



# The VVHOA



## Voice

July, 2 🍉 24

President's Message:

### *It's Grillin' Time*

Whether its hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, or steak it all seems to taste better on the grill. Ice cold soda or beer, homemade ice cream, watermelon; all are refreshing and welcome on a warm summer day, like that cold dip in the Frio river (a Texas thing). A rite of passage for us in summer was going to Garner State Park, swinging on the rope to go in the river, and dancing at night.

Looking back I wish I could have appreciated more the times in summer when gathered for a family reunion or just a get together. I miss that social time that seems harder to recapture now.

If anyone is traveling this summer for family or vacation, be safe and enjoy while you can.

We start on July 3th until August 11 the Dog Days of Summer. If you did not know they are called that due to the dawn rising of Sirius (the dog star).

Given that Sirius is the brightest star in the sky, it's not hard to find. Click on picture to find Sirius



**Speaking of dogs here is a quote from Harry S. Truman**

**“ If you want a friend in Washington, buy a dog.”**

# July Highlights

## 4th of July Facts

1. The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4, 1776. That's actually the day it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress, but it wasn't signed by most signatories until August.
2. Americans typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day, "enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than five times," according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.
3. Three presidents have died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe.
4. John Adams believed that American independence should be celebrated on July 2, as that's the actual day the Continental Congress voted for independence in 1776.
5. Annoyed that Independence Day wasn't celebrated on July 2, Adams reportedly turned down invitations to July 4 celebrations throughout his life.
6. Massachusetts became the first state to make the 4th of July an official state holiday in 1781.

**Apollo 11** launched from Cape Kennedy on July 16, 1969, carrying Commander Neil Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin into an initial Earth-orbit of 114 by 116 miles. An estimated 650 million people watched Armstrong's televised image and heard his voice describe the event as he took "...one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" on July 20, 1969.



The **Louisiana Purchase** was a pivotal event in American history. In 1803, the United States acquired approximately 828,000 square miles of territory from France, effectively doubling its size. The purchase cost \$15 million, granting the U.S. control over land west of the Mississippi River, from New Orleans to the Rocky Mountains. **This works out to about 4¢ an acre.**



# Swimming Pool Etiquette

Please after using the pool clean up after yourself

Squeegee the floor if water is on it

Relocate the chairs if moved

Turn off the lights when leaving

Thank you

## July 2024

1st Chicken Wing Day

2nd World UFO Day

4th Independence Day



5th International Bikini Day

7th Chocolate Day

8th Video Games Day

9th National Sugar Cookie Day

10th Pina Colada Day

11th Make Your Own Sundae Day

12th Pecan Pie Day

13th Oxymoron Day

14th Bastille Day



15th Be A Dork Day

16th World Snake Day

20th Ice Cream Soda Day

22nd Ratcatcher's Day

24th National Tequila Day

26th Summer Olympics



29th Lasagna Day

31st National Watermelon Day

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:

### June

PLEASE JOIN US—ITS FUN

### July

6th The Ridge

13th Rio Ranch

20th Classic Burgers

27th Mamacitas

4th Holiday

11th Culvers

18th Billy Genes

25th China Town

**A big Thank You to Mike Michalec and Tim Sheets. We have had a lot of repair issues with our sprinkler system and that has kept these two busy.**

Please note that major sprinkler repairs are needed to be done by the plumber and we have to wait for him to get the repairs done.

**Summer Office Hours:** Monday & Wednesday 8am-2pm Tuesday 12pm-3pm.

**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 signup sheet on the credenza for the “Artist of the month.” We enjoy seeing the artistic talents of our residents. The artists this month is by Kandi Stimson. This colorful art is a collaborative piece done by using alcohol inks.

**Wall Hanging of the month:** Each month, a member of the Quilt Bee provides a wall for the Clubhouse. Stop by and enjoy this month’s wall hanging by an Anonymous Patriotic Quilter. 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.



I recently posted this on my Facebook page. It may just be me but the amount of this “stuff” seems more prolific. Just be careful and here is my rant:

I really am getting tired of the scam Emails. A couple of days ago I got one that my PayPal is being charged for buying almost a thousand dollars for Bitcoins, today I get one to pay over \$300 for Norton Antivirus and in the past got one to pay McAfee over \$500 plus the pop-up notices that my computer is infected and I need to call Microsoft to and pay them over \$500 to clean it up...It just does not stop and I feel for those that have no idea they are being scammed. I know a lot of this nonsense comes from out of the states but I would love to see these groups caught and prosecuted with severe penalties.

