

Celebrating, Commemorating, Remembering

One City; Three Anniversaries

Planning for
2026

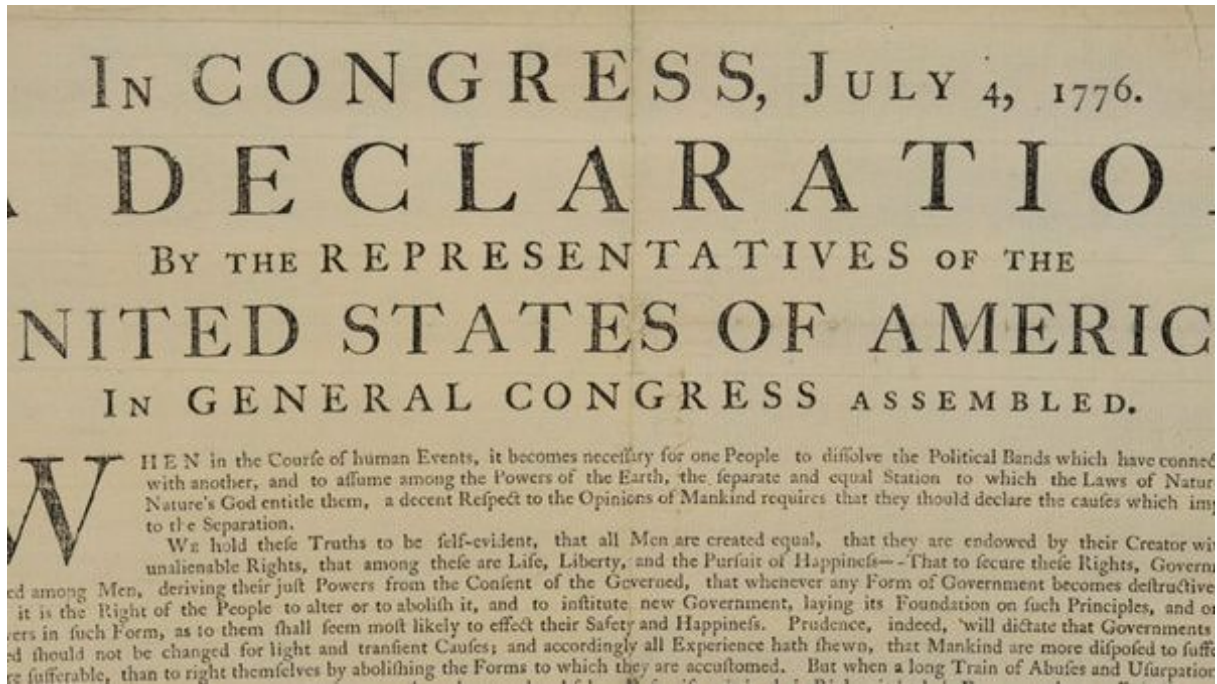




Venice Centennial

July 1st is when the State of Florida law incorporating the Town of Venice went into effect. It's still possible to give a nod to other significant dates (the post office of Venice opening in what is now Nokomis, the change in incorporation from town to city, etc.), but this year and anniversary can provide a clear official "birth date" of the municipality.

United States Semiquincentennial



On July 4th, the United States marks the 250th year of its independence. This is an opportunity to look back on the vision and beliefs of the country's founders and respond to how we as a nation have implemented them.

