

John Nolen Park Dedication

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Venice, Florida) Selected as a community project by Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) a year ago the renovation and addition of historic amenities to John Nolen Park as planned to date is complete. The park will be dedicated by VABI President Ernie Skinner, and Mayor John Holic will speak on behalf of the city on August 12th at 10AM. The public is invited to attend.

Located at the east entrance of the park, a bas relief bronze plaque of John Nolen highlighting the planned city concept that he laid out for Venice will be unveiled at the dedication ceremony. VABI and Pepper Patrol volunteers, as well as the Ehrhart Family Foundation, City of Venice, Venice Garden Club, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, Venice Historical Society, Ajax Paving, Advanced Asphalt, Hazeltine Nurseries, Recycled Plastic Factory and H&H Sign where among the local business, foundations and nonprofits that worked together to create an inviting new look to an established park on the island of Venice.

The focus of the park renovation was to honor the memory and contribution of the respected city planner of Venice, John Nolen and the growth of the city over the decades. The Venice Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Monty Andrews were the responsible for initiating the John Nolen renovation park project. The initial phase of the design concept was to develop the historic and educational aspect of the park. A linear path was constructed around the park perimeter with 21 historical signs identifying significant dates related to the history and development of the City of Venice. A BBQ grill was installed as well as a horse shoe pit, practice disc golf basket, new picnic tables and bike rack. Six Live Oak trees were planted to complete the shade canopy throughout the park. Volunteers with the Venice Area Garden Club added a planted area highlighted by a decorative terracotta pot. John Nolen Park is located at Palmetto Court off of Menendez Avenue, one block West of Harbor Drive and one block South of Venice City Hall on the island of Venice. The park is free to the public, ADA accessible, and open all year.