



Wellfield Soccer Fields

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Venice Soccer Club — (VAYSA)

We are a non-profit youth soccer club that is passionate about teaching and playing soccer while giving children the experience they need to succeed on and off the soccer field. Our core values are integrity, giving your best effort, respect for players, coaches, administrators, and referees.

We are committed and driven to teaching our players how to deal with adversity; while gaining fortitude, courage, and tenacity.



The Youth Community Is Growing

The School Board of Sarasota County

Enrollment Report - Venice Area Schools

School	School Year		
		As of 10/15	As of 3/24
	2020-21	2021-22	2021-22
Garden Elementary	534	535	546
Island Village Montessori	526	567	559
Laurel Nokomis	1,163	1,343	1,413
Pine View School	1,818	1,745	1,721
SKY Venice	160	216	222
Student Leadership Academy	251	305	305
Taylor Ranch	766	868	919
Venice Elementary	525	540	539
Venice High	2,366	2,451	2,384
Venice Middle	799	760	768
Total	8,908	9,330	9,376
			5.3%

Youth Soccer Clubs

FYSA Player Counts - As of October 2021

Soccer Club	2021/2022 Season		
	Competitive (Travel)	Recreational	Total
Venice Area YSA	255	301	556 **
Braden River SC	300	380	680
Cape Coral Soccer	561	1,195	1,756
Chargers SC LWR	311	418	729
Englewood Youth Soccer Association	53		53
FC Sarasota Inc.	313	920	1233
Manatee Area YSA	83	239	322
North Port Fusion FC	143	19	162
Sarasota Spartans	192		192
Total	2,211	3,472	5,683
**Venice player count increase YOY is 57 players, and 11% growth since 2020			
**Venice anticipating another 10% YOY growth going into 2022/2023 season			



Field Conditions Need To Be Addressed

Invest In Our Youth – Capital Improvements Needed

- We met with Sarasota County officials (Mr. Rauh and others) on 4/6/22.
- Mr. Rauh informed us fields, especially field #2, is infested with nematodes (a.k.a. roundworms). These nematodes are extremely harmful to durability of sod, and has wreaked havoc on these fields.
- Mr. Rauh informed us and pointed out in his email to city officials on 7/19/21, the only effective course of action is a complete renovation of the fields – removal and replacement of first 4-6 inches of soil.
 - Mr. Rauh provided proposals to address the field conditions on 8/5/21, and the “band aid” approach was chosen.
 - As you can see from the pictures, the “band aid” approach just isn’t sustainable, and our youth deserve better.

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Subject: RE: Wellfield Park - Soccer Fields Question

Good morning James,

Thank you for reaching out. Ed and I were just discussing these specific fields this past Friday. As I’m sure you’re aware these fields receive a high volume of use. In particular, field #2 has had nematode issues (info on nematodes attached) in the past that we’ve treated for (although they periodically return). Our discussion on Friday included the likelihood that these fields (all three soccer fields) would need to be fully renovated sometime in the near future. This would include the removal and replacement of the first 4-6 inches of soil and subsequently new sod/turf applied. It would also be beneficial to conduct an irrigation audit while renovating to ensure proper system use. This scale of work would undoubtedly exceed the amount of capital expenditure that the county is authorized to apply on an annual basis.



Invest In Our Youth – Capital Improvements Needed

- Request City of Venice to invest in the **complete field replacement** of all three soccer fields (at minimum fields 1 & 2).
- Work with Venice Soccer Club (VAYSA) on most cost effective plan.