



The VVHOA Voice



July 2023

President's Letter:

I wanted as many residents as possible to receive this information. The following was a report I prepared for the June board meeting.

Report on Meeting with neighboring HOAs on dealing with the influx of people coming to the two eclipses here in Kerrville. I think we had four HOAs represented. Even though the eclipses themselves do not last long people will be here for several days. Hotels are demanding several days minimum stays. RV parks are already booked. For the October 14, 2023 event the city is projecting up to 55,000 visitors. For the April 8, 2024 event the city is projecting up to 300,000 visitors. Past eclipse events have resulted with cities having the following problems:

Grocery stores emptied.

Restaurants are not able to meet demand.

Gas stations running out of fuel.

ATMs being depleted of cash.

Pharmacies running out of prescriptions.

Traffic congestion in streets.

Squatters camping on private property. This is a real concern for the area behind Victory Lane and the empty lots on Vantage Circle.

Internet and cell phone coverage down or slow due to excess demand.

Streets filled with parked cars as well as cars blocking drives and parking in people's yards.

Undesirable people that take advantage of large crowds for their nefarious activities and general upswing in crimes.

Police and first responders being overwhelmed.

What was proposed at this meeting was:

Check with the police department about setting up barriers on Yorktown at Stadium Dr. and one at either the end of Victory Lane where Vicksburg Village ends or at Norfolk Lane and Holdsworth Dr. This would block off all the concerned HOAs. The logistics of endeavor would include asking for volunteers to man the barricades and getting the

barricades made. Also devising a method that allows HOA residents to be identified and allowed entry. This proposal was made after realizing that the timing to hire a security company at this late date would be difficult even as the police are having to hire out-of-town personnel. Consensus was with blocking off the two entrances would negate the need for security.

Should the barricades not be allowed by the city another solution needs to be devised.

It was also proposed that HOAs advise their residents to take the following actions:

Stock up for a weeks' worth of food, water, prescriptions and have a full tank of gas. Have cash on hand. It was suggested that you park your car at the end of your driveway to keep individuals from using it as it has happened in other cities.

As of now the HOAs have agreed to meet on August 10th to hopefully finalize preparations.

I will keep you informed of any updates and if you have a suggestion, please let me know.

Thank you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Vicksburg Villagers! You raised \$3,000 to benefit The Hill Country Youth Orchestra during the No Talent, Talent Show, and we had fun doing it!

Thank you to the singers, dancers, and all-around good sports who performed, moved furniture, made space for rehearsals, emceed the evening, greeted one another with enthusiasm, greeted the performers with thunderous applause, and made some young string playing musicians very happy!

The mission of the evening was to have a good time while raising some funds for very deserving and focused young people who are part of the future of the Kerrville musical scene. Their teachers and supporters were exceedingly encouraged and grateful to have our support.

These events raise our spirits and the comradery of our residents. They add to our enjoyment of life and to the reputation of the Village as a great place to live, thus even raising property values! Let's start thinking about what we'd like to do for our project next year.

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8am-2pm Tuesday and Thursday 12pm-4pm

Vicksburg Village Website: Please visit our website at <http://vicksburgvillage.net/> We are very happy with everything that Dean Seals has done for us and appreciate all his work. You will find lots of helpful tools on the site. Such as, architectural control committee request forms and much more! If you have any suggestions for new content, please let us know. We want to make this website a useful tool for all our residents.



Bunco Group: Third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining the group or would like to substitute, please call Mell Whiting (443-243-6934). We are always in need of permanent players and substitutes.

Artist of the month: There is a signup sheet on the credenza for the "Artist of the month." We enjoy seeing the artistic talents of our residents. The artist this month is Judy Wright. Please stop by and enjoy her artistic work.

Wall Hanging of the month: Each month, a member of the Quilt Bee provides a wall hanging for the Clubhouse. Stop by and enjoy this month's wall hanging by Gwen Myers. If you are a quilter, we encourage you to show your quilting. Call Gwen Myers 830-832-8472 to add your name to the list on the credenza and include it in the monthly Newsletter. Join us at the Quilt Bee on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 in the Clubhouse. All levels of quilting skills are welcome.

Free Notary Service: Free notary service is available for residents of Vicksburg Village in need of such service. Contact Christine Klima at 830-370-8957 to make arrangements.



George's Korner – Jeopardy Style (Questions on last page)

On July 4, 1826, this composer of “My Old Kentucky Home” was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania.

This Italian Island honors Napoleon with an annual mass on May 5, the anniversary of his death.

Founded in the 11th century, this capital lies at the head of a FJORD.

Niger is to the west and Sudan to the east of this African Country.

Activities

Event	Day	Time	Contact
Bob Ross Style - Painting Class	TBD	TBD	Tom Whiting 443-243-6934
Bunco	3rd Wednesday	6:30PM	Mel Whiting 443-243-6934
Chicago Bridge	2nd Monday	1:00PM	Joy Morris 830-895-8821
Canasta	Thursday	1:00PM	Mary Etheridge 830-257-5124
Canasta- Pennies from Heaven	Friday	1:00PM	Mel Whiting 443-243-6934
Happy Hour	Friday	5:00PM	Putt Shaw 830-285-8110
Mahjong	Tuesday	2:00PM	Carolyn Wilkinson 830-729-5541
Men's Coffee	M, T, Th, F	8:30AM	Mike Michalec 830-739-8640
Poker Night	Every Other Tuesday	5:00PM	Barney "B.B."Mays 830-955-9012
Quilt Bee	1st and 3rdMonday	1:00PM	Gwen Myers 830-832-8472
Stitching	Wednesday	1:00PM	Mel Whiting 443-243-6934
Nine-Ball Pool	Thursday	9:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Eight - Ball Pool	Friday	7:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Water Exercise	M, W, F	7:00AM	Betty Aronsen 830-896-2187
Water Exercise	T, Th, Sat	10:00AM	Mary Lou Bartels 830-257-8066
Wednesday Coffee	Wednesday	9-ish AM	Office 830-257-2442

	ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL	CC&R 's, Bylaws & Rules	BEREAVEMENT	BUDGET & FINANCE	CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES	ELECTION
Chair	Christine Klima	Sitting President	Annie Snellgrove	Sitting Treasurer	Tom Johnson	Mary Ellen Terry
	Bonnie Flory	Gail Johnson	Ruth Maples	Sitting President		Betty Aronsen
	Don Killmer	Putt Shaw	Lou Koch	Putt Shaw		Bonnie Flory
	Sherrill Hutson	Lee Wright	Lois Korbelik			Barbara Gaither
	Billy Ponce		Carolyn MacAskie		Clubhouse	Mel Whiting
	Dean Reynolds		Mary Etheredge		Committee	Joy Morris
			Sherrill Hutson		Sitting President	Putt Shaw
			Babs Morgan			George Scheirton
			Sharon Nole			
			Carolyn Brooks			
	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	Clubhouse Decorating	NOMINATING (ad hoc)	WELCOME	Blog	Common Areas Gardening
Chair	TBD	Sharon Preston	Last full-term President	Gail Johnson	Jim Froemke	Roxanne Case
	Don Flett	Sharon Nole	Appointee, TBD	Rosa Marie Ochoa		Darrel Case
	Mike Kempf	Betsy Flett	Appointee, TBD	Gerry Stamps		Don Flett
	Timmy Matthias	Roberta Mettepenningen				Kim Marks
	Violet Matthias				Website	Sharon Preston
	Mike Michalec				Tom Johnson	Gerry Stamps

Questions

Who is Stephen Foster?

What is Elba?

What Is OsIs?

What is the Republic of Chad?

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