



The VVHOA



Voice

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President's Message:

October, doesn't octo mean 8. I know that October was the eight month of the ancient Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12 month calendar they tried to change the name to various Roman emperors, but October remained the favorite. What I don't understand; when the Gregorian calendar became the standard, why the didn't it change the names of September, October, November and December. In my opinion it was a lost opportunity.

October is the month of change and harvest. We see the symbols of Fall decorated everywhere, cornucopias filled with the harvest fruits and vegetables also seen as are colorful autumn leaves, and lets not forget the pumpkins. I recently read that many of these icons of fall were Celtic in origin. The Celts celebrated Mabon during the fall equinox. Halloween traditions are a direct descendent of the Celts' celebration of Samhain. They carved not pumpkins but turnups.

The harvest exists because of seeds being sewed. I miss my gardens of the past. I did not have to have gardens to exist in order eat as did our fore bearers but there was something about planting seeds, nurturing them and then being rewarded with food that seemed to taste much better that the grocery store produce. I have fond memories of teaching my granddaughters how to harvest pumpkins, cook the raw pumpkin then process it in my grandmother's conical sieve and pestle (which I still have and use) to get the pumpkin puree for making our pumpkin pies.

Last week being with all my children (which does not happen often) I realize I also planted another type of seed. I have wondered if I did right my children, but my oldest daughter said that they were grateful that I allowed them to be and grow into what they are. I could not ask for a better harvest.

Dear Vicksburg Village Residents,

The Board of Directors of Vicksburg Village Homeowners Association is kindly requesting you to share your ideas for the community's improvement and development. Thus, we are inviting you to run to be a member of the Board of Directors.

We understand that you may feel hesitant to accept this invitation. You might be worried about the amount of time you need to commit to the role; however, we urge you to understand that the Board's role is an integral one in ensuring the success of our community.

In all transparency, serving on the Board of Directors will take up some of your time – perhaps more if there is a major project coming up. We hold board meetings every month, which we encourage you to attend, though we conduct our work through emails as well.

Vicksburg Village Homeowners Association does employ our office manager, Leah, that shares a lot of the work. performs most of the administrative tasks as well as other tasks such as dues collection, financial reporting, homeowner communication, and vendor management.

We are asking you to join the Board of Directors because you can assist Vicksburg Village HOA become the best it can be. We are requesting to hear your ideas on community maintenance and improvement as well as your thoughts on the covenants and rules that govern our association.

Joining the HOA board can allow you to help safeguard our property values, protect the HOA's interest, help fellow residents, give back to the community, solve problems, have an opportunity to learn, meet more residents, change rules as needed, help manage the business and assist setting policies, and be a visionary by helping to facilitate creating a plan for the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Should you wish to become a candidate to join the board please contact Leah so she can provide you with a short form to fill out and give to the nominating committee.

I would like to emphasize that this will be a very important election because we will have four Board Member positions coming up for election. Without a board we would not have a functioning HOA, so please consider serving and supporting this wonderful community.

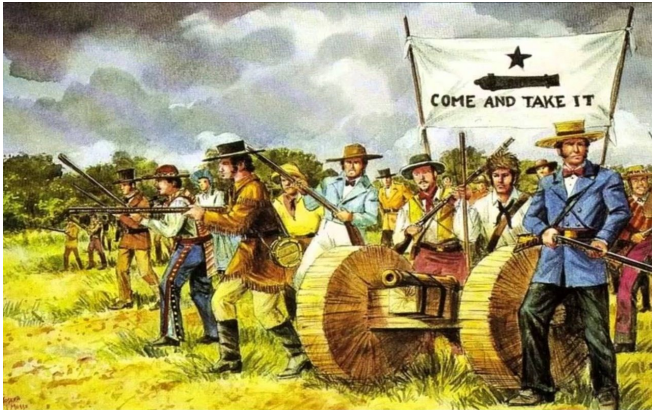
We are also asking for residents to volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee. If you wish to participate please let myself or any board member know. The committee should be in place by November.

October Highlights

Texas Historical October Events

The Revolution and the Republic

October 2, 1835 – Texans drove back troops of the Mexican cavalry at the [Battle of Gonzales](#). The revolution began.



October 9, 1835 – The [Goliad Campaign of 1835](#) ended when George Collingsworth, Ben Milam, and forty-nine other Texans stormed the presidio at Goliad and a small troop of Mexican defenders.

October 28, 1835 – [Jim Bowie](#), [James Fannin](#), and 90 Texans defeated 450 Mexicans at the Battle of Concepcion, near San Antonio

World Historical October Events

After sailing across the Atlantic Ocean, Italian explorer [Christopher Columbus](#) sights a Bahamian island on **October 12, 1492**, believing he has reached East Asia.

October 1, 1949 - The People's Republic of China was founded with Mao Zedong as Chairman.

