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President's Message: **April, 2**  **25**

"Let April's light guide you toward a season of hope and fulfillment."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

You might have noticed that I have quoted Emerson before. He would be very high on a list of people that I like to go back in time and converse with. Last year I did a PowerPoint presentation of Waldo's (as he preferred to be called) quotes, only I did not tell anyone who quotes they were until the end of the presentation. We would discuss each quote as I presented them, what was supposed to be a one hour Zoom meeting went so well that I had to quit in the middle and finish the presentation at the following weekly meeting.

This last week I was reminded how important family is. I was sitting in the living room listening to some of our kids sitting around the dining room table just talking, laughing and enjoying being together. Ours are a blended family with diverse jobs and interest and yet they all really like each other and get along. However I am not too sure I like being reminded how old we are when one of the topics they were discussing was their retirement plans. Another indicator is when you go out to eat and your children get the senior discount.

I hope all of you that had hail damage are getting the help you need. It seems that occasional hail is a price we pay for living in the hill country. I grew up on the gulf coast in a hurricane zone. My mother lost her home in Celia. As bad as hail is, other weather can be a lot more damaging. I really do try to take the glass half-full vs half-empty approach to those things we have no control over.

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE:

Current theme for the clubhouse is Springtime.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:

"Regarding hail damage on roofs: If new roofing is required because of the recent hail storm, use the following as guidance.

No written request is needed if your new roof is matching existing roof.

Use only neutral colors to match existing roof or new roofing

All roofs are required to maintain and blend in with our community standards

If questions call Christine Klima 830-370-8957

Remember that the goal of our CCR's is "to have all improvements in the subdivision to be in harmony with their natural surroundings."

COMMON AREA AND GARDENING COMMITTEE:

Refurbishing our Vicksburg Village outdoor signage will be a Spring project for the Common Area and Gardening Committee. Anyone wanting to help please contact Kimberly Marks at kmarks@marksdesign.com.

WELCOME COMMITTEE:

Welcome new resident Cheryl Bowles-Sieker 410 Vicksburg

April

Texas Historical April Events

April 21 1836 the concluding military event of the Texas Revolution

The Battle of San Jacinto

Click on the pictures to link to explanations of the battle and the flag.

The Battle of San Jacinto – 1895 painting by [Henry Arthur McArdle](#) (1836–1908)



This is the only existing flag carried by the Texian army at the Battle of San Jacinto to remain in Texas. Flag painting by James Henry Beard.



National Historical April Events

- 1st: 1778** Oliver Pollack invents the dollar sign \$
- 2nd: 1792** Congress passes the Coinage Act and the United States Mint is born.
- 3rd: 1948** President Harry Truman signed the European Recovery Program also known as the Marshall Plan.
- 6th: 1917** United States formally enters WWI by declaring war against Germany.
- 9th: 1865** Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant following the battle of Appomattox Court House in Virginia.
- 12th: 1861** Start of the American Civil War.
- 18th: 1906** The deadliest earthquake in US with a 7.9 magnitude in northern California, killing more than 3,000 people.
- 23rd: 1908** US Congress created the Medical Reserve Corps, the official predecessor of the Army Reserve.

World Historical April Events

- April 15, 1912:** The RMS Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City, resulting in the deaths of over 1,500 people.
- April 12, 1961:** Yuri Gagarin became the first human to journey into space when he orbited the Earth aboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft, launched by the Soviet Union
- April 26, 1986:** The Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred in Ukraine, then part of the Soviet Union, when a reactor at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded, releasing a large amount of radioactive material into the atmosphere.

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

April 2025

April 1: [National Sourdough Bread Day](#)

April 2: [National PB&J Day](#)



April 4: [National School Librarian Day](#)

April 6: [International Pillow Fight Day](#)

April 7: [National Beer Day](#)

April 9: [National Name Yourself Day](#)

April 11: [National Pet Day](#)



April 12: [Passover](#)

April 13: [Palm Sunday](#)

April 15: [Tax Day](#)

April 16: [National Pajama Day](#)



April 18: [Good Friday](#)

April 20: [Easter Sunday](#)

April 22: [Earth Day](#)



April 25: [Arbor Day](#)

April 26: [National Pretzel Day](#)

April 29: [National Shrimp Scampi Day](#)

April 30: [International Guide Dog 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

No Soliciting

Last year I called the police because we had a young man going door-to-door selling something. When the police got here they informed me that a solicitor may enter our neighborhood if they have purchased a license from the city. You can ask any sales person to show you their license.

