



# The VVHOA



## Voice

April, 2  24

### President's Message:

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning “to open [bud],” because plants really begin to grow now.

I have come to realize that even though I have “grown up” and now even started to shrink physically, it is no excuse not to continue to “grow”. Since retired I have learned new skills, read books that I had put off reading. Learning about new technology, advances in physics, discoveries in astrophysics even learning how to play Mahjong all make me wonder how did I ever have time to “work”. We all have different interest and skill sets, but finding things to keep your mind and body active beats sitting around being a vegetable and a plus is that it can take your mind off those aches and pains that seem to sneak in. I used to wonder what my grandparents used to complain about, and darn it, I found out. So Spring for me is a good time to rejuvenate, brush off the winter cobwebs and start have fun doing those things that I enjoy.

Christine Kilma spent a lot of time visiting those that we were needing current roster information. A big thank you to her for helping out. Please if you change your email or phone please let me or Leah know so we can keep our records current.

The Age Compliance Survey was mailed out on 3/26, so you should have it or be getting it soon. Please return the survey as soon as possible. As mentioned in the cover letter is a Federally mandated requirement for our over 55 community. Just to make it clear, this is to keep us exempt from paying Federal Income Tax and none of us want our monthly fees increased just to pay more taxes.



**Link to Kerrville Eclipse Information**

**<https://www.kerrvilletx.gov/2042/Kerrville-Eclipse-Festival>**

**Link to Eclipse Preparedness**

**<https://vicksburgvillage.net/april-8-2024-eclipse/>**

**Link to How to Photograph an Eclipse**

**<https://www.mreclipse.com/SEphoto/SEphoto.html>**

# April Highlights



## Battle of San Jacinto

**April 21, 1836**

Defeat of a Mexican army of about 1,200–1,300 men under Antonio López de Santa Anna by about 900 men (mostly recent American arrivals in Texas) led by Gen. Sam Houston. Fought along the San Jacinto River, near the site of what was to be the city of Houston, the battle ensured the success of American settlers in the Texas Revolution (War of Texas Independence).

Citizens of the new Republic of Texas responded to the destruction of the Alamo and massacre of the unarmed “Texians” captured at Goliad with outrage. Volunteer companies rushed to join General Samuel Houston’s growing Texas army. Meanwhile, Mexican General Santa Anna marched his army to crush the Texan rebels.

Source: Britannica

## April 2024

April 1: April Fools Day

April 18: Tax Day

April 2: National Peanut and Jelly Day

April 20: Husband Appreciation Day

April 4: National Burrito Day

April 21: San Jacinto Day

April 6: National Love Our Children Day

April 22: Earth Day

April 7: National Beer Day

April 23: National Talk Like Shakespeare Day

April 11: National Pet Day

April 24: National Pigs in a Blanket Day

April 13: Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday

April 26: Arbor Day

April 14: National Gardening Day

April 27: Confederate Memorial Day

April 15: Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

April 28: National Superhero Day

April 17: Bat Appreciation Day

April 30: Honesty Day

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\* **Spring Native Plant Sale**

\* April 20th at 9:00am-12:00pm

\* Spring Native Plant Sale will be held at Riverside

\* Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St., Kerrville, Texas on Saturday April 20th from 9am until noon (or until sold out).

\* Tax free on all purchases.

\* Last year several residents told me they wish they had known about this event.



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**Office Hours:** Monday & Wednesday 8am-2pm Tuesday and Thursday 12pm-3pm

*Office closed: April 1st, 8th, 16th and Leah will leave at 11am on the 10th*

**Vicksburg Village Website:** Please visit our website at [vicksburgvillage.net](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 sign up sheet on the credenza for the “Artist of the month.” We enjoy seeing the artistic talents of our residents. The artist this month is Carolyn Wilkinson. Please stop by and enjoy her artistic abilities! **Since we moved the picture hanger over the piano do not hesitate to call me at 979-299-8557 and I will or will get someone to help hang your artwork.**

**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 Gail Johnson. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Every Thursday evening at 5 pm,** the Widows (and single ladies) of Vicksburg meet at different restaurants in town for a lovely dinner. Great way to meet your neighbors, and not have to cook, and eat alone! Here is our schedule:

**April**

4th Jimador (across from Billy Gene’s)

11th Rio Ranch

18th Sake

25th Classic Burgers

**May**

9th Acapulco

16th Billy Gene’s

23th Carmines

30th China Town

**PLEASE JOIN US—ITS FUN**

## COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS


I often get comments, suggestions and advice from residents so I thought I would pass on some of them.