# Community Events

**BETSY FLETT HAS VOLUNTEERED TO COORDINATE A POTLUCK FOR THE 4TH OF JULY.**

**4:00PM FOR POTLUCK AT THE CLUBHOUSE AFTER A PARADE THROUGH THE VILLAGE WITH DECORATED VEHICLES.**

**BETSY HAS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE CLUBHOUSE**



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

## **Anagrams of Each Other**

1. To make a sauce more viscous, and the room where it might happen
2. A solo performance, and a newspaper description of it the following day

## **The 1940s**

3. This nickname for a history-changing weapon of 1945 came from a character in *The Maltese Falcon*

## **Alliterative People**

4. From 1934 to 1971 This noted photographer was a director of the Sierra Club

## **Female First**

5. 1933 this new head of the Department of Labor became the first female cabinet member

**The City of Kerrville has adopted new animal enforcement ordinance that went into effect this April. The entire 23 page ordinance is available on <https://vicksburgvillage.net>  
The following is the excerpt that would most apply to the Village.**

**Sec. 18-31. Nuisances.**

- (a) All dogs and cats, excluding community cats, shall be kept under restraint.
- (b) No dog or cat may be allowed to cause a nuisance. The owner of every dog or cat shall be held responsible for every behavior of such dog or cat under the provisions of this article.
- (c) A dog or cat is considered a nuisance if it damages, soils, defiles, or defecates on private property other than the owner's or on public walks and recreation areas unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the owner; causes unsanitary, dangerous, or offensive conditions; causes a disturbance by excessive barking or other noisemaking; chases vehicles; or molests, attacks, or interferes with persons or other domestic animals on public property.

***[As defined in the definition part of this ordinance: Community cat caregiver means a person who participates in trap-neuter-return.]***

- (d) **It is unlawful for a person to feed feral cats or to provide food for feral cats. It is an affirmative defense if the person is a community cat caregiver maintaining a community cat colony.**
- (e) If a community cat colony is the source for a substantial number of nuisance complaints from multiple sources, the affirmative defense under subsection (d) does not apply and the community cat colony must be relocated or the cats claimed by owners and re-homed. A substantial number of nuisance complaints means three or more complaints within the past 12 months. Multiple sources means that there are two or more reporting parties that do not reside at the same address.

**Sec. 18-32. Community cats.**

- (a) Community cats impounded on a nuisance complaint shall be humanely euthanized after expiration of the redemption period unless a community cat caregiver claims the community cat and agrees and is able to relocate the cat to another location, in compliance with this chapter. Community cats may be held longer, as space is available in the animal shelter.
- (b) Community cats that bite or scratch a person shall undergo rabies observation or testing, shall be euthanized in accordance with law, and may not be released, including to a community cat caregiver.

**Sec. 18-33. Redemption.**

- (a) A community cat released to a community cat caregiver may be released without payment of an impoundment fee, unless the community cat was seized pursuant to a nuisance complaint.
- (b) Any dog or cat confined for rabies quarantine, evidence, or other purpose may be redeemed by the owner thereof upon payment of a fee. Disposal of a dog or cat by any method specified herein does not relieve the owner of liability for violations and accrued charges.
- (c) No dog or cat required to be registered or vaccinated under this chapter may be redeemed until arrangements for such registration and vaccination have been made.
- (d) As a condition for redemption, the animal control authority may require a dog or cat, including community cats, to be microchipped and have the microchip registered such that the animal control authority is able to identify the owner or community cat caregiver, as applicable.

# COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

## **CC&Rs COMMITTEE:**

The committee continues to read and edit the CC&R's on Monday's at 5:30 in the clubhouse and welcomes two new members, Linda Lavretta and Gary Williams.

Together the committee has reviewed each line of our document through Article IV, Section 8, and continues to edit, ensuring clarity and compliance with 2021-2023 Laws, including references to HB 614 and HB 1193, as well as Texas Property Code Title 11 – Restrictive Covenants (public.law), to insure our CCR's comply by following with these Major Laws. Our goal is to complete this process by August, with the intent to provide our findings and recommendations to the VVHOA Board for their review, followed by legal advice by the law firm representing our Vicksburg Village HOA.

The ultimate goal is to present the amended CC&R's to all Vicksburg Village home owners for an approval vote in January, 2025 at a meeting as established in the VVHOA CCR's and By Laws.

## **WELCOME COMMITTEE**

Welcome to Alfred and Mary Speer, 414 Fitch, who will be moving in soon, and as time allows, will receive a visit from the Welcome Committee. All new residents are welcomed, with a visit, and provided an introduction to the Village. We welcome all new residents to the Village, and look forward to meeting each soon.

## 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
Canasta–Pennies from Heaven	Thursday	1:00PM	Carolyn Brooks 830-955-5408
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
CC&Rs Committee	Monday	5:30 –6:30 PM	Gail Johnson 979-299-9277

## 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		Gary Williams	
	Carolyn Brooks		Linda Lavretta	
	Sharon Nole			
	Wanda Benson			
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)		



# Vicksburg Village Movie Night

## “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”



**Matthew Broderick**  
**Thursday Night**

**July 25 - 6:30 pm**

**Popcorn Provided**

**BYOB**



### **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 are thicken and kitchen?
2. What are recital and article?
3. What is Fatman?
4. Who is Ansel Adams?
5. Who is Frances Perkins?