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VOICE

February, 2  25

President's Message:

First I wish to welcome our new board members, Jan Parten, Cindy Breen and Dean Seals. I also want to thank you for re-electing me.

February, usually for us Texans is the coldest month of the year. Gail and I often say how grateful we are that we have a warm home. I really do not miss having to drive on snow and ice in the dark to get to work as I did when living in Virginia and commuting to Maryland. I am sure many of you also have had that *(feel free to add your own adjective here)* experience.

However February is also the "Love" month. What started a holiday to commemorate the martyrdom of St. Valentine it has morphed into a holiday when lovers express affection with greetings and gifts and now includes relatives and friends. So while the outside may be frigid we can warm our hearts by acknowledging those that we care about.

I know I have said this before but Vicksburg Village is one of the most caring, loving communities. I see this demonstrated almost every day. We don't need a special day or month it is just the way our residents show up. Bless you.

Cozy Winter Nights

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

The fire crackles, a gentle glow,
Blankets warm as the cold winds blow.
February nights, serene and still,
A time for peace, a heart to fill.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE:

Does anyone have Mardi Gras beads collecting dust? We would certainly appreciate any DONATIONS for our upcoming theme . If you have a donation please put them on the back ledge by the window.
Thanks so much!

Please Take Notice

Standing committees are reformed each year.

The Committee members will select their chair and submit their member list and chair selection to the board before the February board meeting. At that time the board will vote to ratify the committees.

**IF YOU WANT TO JOIN A COMMITTEE
EMAIL ME (tortuga103@gmail.com)
SO I CAN ADD YOU
TO THE LIST**

**As of right now there is no one sign up for
General Maintenance or
Clubhouse Maintenance & Supplies
Only one person for
Common Area Gardening**

February Highlights

Texas Historical February Events

1685 - February 16 - French explorer Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, looking for the mouth of the Mississippi River, lands in Texas by mistake. He establishes a colony, Fort St. Louis, on Garcitas Creek in present-day Victoria County.

1720 -February - San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo mission founded near San Antonio de Valero.

1836- February 23 -The Battle of the Alamo begins. It last 13 days.

1848 - Feb. 2 - Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo is signed, ending the War with Mexico and specifying the location of the international boundary.

1850 Feb. 11 - The first railroad to actually begin operation in Texas is chartered by the state government. The Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado begins operation in 1853

1861 Feb. 1 - The Secession Convention approves an ordinance withdrawing Texas from Union; the action is ratified by the voters on Feb. 23 in a referendum vote. Secession is official on March 2.

2017 February 1st: National Texas

Day: Celebrated every February 1st, this day is dedicated to recognizing the rich history and culture of Texas. It was started in 2017 as part of a larger effort to pay tribute to each state based on when they entered the Union.



National Historical February Events

Feb 1 - 1865 Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, officially abolishing slavery.

Feb 8 - 1910 Boy Scouts of America founded.

Feb 9 - 1861 US Congress authorizes US Weather Bureau.

Feb 11 - 1945 Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement.

Feb 17 - 1621 Myles Standish is elected the first commander of the Plymouth Colony.

Feb 18 - 1861 Jefferson Davis is elected as President of the Confederate States of America.

Feb 20 - 1869 Congress bans dueling in the District of Columbia.

Feb 20- 1962 John Glenn becomes the first U.S. astronaut to orbit Earth.

Feb 23- 1945 U.S. Marines raise the American flag over Iwo Jima.

Feb. 25 - 1925 Glacier Bay National Monument in Alaska is established.

Feb 26 - 1919 Congress creates the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

Feb 28 - 1849 The California Gold Rush begins as the first boatload of prospectors arrive in San Francisco.

Feb 29 - 1872 Yellowstone becomes the first National

World Historical February Events

Feb 6 - 1952 Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne of the United Kingdom.

Feb 11 - 1929 The Vatican becomes a sovereign nation.

Feb 15 - 399 BCE Socrates is sentenced to death in Athens for corrupting the minds of youth in the city.

Feb 28 - 1784 John Wesley charts the Methodist church.

February 2025

Feb 1: National Texas Day



Feb 2: National Tater Tot Day

Feb 3: National The Day The Music Died



Feb 5: National Shower with a Friend Day

Feb 8: National Boy Scout Day

Feb 9: Superbowl



Feb 10: National Umbrella Day

Feb 11: Nat Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day

Feb 14: National Cream-Filled Chocolates Day

Feb 15: National Red Sock Day (2025)

Feb 17: Nat. Random Acts of Kindness Day

Feb 18: National Drink Wine Day

Feb 20: National Love Your Pet Day



Feb 22: National Cook A Sweet Potato Day

Feb 23: National Banana Bread Day

Feb 24: National Tortilla Chip Day



Feb 25: Nat. Chocolate Covered Nut Day

Feb 26: National Tell A Fairy Tale Day

Feb 27: National Kahlua Day



Feb 28: National Tooth Fairy 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!

For more information contact Mary Ellen Terry

**Kerrville has updated their
Senior Services Resource Guide
Here is the link to the web page.**
[Senior Services Resource Guide](#)

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 Tom Johnson.

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 the late Lou Koch. 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)

Unusual-Looking Animals

1. This ugly eel with a very long snout has two sets of jaws and teeth.
2. Warthogs often use empty dens by these “Earth Pigs” to hide from enemies and to raise their young.