### Mailbox Etiquette:

- 1 The flag on the mail boxes is raised by the postman after the mail is delivered so residents know when it has arrived not when you put mail in the outbox.
- 2 Please be sure the package mail boxes are closed after removing your delivery if not the door may blow open and get rain inside.

### Pets: This has been a common and lately a frequent complaint.

- 1 There is an increasing number of roaming cats in the neighborhood. Kerrville Animal Control has been contacted. If you own a cat, that is roaming the neighborhood, please be aware of the CC&Rs guidelines on pet ownership: “All pets must be on a leash that is in the hand of an Owner or occupant and controlled by the Owner or occupant at all times when outside of the enclosed home structure of the Owner.”
- 2 Of course this also applies to dogs.



**Join us on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00am**  
**Meet your neighbors,**  
**Learn what is current in Vicksburg Village**  
**Birthdays, Anniverseries, Health Reports**  
**Have a laugh or groan at “jokes”**  
**Play a little trivia**

A fifty cent donation per person  
goes to for the coffee and local charities



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

1. According to song, if you do this, “put it in your pocket, never let it fade away”
2. Clark Gable as Fletcher Christian helped propel the 1935 film to Best Picture, the first remake to win an Oscar.
3. In the epilogue to Moby Dick, this rescued narrator quotes from the book of Job: “and I only am escaped alone to tell thee”
4. He’s Dudley Do-Right’s dastardly mustachioed nemesis
5. This “Beehive State” keeps busy with the USA’s birth rate.

# **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

## **CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE**

We would like to celebrate all mothers for the month of May. We are requesting that you bring up a framed photo of your mother or as you as a mother. Please bring the photographs to the clubhouse during the week of April 22-26. All pictures will be lovingly displayed around the clubhouse during the month of May. Let's celebrate mothers!

## **CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES COMMITTEE**

Please text or call Linda Lavretta if you remove or borrow any items from VV clubhouse like card table cloths or kitchen items. Remember, BUNCO group needs 3 card table cloths for third Thursday game each month. Thanks Linda 770-650-7890

## **WELCOME COMMITTEE:**

Welcome to the neighborhood, Randy and Jo Havel, who met at college in Ohio. Randy served as a Marine, then took a job in Minnesota, where they had lived for 38 years before making the move to Kerrville. They have three sons, one in Palmer, Alaska, and another managing a hunting camp in Minnesota. They keep their third son close to their hearts, who passed away at the age of 12. Their hobbies are fishing and hunting, and they have their trophy catches and hunts decorating the walls of their new home. We all look forward to meeting them at Clubhouse events.

## **CC&Rs COMMITTEE:**

The CCR Committee continues to meet each Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 continuing together reading each line of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, editing for clarity, and studying the latest legislated State and Federal regulations to ensure compliance. We share a commitment to view each category of this governing document to the best of our knowledge, with attention to any necessary changes that promote the social welfare of property owners and further create community.

# Activities

Event	Day	Time	Contact
Bob Ross Style - Painting Class	TBD	TBD	Tom Whiting 443-243-6933
Bunco	3rd Wednesday	6:30PM	Mel Whiting 443-243-6934
Chicago Bridge	2nd Monday	1:00PM	Joy Morris 830-895-8821
Canasta- Pennies from Heaven	Friday	1:00PM	Gloria Valentine 830-955-5267
Happy Hour	Friday	5:00PM	Putt Shaw 830-285-8110
Mahjong	Tuesday, Sunday	2:00PM	Carolyn Wilkinson 210-422-7821
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
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
Movie Night	Last Thursday	6:30 PM	Tom Whitting 443-243-6933

