



# VVHA



## VOICE

### August 20<sup>25</sup>

#### President's Message:

I really was not sure as to what to say in this newsletter. It has been a most atypical summer for all of us.

It is possible that these thoughts have been previously expressed or published, but the same message continues to recur in my mind. The July 4th flood shows how the hill country community shoulders its grieving and responds to challenges by working on recovery and reconstruction. It supports those that need help without question. A YouTube video referred HEB as the FEMA of Texas.

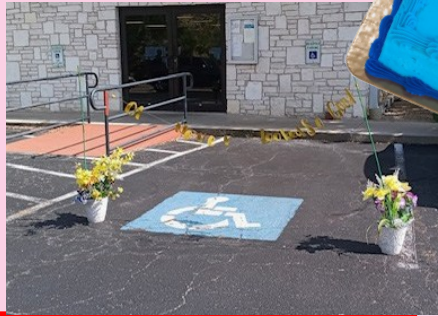
Vicksburg Village currently has about eight homes for sale, with six more unoccupied properties likely to be listed soon (*these numbers seem to change daily*). August is the month that most people move. (*I am guessing that has a lot to do about schools starting*). I expect we will be seeing new residents moving in soon.

July began with tragedy but ended with a happy celebration. We celebrated Betty Aronsen's 101st birthday (see next page). Betty is now in the .05% of the US population. She started swimming exercise at age 63 and still does three times a week.

*"August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms." — Victoria Erickson*



# Betty Aronson 101





# August

## Texas Historical August Events

**August 1, 1882:** The University of Texas at Austin was established by the state legislature.

**August 2, 1832:** The Battle of Nacogdoches took place, a conflict between Texian settlers and Mexican troops.

**August 3, 1956:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the law authorizing the establishment of Big Bend National Park.

**August 5, 1899:** The first active oil well in Texas, Spindletop, was drilled near Beaumont, marking the start of the Texas oil boom. *(1st well was drilled in 1866 by Lyne Barret at Nacogdoches only produced 10 barrels a day)*

**August 10, 1821:** Stephen F. Austin received a grant from the Mexican government to begin colonizing Texas with American settlers.

**August 18, 1824:** The Mexican government passed the Colonization Law, encouraging American settlers to move to Texas.

**August 23, 1836:** The Texas Declaration of Independence was adopted, declaring Texas independent from Mexico.

**August 25, 1836:** The town of Houston was founded.

**August 26, 1845:** The Republic of Texas Congress voted to accept annexation by the United States.

**August 19, 1856:** The first state fair in Texas was held in Corpus Christi.

**August 31, 1839:** The first session of the Congress of the Republic of Texas was held in Austin.

## National Historical August Events

**August 2, 1776** - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

**August 3, 1923:** Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States, hours after the death of President Warren G. Harding.

**August 5, 1861:** Abraham Lincoln imposed the first federal income tax by signing the Revenue Act.

**August 6, 1945:** The first atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, marking a significant event in World War II.

**August 6, 1965:** The Voting Rights Act was passed, aiming to ensure that black people could vote.

**August 9, 1974:** Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency due to the Watergate scandal.

**August 18, 1920:** The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

**August 21, 1959:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

**August 28, 1963:** The March on Washington occurred, where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech.

## World Historical August Events

**August 3, 1492:** Christopher Columbus Set Sail  
The explorer Christopher Columbus set sail with three ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria on August 3, 1492.

**August 6, 1881:** Sir Alexander Flemming was born in Scotland. Flemming would become the pharmacologist and Nobel Prize winning-physician who discovered penicillin.



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# Coast Guard History

The Coast Guard's official history began on **4 August 1790** when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. Known variously through the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the Revenue Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service, the Coast Guard expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

The service received its present name in 1915 under an act of Congress that merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the Life-Saving Service, thereby providing the nation with a single maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws. The Coast Guard began to maintain the country's aids to maritime navigation, including operating the nation's lighthouses, when President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939.

In 1946 Congress permanently transferred the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, thereby placing merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety under their purview.