Named For A President

3. The Department of Commerce headquarters building is named for this president who once served a Commerce Secretary.
4. Fittingly, a North Dakota National Park is named for this president who backed legislation to create National Parks and Preserves.

State Stuff

5. The U.S. Naval Academy was founded in this State.
6. The Oswego Canal is part of it's 500 mile canal system.

PARTY

SUNDAY FEB 9

5:00PM

WVHA

CLUBHOUSE

BRING YOUR OWN

BEVERAGE AND FOOD

PAPER PLATES & NAPKINS FURNISHED



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

CO-SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF KERRVILLE & KERR COUNTY

WHO : City of Kerrville & Kerr County residents only –
No commercial businesses.

WHEN : February 22, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., noon

WHERE : Hill Country Youth Event Center
3785 Highway 27

WHAT : Household hazardous waste may be dropped off. Intended for household quantities only - large quantities may be rejected.

For more details on this event, point your phone's camera at the box to be taken to the City's website.

SCAN ME



** This is a first come, first served event. Vehicles must be inside the gate before noon.*

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Ammunition or explosives
- Biohazards or radioactive material
- Containers without a label
- Gas cylinders
- Medications
- Motor oil: new or used
- Oxygen tanks
- TVs or CRT Monitors with glass screens

SAFETY TIPS

To protect yourself and the workers accepting your HHW at the collection site, please follow these basic guidelines:

- Keep products in their original container and make sure labels are readable.
- Store and transport chemicals upright, not on their sides.
- Make sure the container is not leaking.
- **NEVER** mix products. This can be dangerous, even fatal.
- Keep chemicals in a cool, dry place out of reach of children and pets.

BEFORE YOU COME

- Make sure containers are 5 gallons or less
- Place items in a box if possible – for ease of transport
- Place items in trunk, back of SUV or truck bed
- Paint is disposable in household trash if dried out. (Limited to 25 gallons of paint/vehicle if brought to event.)
- Contact the City Public Works Department with any questions at (830) 258-1221.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- Enter through Gate 1 at the northwest entrance on Highway 27

For more details, use the QR code above or visit us at <https://kerrvilletx.gov/HHW>.



KERRVILLE
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YEAR ROUND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RECYCLING OPTIONS

NOTE: Business practices may change without the City being made aware. Calling the business before dropping off material is recommended.

Material	Business	Address	Phone
Automotive Batteries	Advance	1301 Sidney Baker	830-895-7390
	Autozone	200 W Main St.	830-792-5500
	CarQuest	1805 Water St.	830-257-3544
		2620 Junction Hwy	830-367-5712
	NAPA	601 Jefferson St.	830-257-6272
	O'Reilly	701 Sidney Baker St.	830-257-2503
	Scrap Solutions	126 Blue Ridge W	830-367-1775
	Walmart	1216 Junction Hwy	830-895-7949
Used Motor Oil	Autozone	200 W Main St.	830-792-5500
	O'Reilly	701 Sidney Baker St.	830-257-2503
	Walmart	1216 Junction Hwy	830-895-7949
Used Oil Filters	Walmart	1216 Junction Hwy	830-895-7949
Computers, Electronics & Phones	Scrap Solutions	126 Blue Ridge W	830-367-1775
TVs (Flat Screen)	Scrap Solutions	126 Blue Ridge W	830-367-1775
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs	Lowes	651 TX-534 Loop	830-792-9100
Rechargeable Batteries	Home Depot	1789 Sidney Baker	830-895-8800
	Lowes	651 TX-534 Loop	830-792-9100
Propane Tanks 4-40 lbs.	All permitted LP-gas dealers, wholesalers & retailers are required to accept old tanks for refurbishment, recycling or disposal at no charge to consumer.		

HELPFUL TIPS:

Paint may be dried in the can, sealed with duct tape, then added to household trash. If the paint can is fairly full, add a scoop of kitty litter and shake for faster drying.

To discard of household batteries, wrap batteries with duct tape so that the positive and negative posts are covered. Then, discard with household trash.

Activities

Event	Day	Time	Contact
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
CC&Rs Committee	Monday	5:30 –6:30 PM	Gail Johnson 979-299-9277
Euchre	Thursday	12:00PM	Sharon Nole 214-929-0018
Clubhouse Cleaning	Monday	2:00-5:00 PM	

Committees

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*"Love recognizes no barriers."
– Maya Angelou*

*"Love is the poetry of the senses."
– Honore de Balzac*

*"Trip over love, you can get
up. Fall in love and you fall
forever."
– Unknown*

*"At the touch of
love, everyone be-
comes a poet."
– Plato*



*"True love stories
never have endings."
– Richard Bach*

*"There is nothing better
than a friend, unless it is
a friend with chocolate."
– Linda Grayson*

*"Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden."
– Oscar Wilde*

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President

Tim Sheets: Vice -President

Secretary: Jan Parten

Treasurer: Cindy Breen

Gwen Myers: At Large

Larry Stamps: At Large

Dean Seals: At Large

Questions

1. What is the Moray Ell?
2. What are Aardvarks?
3. Who is Herbert Hoover?
4. Who is Theodore Roosevelt?
5. What is Maryland?
6. What is New York