National Historical October Events



October 1, 1908 - [Henry Ford](#)'s Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 3, 1863 - US President Abraham Lincoln declares every fourth Thursday of November as the American Thanksgiving Day

October 13, 1775 - Establishment of the Continental Navy during the American Revolutionary War.



October 28, 1886 - The Statue of Liberty (Liberty Enlightening the World) was dedicated on Liberty Island in New York Harbor in New York City.

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October 2024

1st International Day for the Elderly	20th Brandied Fruit Day
2nd Rosh Hashanah (Happy New Year)	21st Pumpkin Cheesecake Day
4th National Golf Day	24th National Bologna Day
6th Come and Take It Day	25th Howl at the Moon Night
9th Moldy Cheese Day	26th National Mincemeat Day
11th Yom Kippur	27th Black Cat Day
12th National Gumbo Day	28th National Plush Animal Lover's Day
14th Columbus Day	29th National Frankenstein Day
17th Wear Something Gaudy Day	30th National Candy Corn Day
18th National Meatloaf Appreciation Day	31th Halloween/All Hallows' Eve

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:

October

November

PLEASE JOIN US—ITS FUN

Oct. 3th	Billie Genes	Nov. 7th	Mamacitas
Oct 10th	Lake House	Nov. 14th	Culvers
Oct. 17th	Freddy's Steakburger	Nov. 21	Dickey's BBQ
Oct. 24th	Margarita City	Nov. 28	HOLIDAY
Oct. 31st	Cracker Barrel		

December

January

Dec. 5th	China Town	Jan. 2nd	HOLIDAY
Dec. 12	Classic Burgers	Jan. 9th	Lake House
Dec. 19th	Rio Ranch	Jan. 16th	Cracker Barrel
Dec. 26th	HOLIDAY	Jan. 23th	Acapulco
		Jan. 30th	Billie Genes

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

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 artists this month is by Caroline Wilkinson.

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 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 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 in the Clubhouse. All levels of quilting skills are welcome.



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

Geographical Nicknames

1. In Germany, it's “The Town of the Pied Piper”.

Awards and Honors

2. Sylvia Plath was awarded one of these scholarships whose name contains a synonym for “Smart”.
3. Columbia University began handing out these awards in 1917.

American History

4. In November 1620, this document was signed onboard a ship of Cape Code.
5. When this beloved First Lady died in 1849, the “Ladies of Virginia” were urged to wear a black bow or ribbon in tribute.
6. In 1925 John T. Scopes was put on trial, convicted, and fined for teaching evolution in this Southern state.

Community Events



Tuesday October 1st
Vicksburg Village Club House
5:30 – 7:00 pm

- Come with your neighbors and friends to meet members of Kerrville Police & Fire Departments. Ask questions and voice concerns you may have.
- Meet new neighbors and friends.
- Enjoy a Chili Dog Potluck supper. Bring your favorite dish to share.
- Sign Up sheets on credenza. Please sign up by Sep 29.

Thanks!

Join Us For An End of Summer Celebration



Homemade Ice Cream Social
Sunday October 6th
VVHOA Clubhouse
2:00 to 4:00pm

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CC&Rs COMMITTEE:

The CCR'S Committee has completed its review and draft amendments to our current Thirteenth Amended Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR'S) and the Bylaws of Vicksburg Village Homeowners Association of Kerrville, TX, Inc. (A Texas Nonprofit Corporation). On Thursday, September 19, 2024, the results of our study and the draft amended documents were provided to the members of our Board of Directors.

The goal is following the review and any recommendations by our directors, the documents will be sent to our Vicksburg Village HOA lawyer for his review for compliance with current HOA laws as per the Texas Legislature, and then to all Owners in ample time before the January 2025 Annual meeting.

When the CCR'S Committee began its weekly meetings on Monday evenings beginning February 5, 2024, it set the goal to read and review each line of the various dates of our present amended documents and indicate necessary updates that would be needed to bring the CCR'S in compliance with current HOA laws and provide current information for the welfare of all owners. By doing so, we were immediately able to review, edit and record changes and additions.

It would be difficult to enumerate all that each member of the CCR'S Committee contributed. However, it is an absolute pleasure to report that this committee represents wonderful neighbors with talents and desire to serve our village by updating our governing documents to include changing times and economy, and to comply with changing HOA laws. Most importantly, each has the desire and willingness to spend their time and efforts to ensure the continued welfare of each owner, resident and neighbor in Vicksburg Village. Please let each member know how much you appreciate their work.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

WELCOME COMMITTEE

October 2024 – Two Vicksburg Village homes have new owners. The Welcoming Committee has set up times to visit with our new neighbors. While they are busy getting their new home set up to move in and have furniture delivered, we look forward to the scheduled visit. Watch next months' Newsletter to meet your new neighbors' names and addresses.

