

City of Venice Venice, Florida

In Appreciation of

Pamela Johnson *A Retirement Tribute*

Pam Johnson, Public Information Officer, will be retiring from the City of Venice on December 31, 2015, after 19 years of service to the community. Pam began her career with the city in October, 1996, as Citizens' Liaison Officer with a title change to Public Information Officer (PIO) with duties that have expanded to include both communication and marketing responsibilities.

Pam's responsibilities included publishing both employee and citizen e-newsletters along with the city calendar/annual report; organizing the yearly Hurricane Preparation Seminar; and managing the city Facebook page and website, including the Venice TourBook videos located on the city's website. Pam's PIO and marketing duties also included collaboration with marketing organizations such as Venice MainStreet, Visit Sarasota, Sarasota County Film Commission, and Florida Tourism. She worked with the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce to develop rack cards and ads for state visitor centers, popular tourist spots in the Tampa Bay Area, and a variety of other publications browsed by tourists. Many of the beautiful photographs featured in these publications were taken by Pam.

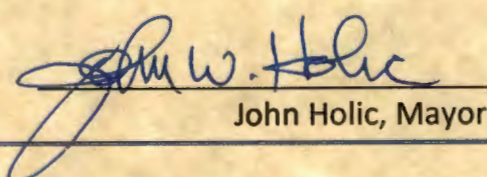
Pam also served as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) liaison for the US 41 Bypass and US 41 Business Widening Projects and the city manager's representative to the Venice Performing Arts Center. In addition, she coordinated special events that included celebrations after completion of beach renourishment projects, ribbon cuttings for city parks, and the renaming of the Circus Bridge. For many years Pam hosted the television programs "Venice Views" and "Venice: A Snapshot in Time" which focused on Venice's history and residents. Pam worked with council members to develop city legislative priorities and federal appropriations.

AND, if these responsibilities were not enough, Pam has been the person you could count on to handle the "I didn't know who to call about this..." questions. Pam's passion for her work did not end at the end of the work day. She felt as though her presence in community affairs outside of work was an important facet of life. She was a member of Sertoma Club of Venice, on the Board of Directors of the Venice Symphony and attended fundraisers to support the community. Pam has been recognized via numerous emails and letters from residents regarding her hard work, professionalism and compassion for citizens.

After retirement Pam is planning to spend more time with her grandchildren in Tampa, assisting her parents with a possible move from Missouri to Florida, adding more travel to her life, including a trip to the Galapagos Islands and lots of relaxation and spending time in this beautiful community she calls home.

On behalf of the Venice City Council Members and city staff, please accept our congratulations on your 20 years of service to the City of Venice and our sincerest wishes for a very happy retirement, and enjoy that quality time with your grandchildren.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Seal
of the City of Venice to be affixed
this 8th day of December, 2015.


John Holic, Mayor