



# VVHA



# VOICE

April 2026

## President's Message:

April represents renewal, transformation, planning, and new beginnings. We celebrated to getting spring started with our 2026 Spring Fling. Laurie Sheets is already planning a 4th of July event celebrating our country's 250th birthday. These social festivities demonstrate our commitment to our fellowship and community well-being.

An active social life is an integral part of a healthy existence. This is especially true for seniors. In addition to those that support our social community we are blessed to have people who gladly offer help to those who are unwell or facing challenges and need comfort. Many of our residents demonstrate that aspect of VVHA and I thank you for that effort. These factors make our village unique.

Here in VVHA we are seeing some moving out and new residents moving in. It appears the real estate market is picking up. We wish well to those that are moving on with their path and big welcome to new residents moving in. The welcome committee will let us know about any new residents.

*"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.*

*This is to have succeeded."* Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Office Hours:** Scott Harless is our 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 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 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. This month’s quilt made by Kathy Ballard.

**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)**

1. 10 day meteor shower in April from approximately the 16th-26th.
2. North Atlantic event on April 14, 1912.
3. A new car model Ford unveiled in 1964.
4. April 9 celebration of a sparkly mythological creature.
5. April 28, 1789 Cpt. William Bligh ship that the crew committed mutiny.
6. Started on April 12, 1861.

**The *biennial* “Over 55 Survey” has been mailed out. It is critical that the survey is filled out and returned. Please read the following information to understand the purpose of the Federally mandated survey.**

**We have been asked why do we have to have the “Over 55 Survey” .**

We are a “Over 55 Non-Profit 501(c)4 HOA” therefore the following is recorded in our governing documents.

**Section 3. Requirements for Ownership and Residents.** Vicksburg Village is intended and shall be a community providing housing for persons 55 years of age or older. The Association intends to comply with the Housing for Older Persons Act, as may be amended from time to time (42 U.S.C. 3607 and 24 C.F.R.100.300, et seq.). Two forms are required to meet this Act: "Compliance Affidavit" and “Age Compliance Survey”

*“Non-family related guests of an Owner who are less than 55 years of age, may share the Owner's residence for up to thirty (30) days per calendar year. All guests sharing a member Owner's residence may also use the common areas and facilities (including the clubhouse), but must be accompanied by a member Owner, or tenant, at all times while using the Clubhouse.*

As in the case of all guests, an owner's residence may be shared with children and/or grandchildren (blood related or adopted children or grandchildren) who are younger than 55 for up to 30 days in a calendar year.”

Use the link below to review the  
**Federal Legal Requirements** for filling out the survey.

**[Housing for Older persons Act \(HOPA\)](#)**

# April

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



April 16: [National Eggs Benedict Day](#)

April 3: [National Find A RAINBOW Day](#)

April 18: [National Lineman Appreciation Day](#)

April 4: [National Chicken Cordon Bleu Day](#)

April 19: [National Garlic Day](#)

April 5: [National Deep Dish Pizza Day](#)

April 20: [National Volunteer Recognition Day](#)

April 7: [National Coffee Cake Day](#)



April 22: [National Earth Day](#)

April 9: [National Winston Churchill Day](#)

April 23: [National Cherry Cheesecake Day](#)

April 11: [National Pet Day](#)

April 24: [National Pigs In A Blanket Day](#)

April 13: [National Thomas Jefferson Day](#)



April 26: [National Help A Horse Day](#)

April 15: [National Glazed Spiral Ham Day](#)

April 30: [National Bugs Bunny Day](#)



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”

– E.E. CUMMINGS

# HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour participants will be ask for a \$1.00 donation. This tribute will be used to purchase communal treats each week. Please respond each week to Laurie's email if you plan to attend the following Friday Happy Hour so she will have enough food for everyone. If you wish to join and are not on the Happy Hour Email List contact Laurie ([lauriejeans58@hotmail.com](mailto:lauriejeans58@hotmail.com)) so she can add you to the list.

## April 2026 (HAPPY HOUR)B

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			1	2	Good Friday BRING YOUR OWN	4
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19	20	21	22	23	24 POTLUCK	25
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# April

## *TEXAS HISTORICAL APRIL EVENTS*

**April 22, 1689** – During an expedition planned to reestablish Spanish presence in Texas, Mexican explorer Alonso de Leon reached [Fort St. Louis](#) and found it abandoned. The fort was originally established in 1685 by explorer Robert Cavalier de La Salle during the French colonization of Texas.

**April 6, 1830** – Relations between the Texans and Mexico reached a new low when Mexico forbid further emigration into Texas by settlers from the United States.

**April 21, 1836** – In what may be the most important event in Texas history, Texans under [Sam Houston](#) routed the Mexican forces of [Santa Anna](#) at the [Battle of San Jacinto](#). Thus, independence was won in one of the most decisive battles in history.

**April 25, 1846** – The Mexican-American War ignited as a result of disputes over claims to Texas boundaries. The outcome of the war fixed Texas' southern boundary at the Rio Grande River.