The Coast Guard adopted its trademark racing stripe design in 1967, as a result of the recommendation made to President John F. Kennedy in the spring of 1963 by the industrial design firm of Raymond Loewy/William Snaith, Inc.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and until Congress established the Navy Department in 1798 they served as the nation's only armed force afloat. The Coast Guard protected the nation throughout their long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts. Our national defense responsibilities remain one of our most important functions even today.

Since 2003 the Coast Guard has operated as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing the nation's laws at sea, protecting the marine environment and the nation's vast coastline and ports, and saving life. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves under the Navy Department.

**Office Hours:** Please welcome Scott Harless as our new office manager. He will be in the office Monday and Wednesday from 8:00am to 2:00pm, Tue. & Thurs. from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Ph. 830-257-2442.



**Vicksburg Village Website:** Please visit our website at [vicksburgvillage.net](http://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 artist this month is Wanda Cook.

**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 Gwen Myers. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 1:00 in the Clubhouse. All levels of quilting skills are welcome.

**Free Notary Service:** Free notary service is available for residents of Vicksburg Village in need of such service. Contact Christine Klima at 830-370-8957 to make arrangements.



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

#### **Women Scientists**

1. Dian Fossey’s work with these animals in Rwanda led to their further protection from poaching.
2. For discovering polonium and radium, she and her husband Pierre won the Nobel prize for physics.
3. The first woman admitted to M. I. T., Ellen Richards advocated for this domestic science and founded a “Journal Of” it.

#### **Geographically Speaking**

4. Between the Rockies and the Cascades is the Columbia one of these level areas of high land.
5. From the Spanish for “Cauldron,” A Caldera is a bowl-shaped depression at the summit of one of these.
6. Anatomical term for the place where a river empties into the sea.



# August 2025

August 1: [International Mahjong Day](#)



August 16: [National Airborne Day](#)



August 2: [National Ice Cream Sandwich Day](#)

August 18: [National Fajita Day](#)

August 3: [National Watermelon Day](#)

August 20: [National Bacon Lovers Day](#)

August 4: [National Coast Guard Day](#)



August 22: [National Tooth Fairy Day](#)

August 6: [National Root Beer Float Day](#)



August 24: [National Peach Pie Day](#)



August 7: [National Purple Heart Day](#)

August 26: [National Dog Day](#)

August 8: [National Whataburger Day](#)

August 28: [National Red Wine Day](#)

August 12: [National Vinyl Record Day](#)

August 27: [National According to Hoyle Day](#)

August 14: [National Navajo Code Talkers Day](#)

August 29: [National Beach Day](#)



August 15: [National Lemon Meringue Pie Day](#)

August 30: [National Toasted Marshmallow 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!

## Just August

In my little garden, balmy blooms are on display.  
My purple Zinnia wears the crown in August sun  
attracting tiny Hummingbirds and butterflies.  
Ripe golden mangos blush with scarlet hues  
so lush and juicy sweet... a favorite fruity treat.  
Cooling ocean waves lure swimmers to the shore.  
School begins, a sigh, it's just August once more.

By Connie Marcum Wong

## **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Bereavement Committee**

Condolences were sent to the families of Susan Darsey, Bill Bauman, and Clarence Kendrick. Clarence Kendrick's daughter accepted the offer of a donation made to her father's favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The paperwork was submitted to the office.

