



The VVHOA



Voice

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President's Message:

WOW! Where did August go? September, really? At least no more buying school supplies, new clothes, backpacks, getting the kids to early morning extra curricular activities. Maybe I do miss that just a little. I have been to games to see grandchildren play and I notice that something has changed with the bleacher seats; they are not near as comfortable as they used to be.

Fall begins on the 22nd but here in Texas I really don't remember much change in the weather until late October, except for the occasional hurricane or tropical storm. (I grew up on the Gulf Coast).

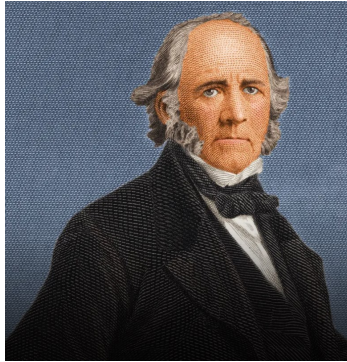
How many of you played in the band and had to march in woolen uniforms during the hot, humid days of September? At our school we also had to wear woolen hats with a big white plume. People think the football players are tough, but wait until you march in a parade playing music for miles in the Texas sun in those uniforms. I carried a tuba, not one of the new fiberglass ones but big wrap-around chrome-plated brass one. I will let you in on a little secret. Tubas make for a great place to hide things, during the Fiesta Flambeau Parade (it is a night time parade) in San Antonio, somehow flares being used in the parade ended up in my tuba. We got to have our own little light show after getting back home.

“There is a time in late September when the leaves are still green, and the days are still warm, but somehow you know that it is all about to end, as if summer was holding its breath, and when it let it out again, it would be autumn.” – Sharyn McCrumb

September Highlights

Texas Historical September Events

On September 5, 1836, [Sam Houston](#) is elected as president of the Republic of Texas, which earned its independence from Mexico in a successful military rebellion



The deadliest natural disaster in American history remains the [1900 hurricane](#) in the island city of Galveston, Texas. On September 8, a category four hurricane descended on the town, destroying more than 3,600 buildings with winds surpassing 135 miles per hour.

Estimates of the death toll range from 6,000 to 12,000, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

World Historical September Events

The **Cry of Dolores** (Spanish: *Grito de Dolores*) occurred in [Dolores](#), Mexico, on 16 September 1810, when Roman Catholic priest [Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla](#) rang his church bell and gave the call to arms that triggered the Mexican War of Independence. The Cry of Dolores is most commonly known by the locals as "El Grito de Independencia" (The Independence Cry).

El Grito de Dolores



A statue of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla in front of the church in Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato

National Historical September Events

September 11, 2001 is an inflection point—there was life before the terrorist attacks and there is life after them. Nearly 3,000 Americans were killed on that clear, sunny morning when two hijacked airplanes crashed into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, another plowed into the Pentagon and a fourth was brought down in a crash on a Pennsylvania field by heroic passengers who fought back against terrorists.



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A Special Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation and recognition to a person who quietly does a lot for the association. He sees what needs to be done and just does them without any fanfare. I personally wish to express my gratitude for volunteering to take over of putting out the refuse can and then returning it, making one less chore for me. So thank you **Don Flett** for that and all the other tasks you perform.

September 2024

1st National Burnt Ends Day

2nd 1945 V-J Day/Labor Day

4th National Wildlife Day

6th National Lazy Mom's Day

7th National Beer Lover's Day

8th National Hug Your Hound Day

9th National Teddy Bear Day

12th National Chocolate Milkshake Day

13th National Bald is Beautiful Day

14th National Cream-Filled Donut Day

16th National Guacamole Day

18th Air Force Birthday

19th National Talk like a Pirate Day

21st National Pecan Cookie Day

22nd Autumn Equinox

23rd National Great American Pot Pie Day

25th National Lobster Day

26th National Shamu the Whale Day

28th National Ghost Hunting Day

29th National Coffee 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:

August

September

PLEASE JOIN US—ITS FUN

Aug. 1st The Ridge

Aug. 8th Margarita City

Aug. 15th Chinatown

Aug. 22nd Acapulco

Sept. 5th Rio Ranch

Sept. 12th Bella Sera

Sept. 19th Classic's Burgers

Sept. 26th Cracker Barrel

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 Tom Whiting.

