



The VVHOA



Voice

November, 2  24

President's Message:

November is mainly known for Thanksgiving but also has Veterans Day. Although I am thankful for the many “good things” that have come my way I am also grateful for so many others. The difference might seem small but by definition “thanks’ is being conscious of the actions of others where as gratitude means being affected by another and often gives one a bit of reflection. Many things that I am grateful for at the time they occurred may have seemed negative or even hurtful, but in retrospect were opportunities of learning and growth. While writing this the cliché term “School of Hard Knocks” pops in my head.

As we sit down for that Thanksgiving meal and hear the prayers for those things we should give thanks, maybe take the time to realize the things you are really grateful for. For myself people and relationships in the long run are what I feel I am most grateful for. I have learned more about myself and the nature of universal love through these interactions.

Veteran Day is another day to have an opportunity to reflect on being grateful for those that have served and those who never made it home. Most of us likely have someone in their family that gave the ultimate sacrifice. In my family I had an uncle I never got to meet. He left Schriener Institute here in Kerrville to join the Marine Corp in WWII. He was on the mop up operations at Guadalcanal then went to participate in the invasion in the Solomon Islands. On a regular patrol back to his base he was shot in the head by a sniper. He was only 20 years old.

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul." — Henry Ward Beecher

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 become a nominee for election as 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.

November Highlights

Texas Historical November Events

November 1528 – Cabeza de Vaca ship-wrecked on what is believed today to be Galveston Island. After trading in the region for some six years, he later explored the Texas interior on his way to Mexico.

November 3, 1835 – The Consultation met to consider options for the more autonomous rule for Texas. A document known as the Organic Law outlined the organization and functions of a new Provisional Government.

November 8, 1835 – The [Grass Fight](#) near San Antonio was won by the Texans under [Jim Bowie](#) and [Ed Burleson](#). Instead of silver, however, the Texans gained a worthless bounty of grass.

November 25, 1850 – In a plan to settle boundary disputes and pay her public debt, Texas relinquished about one-third of her territory in the [Compromise of 1850](#), in exchange for \$10,000,000 from the United States.



National Historical October Events

November 3: 1913: The first **American** citizens receive information over the new national income tax. A married man living with his wife, who is in receipt of an income of \$5,000 pays \$10 a year and if his income is \$10,000 he pays \$60 per year.

November 6: 1860: Abraham Lincoln is elected as the 16th President of the United States.

1952: Benjamin Harrison is elected as the 23rd President of the United States.

November 15: 1805 Lewis and Clark reach the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of the Columbia River.

November 22: 1963: John F. Kennedy Assassinated

November 26: 1883: Sojourner Truth, a former slave and prominent abolitionist and women's rights activist, dies in Battle Creek, Michigan.

November 28: 1861: Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation that government office be closed for a local day of thanksgiving. On Oct. 3th 1863 he issued a proclamation that the last Thursday of November be set aside as a day to Thanksgiving and Praise.

November Other Events

1954: Lewis Strauss, chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, claims that nuclear power will provide "electricity too cheap to meter" in the future.

World Historical November Events

November 3: 1918: The Ottoman Empire signs an armistice with the Allies, marking the end of World War I.

November 4: 1558: Mary I (Bloody Mary) dies and Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England.

November 12: 1927: Josef Stalin takes full control of the Soviet Union

The text in this newsletter [that looks like this](#) is a hyperlink to a web page for additional information.

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Nov 1: Dios Los Muertos

Nov 2: Deviled Egg Day

Nov 3: Housewife's Day

Nov 5: Election Day

Nov 7: Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day

Nov 10: USMC Day

Nov 11: Veteran's Day

Nov 13: Caregiver Appreciation Day

Nov 14: National Pickle Day

Nov 15: Clean Your Refrigerator Day



Nov 16: Have a Party with your Bear Day

Nov 17: Homemade Bread Day

Nov 19: Play Monopoly Day

Nov 22: Love Your Freckles Day

Nov 23: National Espresso Day

Nov 24: All Our Uncles Are Monkeys Day

Nov 27: Tie One On Day

Nov 28: Thanksgiving

Nov 29: Chia Pet Day

Nov 30: National Mason Jar 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:

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. Ph. 830-257-2442

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 The Art Tribe.

