



The VVHOA



Voice

May, 2  24

President's Message:

“May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope.” Emily Brontë

What a wonderful thought to start May.

Recently I have found myself somewhat nostalgic, perhaps because of the upcoming Mother's Day, a conversation with her 95 year-old sister and that her 90 year-old brother is now in hospice. I have had some reflections on past events, and it has been rather nice to remember the good times and really some wonderful memories because of some very loving and caring grandparents. Reality, however, does set in when I realize that it will not be very long that I will be the oldest member of our family.

With this as a backdrop and thinking about hope, I look to the future and hope my family has as many good memories. I hope, as I am sure all of you do, that our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will find their way to be their best.

**“Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.”**

— Emily Dickinson

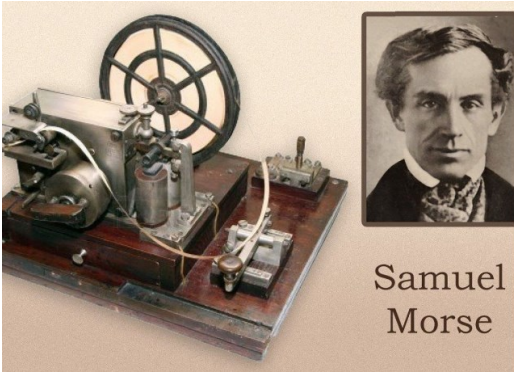


May Highlights

May 5, 1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft *Freedom 7* during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth. Shepard's success occurred 23 days after the Russians had launched the first-ever human in space, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, during an era of intense technological competition between the Russians and Americans called the Space Race.

May 20, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" who could acquire up to 160 acres by living on the land and cultivating it for five years, paying just \$1.25 per acre.

May 24, 1844 - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.



May 2024

May 1 May Day

May 2 National Day of Prayer

May 4 Kentucky Derby Day

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 6 National Nurses Day

May 7 National Teacher's Day

May 9 Lost Sock Memorial Day

May 12 Mother's Day

May 13 National Apple Pie Day

May 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day

May 15 Police Officer's Memorial Day

May 18 Armed Forces Day

May 24 National Escargot Day

May 25 National Wine Day

May 27 Memorial Day

May 28 National Hamburger Day

May 30 Mint Julep Day

May 31 Flip Flop Day



INTERESTING HUMMINGBIRD FACT

Colorblindness is relative. Just as we can perceive hues that **dogs** can't, **hummingbirds** can see colors that humans can't. Whereas the three types of color-sensitive cone cells in our eyes allow us to see red, green, and blue light, hummingbirds (and most other birds) have a fourth type of cone attuned to **ultraviolet** light. In addition to UV light, birds may even be able to see combination colors like ultraviolet+green and ultraviolet+red — something we mere humans can only imagine. Having four types of cones cells, known as **tetrachromacy**, is also common in fish and reptiles, and researchers believe that **dinosaurs** possessed it as well. Some very special humans also seem to have a fourth type of cone — about **1% of the population**.



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

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Summer Office Hours

Beginning May 13th
Monday and Wednesday
8:00am to 2:00pm
Tuesday
12:00pm to 3:00pm

Vicksburg Village Website: Please visit our website at 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 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 Peggy McCullough. 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.

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 for May:

9th Acapulco

16th Billy Gene’s

23th Carmines

30th China Town

PLEASE JOIN US—ITS FUN

File of Life



If you do not have a FILE OF LIFE red packet for each household member with your medical information or you need to update your present FILE OF LIFE, please find copies inside the Clubhouse to the right of the entrance. Should you find there are no copies remaining, kindly contact Gail Johnson at gailhj58@gmail.com or call at 979-299-9277, and more will be obtained.

The packet is magnetic and can attach to your refrigerator.

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Kerrville Fire EMS

FILE OF LIFE

Please review and update your medical information regularly.

