



VVHA



VOICE

July 25

President's Message:

Our July 4th celebration on June 27 afternoon was a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see so many residents including new residents in the neighborhood. I would like to congratulate the volunteers that made it possible Chief organizer Laurie Sheets, who along with Sharon Nole did the shopping. Setup included Kim Marks, Cindy Seals, Don and Betsy Flett and Anne Aronsen; Clean-up crew Cindy Breen, Israel and Susan Valquez, Cindy Wallace and others I am sure that helped I did not mention; our chef and pit master Dean Seals. Thank you all for bringing the delicious variety of food. I am surprised the counter could hold all those calories. I do think it started to sag a little when someone placed Cindy Breen's sopapilla cheesecake on it.

This type of celebration demonstrates Vicksburg Village's communal environment. The social interactions we facilitate are crucial to the well-being of our residents. Many studies have shown how important social connections and activities help with combatting loneliness and its influence on health.

Just as a rumor, I have heard later in the summer there might be a repeat of last year's ice cream social. If you did not come last year, you missed some very tasty homemade ice cream.

As we approach the 4th of July, I often reflect on the origins of this nation. I hold deep admiration for the individuals who laid the foundations of the United States through their significant contributions and sacrifices.

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."- Nelson Mandela

Texas Historical July Events

July 1, 1845: Texas votes to accept annexation by the United States.

1874: The Texas Rangers, a legendary law enforcement agency, are reorganized by the state government.

July 2, 1928: A major flood strikes San Antonio, causing significant damage and loss of life.

July 3, 1886: The last military engagement between the United States and the Comanche Indians occurs in Texas.

July 10, 1917: The Texas State Capitol is dedicated in Austin.

July 12, 1901: [The Spindletop oil field in Beaumont begins production, marking the start of the Texas oil boom.](#)

July 15, 1839: Austin is officially incorporated as the capital of the Republic of Texas.

July 19, 1877: [The first train robbery in Texas occurs near Allen, Texas.](#)

July 21, 1861: Texas troops fight in the First Battle of Bull Run during the Civil War.

July 22, 1864: Texas Confederate forces win the Battle of the Nueces in the Civil War.

July 26, 1845: The Texas Annexation Act is signed by U.S. President James K. Polk.

July 28, 1835: Texas settlers meet at the Convention of 1835 to discuss independence from Mexico.

July 29, 1839: The Republic of Texas officially declares Austin as its capital.

National Historical July Events

1. July 1, 1862: [President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill.](#)
2. July 1, 1863: Beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg.
3. July 2, 1788: Congress announced the United States Constitution had been ratified.
4. July 4th, 1776 : Declaration of Independence:
5. July 20th, 1969: [Apollo 11 Moon Landing:](#)
6. July 16th, 1945: The Trinity Test: On July 16th, 1945, the United States successfully conducted the first test of an atomic bomb, code-named "Trinity," in New Mexico.
7. July 19-20, 1848: [A women's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls, New York.](#) Topics discussed included voting rights, property rights and divorce. The convention marked the beginning of an organized women's rights movement in the U.S.
8. July 27, 1953: The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.

World Historical July Events

July 1665: [Peak to Great Plague of London](#)

July 1, 1916: [Start of the battle of the Somme](#)

July 10, 1940: [Start of the Battle of Britain](#)

July 14, 1789: [Storming of the Bastille](#)

July 25, 1814: [George Stephenson builds the first practical steam locomotive](#)

Temporary Office Hours: I regret that Leah has resigned as Office Manager. However, until we find a replacement Leah will be in the office on Tue. & Thurs. from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Ph. 830-257-2442. I will keep you informed as soon as we have any updated information. As always you can call me if you have an emergency at 979-299-8557.

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 artist this month is Mel 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 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 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)

On the Fourth of July

1. On July 4, 1826, this composer of “My Old Kentucky Home” was born.

Four-Letter Places

2. This Italian island honors Napoleon with an annual Mass on May 5th, the anniversary of his death.
3. Founded in the 11th century, this capital lies at the head of a fjord.
4. Niger is to the West and Sudan to the East of this African country.

Coastlines

5. At 3,700 miles, the longest ocean trench is named for these two nations that share most of South America’s Pacific coast.

Canadian National Stuff

6. This rodent became a national symbol in 1975.

July 2025

July 1: [National Gingersnap Day](#)

July 2: [National Wildland Firefighters Day](#)

July 4: [Independence Day](#)

July 6: [National Fried Chicken Day](#)

July 8: [National Chocolate with Almonds Day](#)

July 11: [National Mojito Day](#)

July 13: [National Beans 'N' Franks Day](#)

July 14: [National Mac and Cheese Day](#)

July 15: [National I Love Horses Day](#)

July 15: [National Hot Dog Day](#)

July 17: [National Peach Ice Cream Day](#)

July 19: [National Play Day](#)

July 20: [National Moon Day](#) (1st walk)

July 23: [National Gorgeous Grandma Day](#)

July 25: [National Wine and Cheese Day](#)

July 26: [National Day of The Cowboy](#)

July 27: [National Korean War Vet Armistice Day](#)

July 30: [National Cheesecake 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.