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 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.



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

State's Celebrations

1. Every Labor Day Weekend people gather in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada, build a giant one of these and burn it.
2. The weekend after Labor Day, Holly Michigan holds a festival honoring this historic saloon smasher.

Quotable Notables

3. This French microbiologist said, “Chance favors only the prepared mind”

Museum-Podge

4. The portfolio of this Chinese-American architect includes the west wing of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.
5. The Vasa, a warship that spent 333 years under the sea, was salvaged and turned into a museum in this capital city.

Community Events

Join Us For An End of Summer Celebration

Homemade Ice Cream Social

Sunday October 6th

VVHO Clubhouse

2:00 to 4:00pm



**Mid-September there will be a
Sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse**

Observations on Aging

Contributed by Donna Bryant

“My wife never lies about her age. She just tells people she’s as old as I am. Then she lies about my age.”

— Patty Wooten

“Time might be a great healer, but it’s a lousy beautician.”

— George Burns

“You know your getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.”

— Mark Twain

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CC&Rs COMMITTEE:

The CCR'S Committee is drawing nearer to completing our review and recommendations of both our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and Bylaws for our Vicksburg Village. Upon completion, we will forward the redline/strike-out version, as well as the completed version to the Vicksburg Village Board of Directors for further review and recommendations. Upon completion of this process, the documents will be forwarded to our attorney.

The completed redline/strike-out version, as well as the completed version of both documents will then be sent to all owners for review ahead of the January 2025 Annual meeting.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

We welcome Scott Rogers, to Vicksburg Village, who moved into 455 Vicksburg. However, Scott (widowed) is not new to the area, his family has roots dating back to the 1800's. His children attended school in Harper, Texas and have grown up in the area as well. Scott is the senior investigator/ Rogers Forensic as a Senior Investigator performing forensic origin and cause fire/explosion investigation company working with the insurance industry, law firms and is an expert witness in the field. He moved to Vicksburg from the Mountain Home area this year and enjoys town living.

We welcome Scott to the Village and will be waving as he heads out to work, which keeps him busy.

Scott Rogers CFI, CFEI, CVFI, OSHA

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COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

ACC COMMITTEE:

Here's a friendly reminder that our village has regulations about tree trimming above roadways and sidewalks. Tree branches over all streets must be at least 14 feet high. Branches over sidewalks must be at least 10 feet high. Homes with both front and back yards facing streets and sidewalks need to be in compliance on both sides.

Thank you to all who have completed your trimming or are soon to have it done. It looks great.

Our village has completed all the "common area" trimming. As of August 25 there remained 16 properties still needing trimming, so please go out and check your trees. Thank you!

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING

Theme for the Clubhouse is Happy Birthday.

Tree Trimming Information

We have many trees here which do need to be trimmed. Is yours one of them?

VVHOA has trimmed the trees that are in the Common Areas. If you need to hire someone to trim your trees we used Trey Crooks 830-329-5124.

Thank you in advance for getting your trimming done soon. If you have questions about this, please call your ACC Chair, Christine Klima 830-370-8957

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
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 Whiting 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
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	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)		

Vicksburg Village Movie Night

“What Women Want”



Mel Gibson - Helen Hunt

Marisa Tomei

Thursday Night

Sep 26 - 6:30 pm

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President

Tim Sheets: Vice -President

Linda Lavretta: Secretary

Judy Wright: Treasurer

Gwen Myers

Gloria Valentine

TBD

Questions

1. What is a Man? (Acceptable: Effigy)?
2. Who is Carrie Nation?
3. Who is Louis Pasteur?
4. Who is I.M. Pei?
5. What is Stockholm?