# CLASS PROJECT GUIDELINES

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- Project should bring a benefit to the Venice community
- Project should not rely on a fundraising campaign, however, cash and in-kind donations may be accepted
- Project must be completed prior to graduation (October 13, 2023)
- Project must not require any ongoing maintenance beyond completion by the Class or the Chamber

# PROJECT PROPOSAL

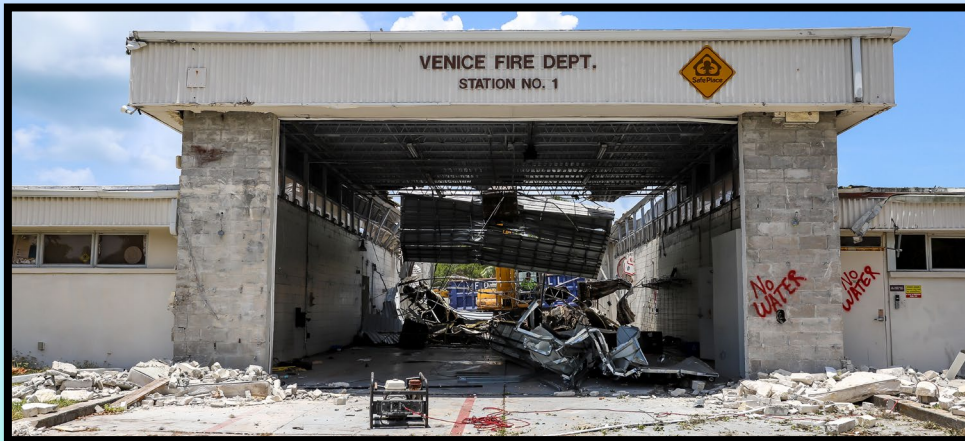
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Construct a tribute to First Responders in Heritage Park



# THE “BACK STORY”

Fire Station #1 opened its doors on Harbor Drive on June 19, 1974. In 2020 it was demolished in preparation of the construction project which included a new Fire Station. The flagpole that stood outside was to be discarded in the demolition.



# THE FLAGPOLE

Fortunately, a City Public Works employee didn't let that happen. He saved the pole and put it in storage at the Public Works Department, where it is today.