Volunteer Request

Would anyone like to be responsible for monitoring when flags should be at half mast and

be willing to lower and raise them when appropriate?

If so please let me (Tom Johnson) or Leah know.

July 4th Information

A link provided by Anne Aronsen

Guidelines for Display of the Flag

A link to the National Archives

Declaration of Independence: A Transcription

Fourth of July Trivia (from Readers Digest)

1. **Question:** Who ruled England when the Colonies established independence?
2. **Question:** How many people were estimated to be living in the Colonies when they gained independence?
3. **Question:** Which city hosted the first official Independence Day celebration on July 4, 1777?
4. **Question:** When was the first 4th of July celebration held at the White House?
5. **Question:** How many times does the Liberty Bell ring on each Independence Day?
6. **Question:** What is the location of the nation's oldest 4th of July parade?
7. **Question:** What was the first state to declare the 4th of July a state holiday?
8. **Question:** What year was the 4th of July declared a national holiday?
9. **Question:** Which three U.S. presidents died on the 4th of July?
10. **Question:** On the flip side, which president was born on the 4th of July?
11. **Question:** Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest has happened on each Independence Day since 1972. Where does the competition take place?
12. **Question:** According to the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, roughly how many hot dogs are eaten on the 4th of July?
13. **Question:** According to the National Retail Federation, how much money are people expected to pay, on average, for the food for their 4th of July bash this year?
14. **Question:** What is the largest 4th of July fireworks display in the U.S.?
15. **Question:** According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, how much did Americans spend on fireworks in 2023?

Trivia Answers on Last Page

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

WELCOME COMMITTEE:

.James (Brad) & Nancy Wilson

407 Vicksburg Ave

They are from Missouri, Brad was the President of a Rubber Company, and Nancy worked in a Hospital as a Medical Technologist. They have visited Kerrville several times visiting Family.

Charlie and Jan Syphrett

1444 Gloucester Pt.

Charlie is from Houston area; Jan raised in Kerrville. Both have lived off and on in Kerrville for years.

Both Taught School at Tivy High School.

ACC COMMITTEE:

We learned how important it is to let your neighbors on all sides know what you're going to be doing on the exterior of your homes. They (and probably you) don't like surprises which touch or affect your property in any way.

We continue to be encouraging Xeriscaping. Think about it and call one of us to help us visualize your plan before you begin buying anything.

Please, please, please when you see some exterior home project being started, even roofs if they differ from our Village norms, alert any one of us on this committee to go have a chat.

Thank you

Christine Klima, Chair

VVHA Information

A suggestion has been made for VVHA to create a private Facebook page. It would be a communications conduit for sharing activities, news or ideas. Let us know what you think.

With Summer already underway, we have had our fair share of sprinkler issues. Please remember to report any issue with the HOA water sprinkler system by leaving a voicemail at the HOA Office, (830) 377-5089, or email (office@vicksburgvillage.net). Provide your name, address, the water issue (broken sprinkler, no sprinkler) and the location of the issue. The information will be handled by the HOA Office, and a follow up will be provided to the resident who reported the issue.

Clubhouse Closure

The Clubhouse will be closed

**Wednesday July 2 at 1:30 PM -
5:15PM**

VVHA Board will be conducting

**In-Person interviews with
Office Manager Candidates**

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
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 &	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome	Technology
	Dean Seals	TBD	Tom Johnson	Laurie Sheets	Tom Johnson
	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			

July's for Independence Day,
For flags and speeches and for play,
For hiding deep in meadow grass
And watching flying creatures pass,
For sailing boats on little seas,
Where just the smallest summer breeze
Can blow; for picking flowers any day;
July comes for flags and play.

July by Annette Wynne

Answers to Trivia Questions

1. King George III
2. 2.5 million
3. Philadelphia
4. July 4, 1801, when Thomas Jefferson was president
5. 13 times
6. Bristol, Rhode Island
7. Massachusetts
9. John Adams (July 4, 1826), Thomas Jefferson (July 4, 1826) and James Monroe (July 4, 1831)
10. Calvin Coolidge (July 4, 1872)
11. Coney Island, New York
12. 150 million
13. \$93.34
14. The Macy's 4th of July Fireworks celebration in New York City
15. \$2.3 billion

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. Who is Stephen Foster?
2. What is Elba?
3. What is Oslo?
4. What is the Republic of Chad?
5. What are Chile and Peru?
6. What is the beaver?