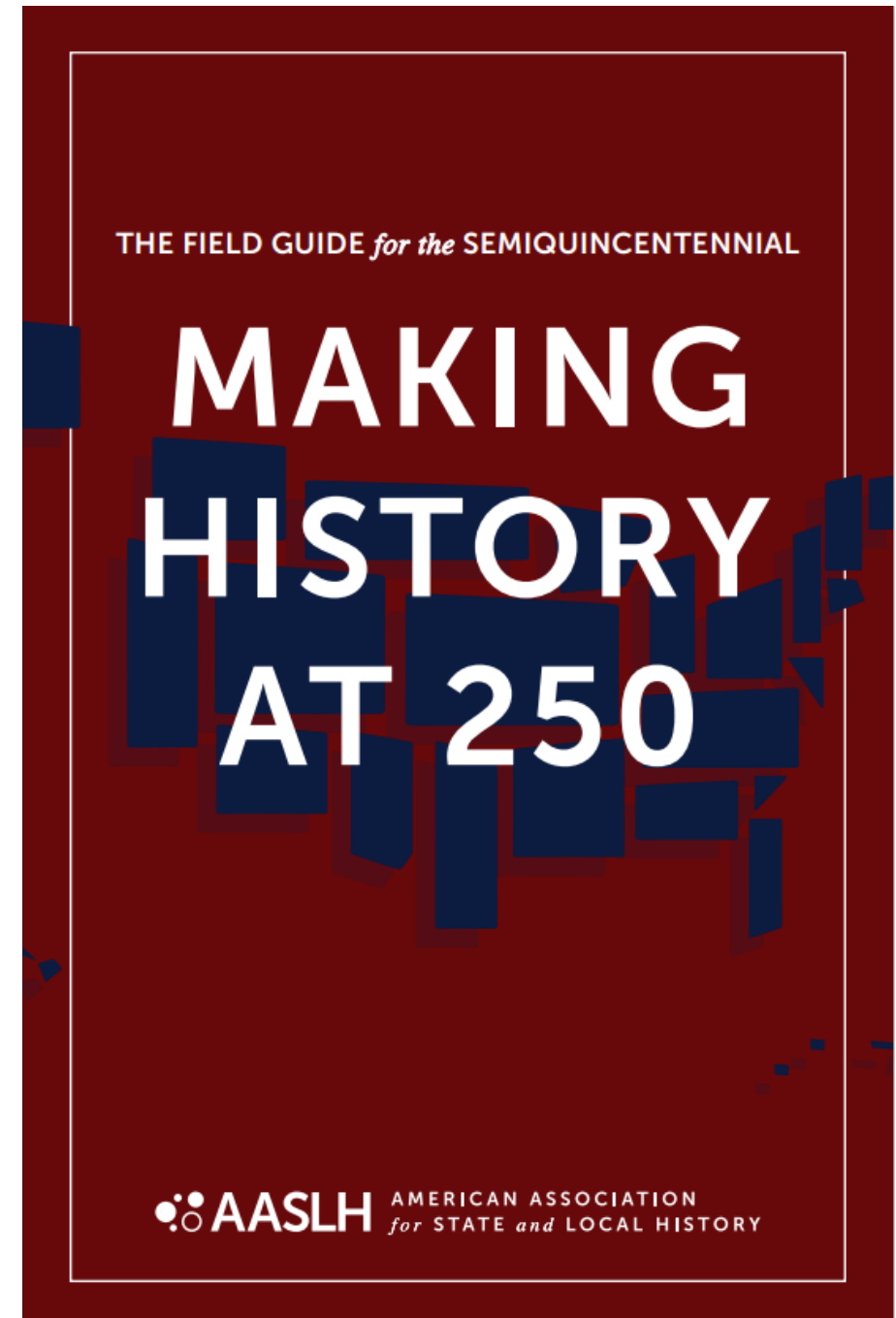


9-11 Quadranscentennial

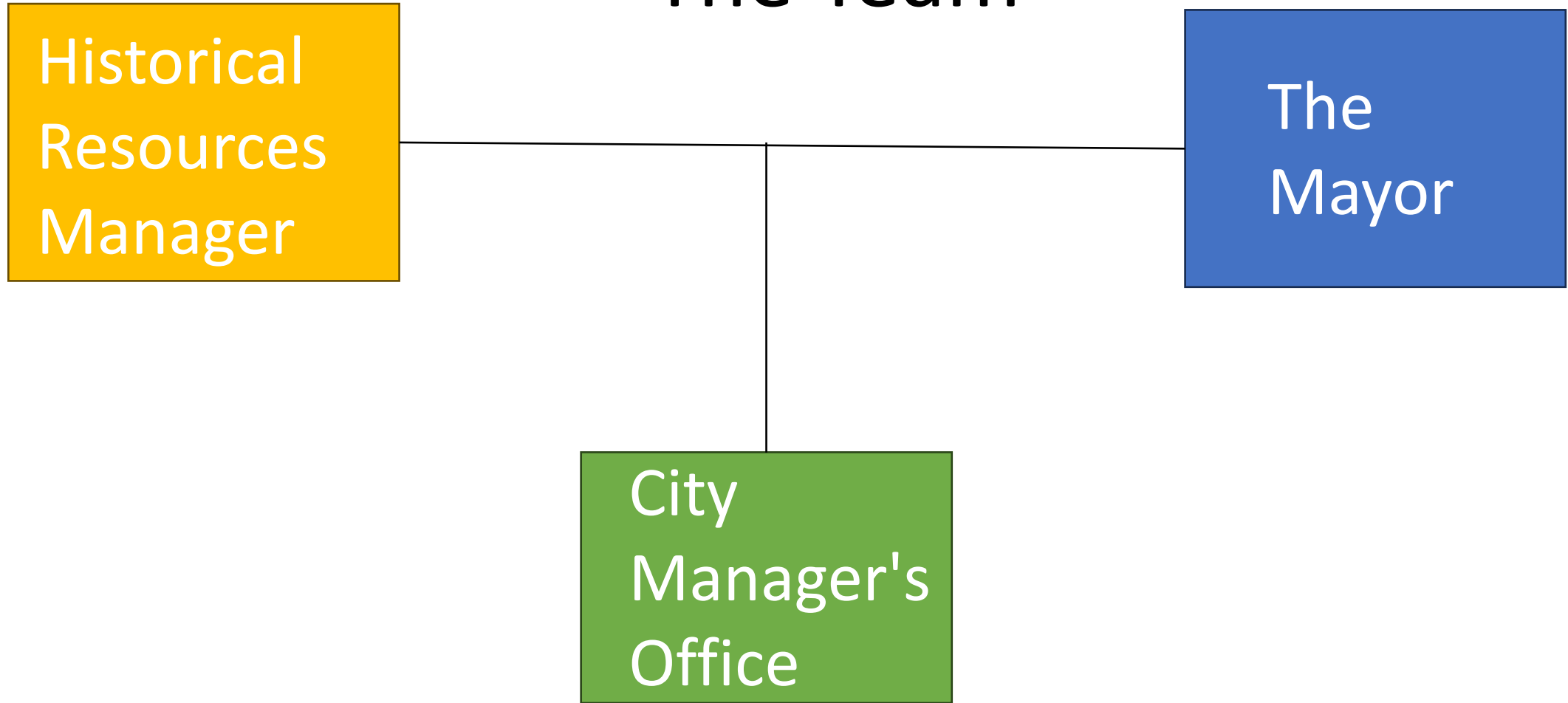
On September 11, the United States and Venice will have had twenty-five years to reflect on the worst terrorist attack on American soil that has ties to this community. Although national attention will be focused on New York City, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA, it would be remiss for the City to not recognize its association to this historic event.

Themes

- Unfinished Revolutions
- Power of Place
- We the People
- American Experiment
- Doing History
- Defining Venice
- My History is Our History
- The Next Milestones