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)

1960s Movies

1. According to the title of a 1960's Disney classic, Fred MacMurray was this type of Professor.

Two Words for You

2. Appropriately, it's the two-word Latin name for a type of poem whose theme is living for today.

Literary Ladies

3. At 15 she wrote a satirical *History of England* by “A partial prejudiced & ignorant historian.

On the “B” List

4. This five-letter word for the verge of catastrophe also means the edge of a steep drop.

Giving Thanks

5. Two days after Thanksgiving is designated for shopping at these.

Community Events

Sharon Nole and I have made reservations for 30 at the YO BRANDING IRON on Thanksgiving Day at 11:30 am.

The cost is \$42 per person plus tip.

There is a sign up sheet at the Vicksburg Village Clubhouse by the wall art.

Please include the number in your party. Family and friends are welcome.

Looking forward and hoping you will join our Vicksburg gang! We had a great meal last year at Christmas with about 33 people attending.

Thanks,

Linda Lavretta

770-650-7890 for questions

Our November theme will celebrate our fabulous veterans like we did last year. Please bring up a framed picture of either you or a loved one who has served in the military. We request that the pictures are dropped off in the clubhouse beginning now. Please place photos on the ledge by the back windows.

Questions? Please contact Sharon Preston 512-203-2865

The most prominent symbol associated with Veterans Day is the Remembrance Poppy. The poppy's origin dates back to World War I, when Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields" described the red poppies growing among the graves of fallen soldiers. The poppy became a symbol of remembrance and was adopted by the British Legion and later by other countries, including the United States.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

WELCOME COMMITTEE

We welcome **Mark & Patricia Fetter**, and their Russell Terrier Reggie, at 407 Vicksburg Ave. They came to us by way of San Antonio, 25 years ago, then Wisconsin, Seattle, Arizona, and Florida. Having lived in all those states, and their visits to Mark's brother in Austin, it is from taking drives through Texas country roads, they settled on Kerrville as their home. Patricia is a retired nurse. They have four children: a daughter in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, who is an attorney for the US Embassy, a son in Oregon, another son in Florida, and a daughter who shares equal time living in New York and France. We look forward to sharing more stories, to get to know Mark & Patricia, and of course Reggie.

Welcome to **Bill and Diane Gallagher**, at 410 Fitch, along with Rowen, a friendly and yet protective pup, and Chibi, a fluffy cute poodle. Bill served 26 years in the Air Force, completing basic training and stationed in San Antonio. Thank you for your service, Bill. Diane lived in Kerrville, while Bill lived in San Antonio, when meeting for their first date, (deciding on a place half-way in the middle) they met in Center Point. It was a successful first date. They have been married 8 years, living in Fredericksburg for 2 ½ years, then San Antonio for 2 ½ years, then in Palacios, on Matagorda Bay for 3 years, before they settled on moving to Kerrville. Besides Diane's son who resides in New York, they are now family of Vicksburg Village. We look forward to meeting them at morning coffee, swimming, and or at Happy Hour in the Clubhouse. Welcome to the family at Vicksburg Village.

Vicksburg Village welcomes **Mark Jansen and Susan Edds Jansen**. Mark and Susan, married 15 years, lived in Kerrville and are still working on selling their former home, while having purchased and got to Vicksburg Village as fast as possible. Mark served 27 years in the Army and is now a retired Colonel. Thank you for your service, Mark. Having lived a year in California, Susan moved back to Texas in 2007, and now once again here in our Village. We welcome Mark and Susan and look forward to many more Happy Hours together.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CC&Rs COMMITTEE:

The CCR's Committee is happy to report that the Board of Directors has all the completed edited governing documents ready to present to our VVHA lawyer. We have no scheduled meetings of our committee until such time as there may be edits upon the lawyer's completion of his review and presentation to homeowners ahead of the annual meeting in January.

Thank you to all the members who diligently serve, as well as all who contributed to this review, and to our Board of Directors.

Gail Johnson, Chair

CCR'S Committee

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE

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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

Grumpy Old Men



**Jack Lemmon – Walter Matthau
Ann-Margret**

Thursday Night

Nov 21 - 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 the Absent-Minded?
2. What is Carpe Diem?
3. Who is Jane Austin?
4. What is the Brink?
5. What are small businesses?