- Fill out one page for each person.
- Fold the page and insert it in the red magnetic pouch.
- Place on the front of your refrigerator door.
- Call 830-258-1371 with any questions.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 _____ Gender: M F

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 Primary Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Do you have a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) Form? Yes No
 If yes, where? _____

Medication Allergies: _____

Current Medical Conditions: _____

Current Medications	Dosage	Reason for taking

Additional Information: _____



Do you Remember



TRAINS DON'T WANDER
ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH
BY MISTAKE
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS
HER HUSBAND JAKE

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE

The Burma-Shave Story link

THE WOLF
IS SHAVED
SO NEAT AND TRIM
RED RIDING HOOD
IS CHASING HIM

CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER

HE'S THE GUY
THE GALS FORGOT
HIS STYLE WAS SMOOTH
HIS CHIN WAS NOT

IF YOU THINK
SHE LIKES
YOUR BRISTLES
WALK BARE-FOOTED
THROUGH SOME
THISTLES

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
TAKE IT SLOW
LET OUR LITTLE
SHAVERS GROW

BEN MET ANNA
MADE A HIT
NEGLETED BEARD
BEN ANNA SPLIT

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU

SAW THE TRAIN AND
TRIED TO
DUCK IT
KICKED FIRST
THE GAS
AND THEN
THE BUCKET

IF YOU DON'T KNOW
WHOSE SIGNS
THESE ARE
YOU HAVEN'T DRIVEN
VERY FAR



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

1. Fittingly, a North Dakota National Park is named for this president who backed legislation to create National Parks and Preserves
2. The 1967 finale of *The Fugitive* drew in 78 million surpassing the 73 million who tuned in to this show Sunday, Feb. 9 1964
3. Founded in 1853, Washington University isn't in D.C. or Washington State but in this city on the Mississippi River
4. His story began in Salem, Massachusetts in 1804 and ended 60 years later during a trip to New Hampshire with Franklin Pierce

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE

Please enjoy all of the beautiful mothers on display in the clubhouse as we celebrate all mothers!

If you have not already brought to the clubhouse a picture of your mother, grandmother, or yourself as a mother please do so we can all celebrate mothers.

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.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE:

You may have noticed that a few of our residents have been approved to add some decorative stones/gravel to enhance their front yards and reduce water usage. If you are thinking about doing the same, you need to submit a written ACC request on the form provided on the village website. It will be very important to redirect or turn off some of your existing sprinkler heads before planning to use stones/gravel. The whole purpose of adding rock/gravel is to save water usage. If you have questions about your sprinklers, please contact Mike Michalec whose number is on your new resident list. Remember, front yard improvements need to be approved before you order anything. Your ACC committee responds to requests very quickly.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS CONT.

WELCOME COMMITTEE:

The Whites

Let us all welcome Lenard and Nancy White to 1403 Gloucester Pt, who met & married in San Antonio and moved to Vicksburg Village after over 20 years in the Fredericksburg area. Lenard works from home as materials estimator for a Fredericksburg lumber company. Nancy, originally from Torreón, Mexico, has lived in Texas most of her adult life, having graduated from Saint Mary's Hall and Incarnate Word College in San Antonio. She retired from work for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico in San Antonio where she was administrator, translator and interpreter for the Mexican Cultural Institute, experiencing the success of being present at the signing of NAFTA. You might see them on walks with Posey and Ziggy, two lovable and friendly pups. Welcome to Vicksburg Village.

The Bridenbaughs

Welcome to Texas, Jim and Deb Bridenbaugh, especially to Vicksburg Village. Originally from Ohio, Jim served in the Army and has a passion for fishing and hunting, and Deb enjoyed skiing and walked two miles to work every day. Both retired from the field of education, Jim working in K-12, while Deb at the University level in Bowling Green. They have spent over 20 years traveling in their fifth wheel, having been Camp Hosts at State and National Parks, Oregon Fish & Wildlife, San Juan Island National Historical Park in Washington, and many others across the United States. We are glad you are selling your fifth wheel and now settling in at home in Vicksburg Village.

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
Christine Klima	Anne Snellgrove	Sitting President Sitting Treasurer	Gail Johnson Sitting President	Sharon Preston
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
Roxanne Case	Linda Lavretta	Mary Ellen Terry	Larry Stamps	Gail Johnson Cindy Breen
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)		

Movie Night



May 30

6:30pm

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. Who is Theodore Roosevelt?
2. What is the Ed Sullivan Show?
3. What is St. Louis?
4. Who is Nathaniel Hawthorne?