The Team





The Approach



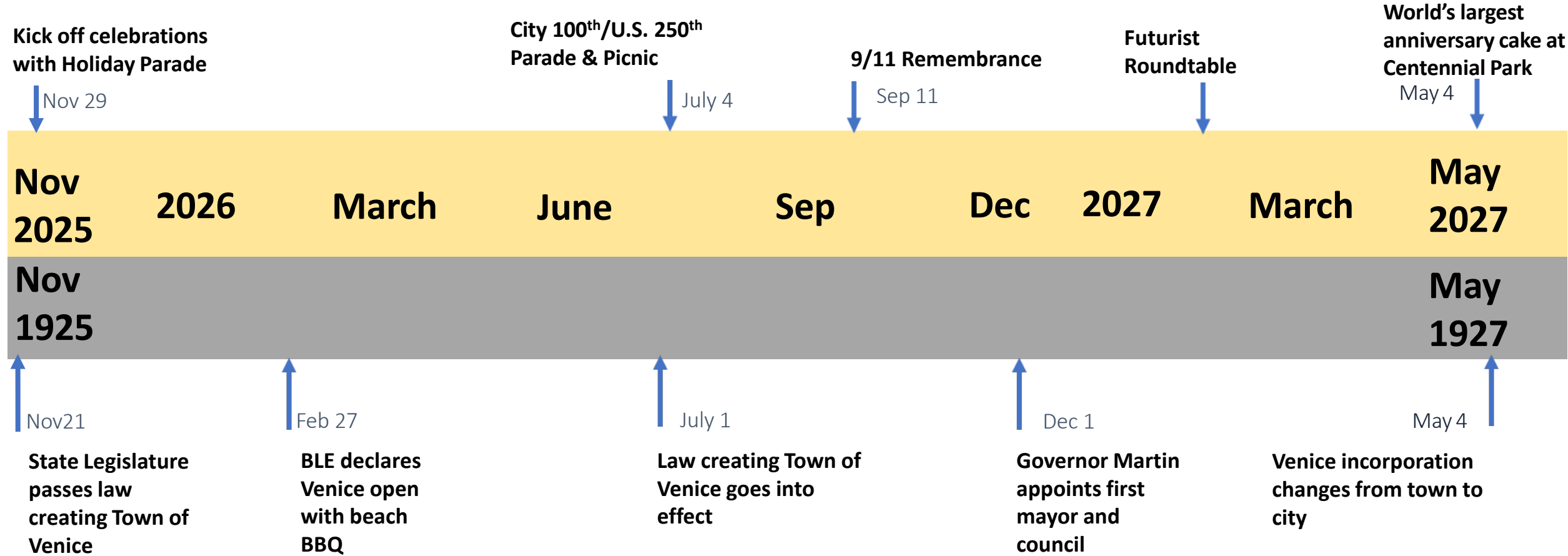
Stakeholders (so far)

- Venice Main Street
- William H. Jervoy, Jr. Venice Public Library
- Venice Area Historical Society
- Venice Gondolier
- Gulf Coast Community Foundation
- Venice Heritage
- Venice Theatre
- Myakka Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
- Venice Area Chamber of Commerce
- Kentucky Military Institute Alumni
- Sertoma Club
- Venice Area Beautification
- Venice Art Center
- Suncoast Rotary

Public Outreach



Proposed Anniversary Timeline



Potential City Roles and Responsibilities

- USA 250th/Venice 100th Parade and Picnic – July 4, 2026
- Organize Banner and Essay Contests for Local Schools
- Mayor's Dinner
- Futurist Roundtable
- Wrap-up Anniversary Cake
- Participation of Other Departments

Initial Ideas from Stakeholders

- Speaker Series and Exhibits
- Anniversary-Themed Season of Shows
- Anniversary Spin on Current Special Events
 - Beach Bash
 - Sun Fiesta
 - Book Fair & Writer's Festival
- Book on History of Venice

Funding

FY 2025

- Logo
- Marketing Materials
- Giveaways

FY 2027

- Cake
- Mayor's Dinner
- Futurist Roundtable

FY 2026

- Street Banners
- Parade & Picnic
- Student Contest Prizes
- Marketing Materials
- Giveaways

Other Potential Funding Sources, Grants and Sponsorship Opportunities

- Gulf Coast Community Foundation
- Venice Gondolier
- Other Local Businesses
- Florida Humanities
- Florida Department of State



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Questions