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING

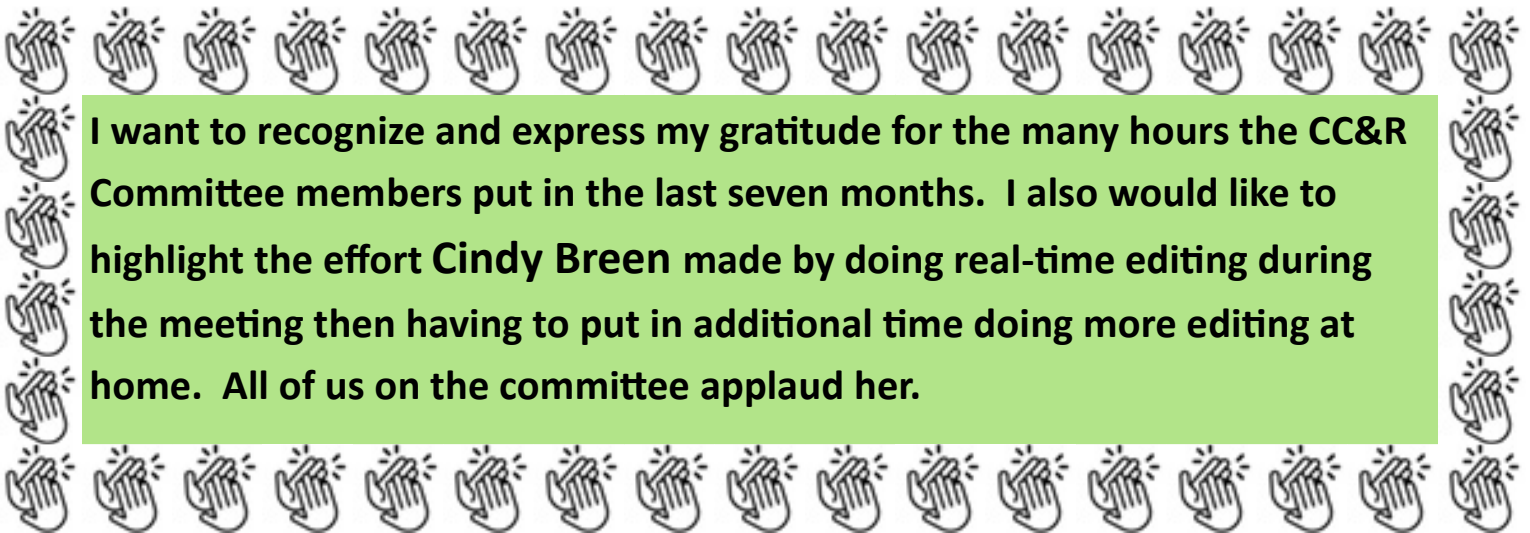
Our theme for October is Halloween! We hope you don't get too big of a fright!

On another note: PLEASE READ! Our November theme will celebrate our fabulous veterans like we did last year. Please consider bringing up a framed picture of either you or a loved one who has served in the military. We will be requesting that these pictures are dropped off in the clubhouse beginning the last week of October. Questions? Please contact Sharon

Preston

512-203-2865

Sharon Preston



I want to recognize and express my gratitude for the many hours the CC&R Committee members put in the last seven months. I also would like to highlight the effort Cindy Breen made by doing real-time editing during the meeting then having to put in additional time doing more editing at home. All of us on the committee applaud her.

From the MWF Water Exercise Group

A big thank you to the 3 gals who always do the squeegee (you know who you are) after the 7 am water aerobics class! You help to make the pool area neat for anyone who uses the pool!!! Thank you!!!!

Activities

Event	Day	Time	Contact
Bob Ross Style - Painting Class	TBD	TBD	Tom Whiting 443-243-6933
Bunco	3rd Wednesday	6:30PM	Mell Whiting 443-243-6934
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 Whiting 443-243-6933
CC&Rs Committee	Monday	5:30 –6:30 PM	Gail Johnson 979-299-9277
Clubhouse Cleaning	Monday	2:00-5:00 PM	

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		Gary Williams	
	Carolyn Brooks		Linda Lavretta	
	Sharon Nole			
	Wanda Benson			
Common Area Gardening	Clubhouse Maintenance & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome
Roxanne Case		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)		

Vicksburg Village Movie Night



Gene Wilder – Peter Boyle
Cloris Leachman

Thursday Night

Oct 31 - 6:30 pm

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President

Tim Sheets: Vice -President

Linda Lavretta: Secretary

Judy Wright: Treasurer

Gwen Myers

Gloria Valentine

Larry Stamps

Questions

1. What is Hamelin?
2. What is a Fulbright Scholarship?
3. What are the Pulitzer Prizes?
4. What is the Mayflower Compact?
5. Who is Dolly Madison?
6. What is Tennessee?