Also politicians have exempted themselves from neighborhood no-soliciting policies and can put out their ad material where ever they want.

The following page is information distributed by Christine Kilma.

City reminds citizens of door-to-door sales regulations

Kerrville, Texas (March 25, 2025) The City of Kerrville reminds residents and businesses of regulations regarding solicitation, peddling, and commercial ensuring public safety and protect private property activities to rights. person may between permission.

- ♦ **Residential Solicitation Restrictions:** No solicit, peddle, or canvass at residences 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. unless explicit is posted by the property owner or authorized resident. This restriction does not apply if the solicitor has been personally invited.
- ♦ **Street Commerce Prohibited:** It is unlawful to engage in commercial activities—including selling, peddling, or soliciting—in city streets, street rights-of-way, or medians. However, this restriction does not apply to sidewalks or non-traffic areas.
- ♦ **No Solicitation Signs Enforced:** Individuals may not solicit, peddle, or canvass on private property where a clearly visible sign states, "No Solicitors" or "No Trespassing", or something similar. Property owners are encouraged to use signage to indicate their preferences.

These regulations are in place to maintain safety and respect property rights. For questions or to report violations, contact the Kerrville Police Department at (830) 257-8181.

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 **Carolyn 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 **Kathy Ballard.** 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)

Vocabulary

1. This tight-fitting garment was the last name of a 19th century French trapeze artist.

Three “B”s of Classical Music

2. This period of music that saw the first attempts at opera ended with the death of Johann Sebastian Bach
3. The word beautiful sometimes appears in the title of this waltz, an unofficial anthem of Austria
4. Vivaldi wrote 230 violin concertos, his most for any instrument; second are his 40 or so for this “B” woodwind

Authors Born and Died

5. Dublin-born in 1882, he died in Zurich in 1941
6. His story began in Salem Massachusetts in 1804 and ended 60 years later during a trip to New Hampshire with Franklin Pierce

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 3rd Monday	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
Euchre	Thursday	12:00PM	Sharon Nole 214-929-0018
Clubhouse Cleaning	Monday	2:00-5:00 PM	

Committees

Architectural Control	Bereavement	Budget & Finance	CC&Rs By Laws & Rules	Clubhouse Decorating	Common Area Gardening
Christine Klima	Annie Snellgrove	Sitting President Sitting Treasurer	Sitting President	Sharon Preston	Kim Marks
Cynthia Wallace	Susan Jansen	Kim Marks	Kim Marks	Anne Snellgrove	Cindy Wallace
Lee Wright	Mary Etheridge	Larry Stamps	Cindy Breen	Sharon Nole	Jan Parten
Bonnie Flory	Ruth Maples	Jan Parten	Andy Starck	Betsy Flett	
Gary Williams	Sherrill Hutson			Cindy Seals	
Sharon Nole	Mary Staudt			Mary Staudt	
Dean Reynolds	Babs Morgan				
	Carolyn Brooks				
	Clubhouse Maintenance & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome	Technology
	Dean Seals	Mary Ellen Terry	Tom Johnson	Laurie Sheets	Tom Johnosn
	Tom Johnson	Betty Aronsen	Tim Sheets	Kandi Stimson	Steve Lehman
		Mell Whiting		Mary Flett	Dean Seals
		George Scheirton			
		Putt Shaw			
		Bonnie Flory			
		Sharon Nole			
		Anne Snellgrove			

VVHA Happy Hour

Spring Fling



Photos Courtesy of Laurie Sheets

*"April hath put a spirit
of youth in everything."
— William Shakespeare,
Sonnet XCVIII*

*"April is a gentle reminder
that life's transformations
are beautiful and inevitable."
— Ellen Lovell*

*"Our spring has come at last with
the soft laughter of April suns and
shadow of April showers."
— Byron Caldwell Smith*

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 Leotard?
2. What is Baroque?
3. What is "The Blue Danube"?
4. What is bassoon?
5. Who is James Joyce?
6. Who is Nathaniel Hawthorne?