**The flagpole now**



**The flagpole restored**



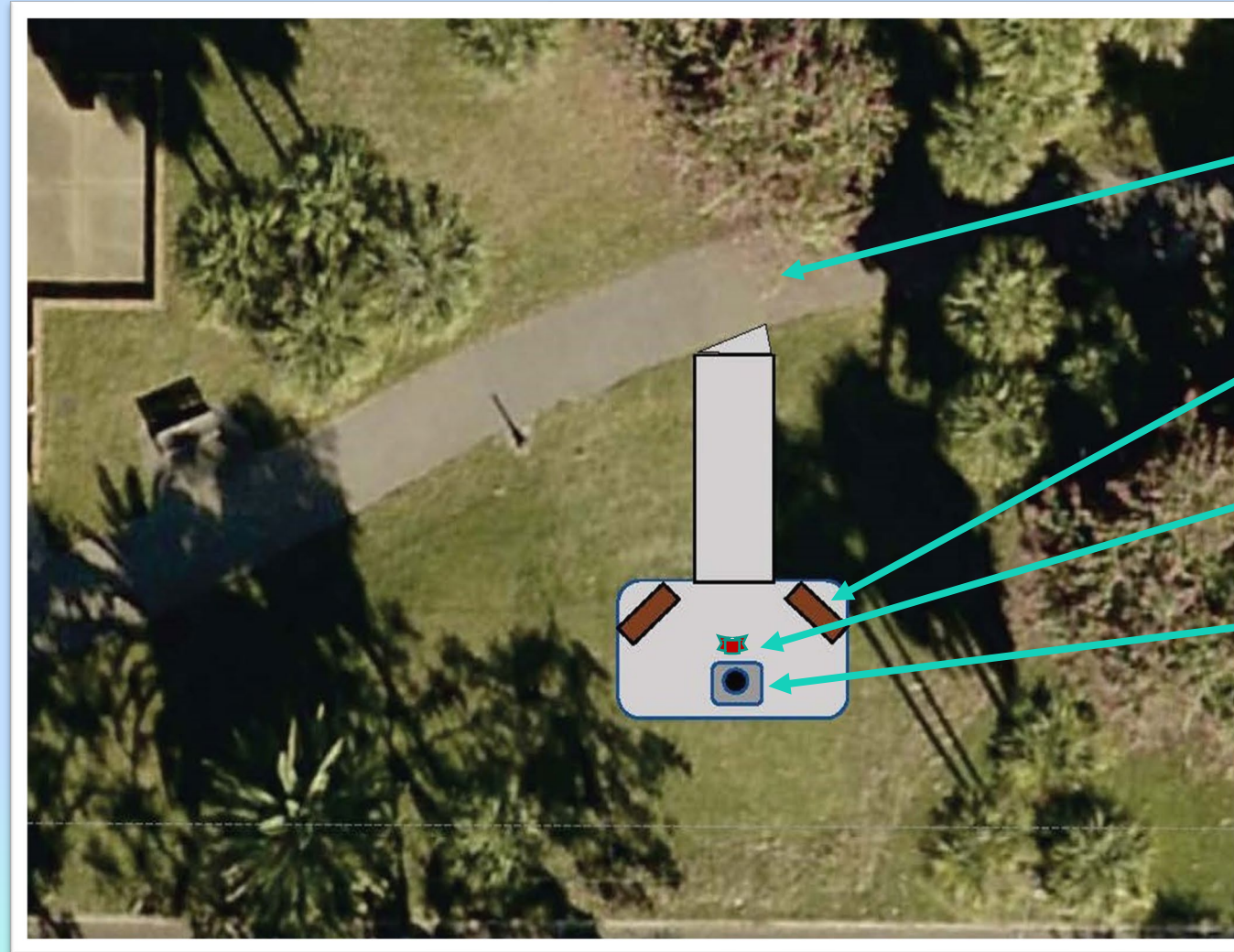
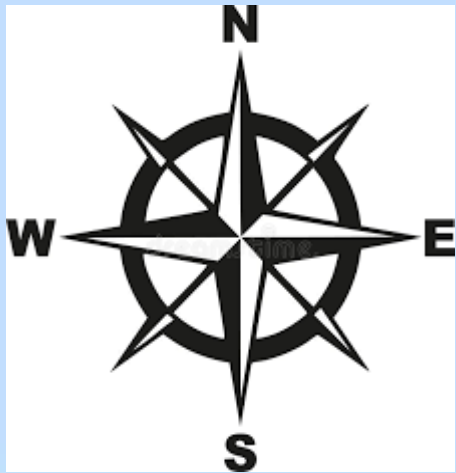
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Pioneer Court →



Existing path

Reflection Benches

Dedication Plaque

Flagpole

# CONSISTENT THEME

Heritage Park includes several historical displays, commemorative plaques, a memorial to Veterans & many benches. This proposed project is:

- Consistent with the cultural “intent” of Heritage Park
- Consistent with other park amenities



**Prehistoric Fossils found in Venice**



**Tribute to Calusa and Seminole Peoples**



**Tribute to early settlers Pioneer Court**



**Tribute to Veterans All branches of Military**



# OVERVIEW

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The Leadership Venice Class of 2023 proposes a tribute to First Responders in Heritage Park in Venice, FL. Please consider the following points:

- Benefit to the Community
- First tribute/site dedicated solely to First Responders
- Approved by City Staff members for location, safety, and future minimal maintenance
- Meets the parameters of the Leadership Venice Class Project
- Restores and memorializes a tangible piece of Venice history

Thank you for your consideration