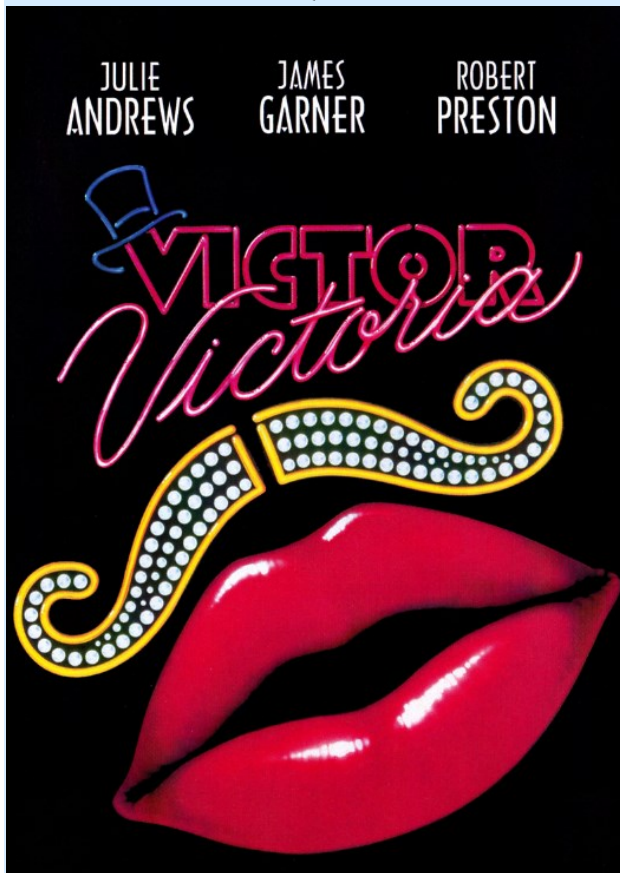
# Committees

Architectural Control	Bereavement	Budget & Finance	CC&Rs By Laws & Rules	Clubhouse Decorating
<b>Christine Klima</b>	<b>Anne Snellgrove</b>	<b>Sitting President</b> <b>Sitting Treasurer</b>	<b>Gail Johnson</b> <b>Sitting President</b>	<b>Sharon Preston</b>
Sherrill Hutson	Linda Lavretta	Linda Lavetta	Laurie Sheets	Anne Snellgrove
Dean Reynolds	Mary Etheridge	Larry Stamps	Cindy Breen	Sharon Nole
Bonnie Flory	Ruth Maples		Andy Starck	Betsy Flett
Bill Ponce	Sherrill Hutson		Donna Bryant	Cindy Seals
Don Kilmer	Barbara Arkett		Kim Marks	Mary Staudt (sub)
	Babs Morgan			
	Carolyn Brooks			
	Sharon Nole			
Common Area Gardening	Clubhouse Maintenance & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome
<b>Roxanne Case</b>	<b>Linda Lavretta</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Terry</b>	<b>Larry Stamps</b>	<b>Gail Johnson</b> <b>Cindy Breen</b>
Kim Marks	Sharon Nole	Betty Aronsen	Don Flett	Mary Flett
Tom Wallace	Mary Flett	Mell Whiting		Gerry Stamps
Cindy Wallace	Anne Snellgrove	George Scheirton		
	Betsy Flett	Putt Shaw		
	Sharon Preston	Bonnie Flory		
		Barbara Gaither		
		Anne Snellgrove (sub)		
		Sharon Nole (sub)		

## INTERESTING FACT:

We've all heard that we have five senses: sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste. That idea goes back to the Greek philosopher Aristotle — but it's wrong. Modern science has identified as many as 32 senses, by looking at receptors in our bodies with the job of receiving and conveying specific information. Senses you might not know you have include your vestibular sense, which controls balance and orientation; proprioception, which governs how our bodies occupy space; thermoception, which monitors temperature; nociception, our sense of pain; and many more.

# Movie Night



**April 25, 2024**

**6:30PM**

**Popcorn Provided  
BYOB (Beverage)**



### Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President  
Tim Sheets: Vice -President  
Linda Lavretta: Secretary  
Judy Wright: Treasurer  
Gwen Myers  
Gloria Valentine  
Fred Fraley

### Questions

1. What is "Catch a Falling Star"
2. What is "Mutiny on the Bounty"?
3. Who is Ishmael?
4. Who is Snidely Whiplash?
5. What is Utah?