Respectfully,

Anne Snellgrove

Committee Chairman

Submitted 7/27/2025



## VVHA Information

**This section revised at the last minute  
We are now in Stage 4  
Water Restrictions.**

| Manner of Water Use                                   | Year Round Water Conservation | Stage 1                                                     | Stage 2                                                     | Stage 3                                                     | Stage 4                                    | Stage 5                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Automatic & Hose End Sprinklers & Soaker Hoses        | Allowed                       | Allowed                                                     | Allowed                                                     | Allowed                                                     | Not Allowed                                | Not Allowed             |
|                                                       | 6:00pm – 10:00am              | 6:00am – 10:00am<br>AND<br>8:00pm – 12:00am                 | 6:00am – 9:00am<br>AND<br>8:00pm – 10:00pm                  | 6:00am – 9:00am                                             | Prohibited at ALL times                    | Prohibited at ALL times |
|                                                       | Every Day                     | TUE & SAT:<br>Odd Addresses<br>WED & SUN:<br>Even Addresses | TUE & SAT:<br>Odd Addresses<br>WED & SUN:<br>Even Addresses | TUE & SAT:<br>Odd Addresses<br>WED & SUN:<br>Even Addresses | Prohibited on ALL days                     | Prohibited on ALL days  |
| Hand-Held Hoses w/Nozzle, Drip Irrigation, or Buckets | Allowed                       | Allowed                                                     | Allowed                                                     | Allowed                                                     | Allowed                                    | Not Allowed             |
|                                                       | Anytime                       | Anytime                                                     | 7:00pm – 9:00am                                             | 6:00am – 9:00am<br>AND<br>7:00pm – 11:00pm                  | 6:00am – 9:00am<br>AND<br>7:00pm – 11:00pm | Prohibited at ALL times |
|                                                       | Every Day                     | Every Day                                                   | Every Day                                                   | Every Day                                                   | Every Day                                  | Prohibited on ALL days  |

## Library Update

After many years Gloria Valentine resigned as our clubhouse librarian. She was understandably tired of having to constantly haul off materials that we do not accept.

Larry and Gerry Stamps have assumed the maintenance of the HOA Library. We have been reviewing the books and any book that has not been borrowed since 2021 we are removing. We have contributed books to the Kerrville Sheriff's Department, and Saint Vincent de Paul thrift store and plan on contacting the Kerrville Library and other places to donate the books. This will make room for a section for NEW books that are donated.

Please remember to enter you return date on the back cover of the book  
month and year (5/25).

**Please do not use the clubhouse as a dumping  
station for the following material:**

**Reference Books      Cookbooks      Encyclopedias  
Maps/Travel Books/Magazines      Reader's Digest  
Craft Books      CDs      Movies      Religious Material**



## Activities

| Event                        | Day                 | Time         | Contact                         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Bunco                        | 3rd Wednesday       | 6:30PM       | Mell Whiting 443-243-6934       |
| Canasta- Pennies from Heaven | Friday              | 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             | 7:15AM       | Laurie Sheets 775-315-2934      |
| 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 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Christine Klima</b> | <b>Annie Snellgrove</b> | <b>Sitting President<br/>Sitting Treasurer</b> | <b>Sitting President</b> | <b>Sharon Preston</b> | <b>Kim Marks</b>      |
| 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          |                                                |                          |                       |                       |
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|                        | Clubhouse Maintenance & | Elections                                      | General Maintenance      | Welcome               | Technology            |
|                        | <b>Dean Seals</b>       | <b>TBD</b>                                     | <b>Tom Johnson</b>       | <b>Laurie Sheets</b>  | <b>Tom Johnson</b>    |
|                        | 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                                |                          |                       |                       |
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# August Facts

August was once the sixth month of the year. In the original ten-month Roman calendar, the month went by the name of Sextilis, meaning “the sixth month” in Latin. It wasn’t until around 700BC that August was rudely shoved back in the order of months when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius.

August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons, the month was called Weod Monath. Its translation of “weed month” is quite literal – in this month weeds and other plants grow the fastest in the northern hemisphere.

Those born in August are brought into this world under one of two star signs. If you were born before August 22<sup>nd</sup>, you’re considered to be a Leo. If you’re born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or later, you’re a Virgo.

August also has two birth flowers – the vibrant multicolored gladiolus and the deep crimson poppy.

August has three birthstones: sardonyx, spinel, and peridot

August was a fateful month for the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. On August 24, 79AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city.

## 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 are (Mountain) gorillas?
2. Who is Marie Curie?
3. Home Economics?
4. What is a plateau?
5. What is a volcano?
6. What is a mouth?