**April 29, 1856** – Backed by the US military, a shipment of 32 camels arrived at the port of Indianola. The resulting [Texas Camel Experiment](#) used the animals to transport supplies over the "Great American Desert."

**April 16, 1947**– The [French-owned SS Grandcamp](#), carrying ammonium nitrate, explodes in the Texas City harbor, followed the next morning by the explosion of the *SS High Flyer*. The disaster kills almost 600 and injures at least 4,000 more. The concussion is felt 75 miles away in Port Arthur, and the force creates a 15-foot tidal wave.

## *NATIONAL HISTORICAL APRIL EVENTS*

**April 1, 1976**–Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak found [Apple computer](#) from the garage of Job's parents' home in Cupertino, CA.

**April 3, 1860**–The [Pony Express](#) begins delivering the mail.

**April 9, 1865**–Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant at [Appomattox Courthouse](#), ending the Civil War.

**April 12, 1862**–The Civil War begins when Confederate troops opened fire on the Union garrison at [Fort Sumter, SC](#). 40,000 shells were fired before the Union troops surrendered. No one was killed.

**April 14, 1865**–President Abraham Lincoln is shot by John Wilkes Booth at [Ford's Theater](#) in Washington, D.C. He died the next day.

**April 30, 1789**–George Washington is [inaugurated](#) as the first president of the United States.

**April 30, 1975**–The Vietnam War ends with the [fall of Saigon](#) (later renamed Ho Chi Minh City).

## *WORLD HISTORICAL APRIL EVENTS*

**April 6, 1896**–The [first modern Olympic games](#) open in Athens, Greece.

**April 25, 1859**–Ground is broken for the [Suez Canal](#).

**April 30, 1945**–[Adolph Hitler commits suicide along with his new wife Eva Braun in his bunker in Berlin](#).

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

# 2026 Spring Fling



A big thank you to Laurie and Tim Sheets and all that helped and those that brought so many great side dishes.

## Request From Danny and Cindy Walker



We volunteer at [St. Vincent de-Paul thrift store](#). If folks have unwanted items books, towels, bric-a-brac and gently used clothing that they would like to get rid of, the thrift store can surely use the donations. St. Vincent dePaul is a charitable organization, run totally by volunteers. All donations help pay utility bills and pay for the food pantry to support those in need.

If they only have a couple of bags full or small items, they can call us and we will pick it up from their home and take to the thrift store so they don't have to do it. Our phone # is 830-792-6033. We are usually volunteering 3 days each week.

For larger items, or furniture, please take it directly to the store as we cannot do any lifting and don't have a truck to take it anyway.

The thrift store is open from 11:00 – 2:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Their address is 1145 Broadway, Kerrville.

**Shredding**  
**April 11th 8:00am - 11:00am**  
**Behind Belks**  
**For More Information**  
**Call Chamber of Commerce**  
**830-895-1397**

# **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

## **COMMON AREA AND GARDENING COMMITTEE**

Work on VV sign still underway

## **CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Please enjoy our Easter theme at the clubhouse! We have bunnies, eggs and so much more!

## **ACC COMMITTEE**

Welcome Cindy Wallace as the new chair of the ACC Committe





# April Facts



## How did *April* get its name?

Being confident about the origin of a word that's been around since before 1150 isn't so simple. There are a few common theories behind *April's* naming. One is that the name is rooted in the Latin *Aprilis*, which is derived from the Latin *aperire* meaning "to open"—which could be a reference to the opening or blossoming of flowers and trees, a common occurrence throughout the month of *April* in the Northern Hemisphere.

Another theory holds that since months are often named for gods and goddesses, and since *Aphrillis* is derived from the Greek *Aphrodite*, it is possible the month was named for the Greek goddess of love (the goddess that the Romans called *Venus*)! Even now, *April* is a popular name.

And, as if that isn't enough of a mystery, *April* also has yet another origination story. Around the fifth century, the Anglo-Saxons referred to *April* as *Oster-monath* or *Eostre-monath*, a reference to the goddess *Eostre*, whose feast was celebrated during the month. The Venerable Bede, a monk from the Northumbrian monastery of Saint Peter, believed this gave root to the word *Easter*—which is most often observed during the month of April.

*April's* derivation will remain a story full of maybes, but we don't see this month going anywhere soon. What do you think linguists will be discussing when the month of April is 3000 years old?

1. April's full Moon, the "Pink Moon," is named after pink wildflowers known to bloom in early spring: creeping ground phlox (also known as "moss pink"). Some Native American tribes refer to this Moon using other natural signs of spring, such as "Sprouting Grass Moon" and "Egg Moon."
2. April is associated with pastels—the light colors of budding plants, cherry blossoms, and Easter eggs. Pale yellow, grass green, pastel pink, and sky blue.
3. April's birthstone, the diamond, is often noted for its colorless clarity, but it also comes in a rainbow of beautiful hues ranging from rose to sunny yellow, blue, brown—even black.
4. April birth month flower is the Daisy with their sunny blooms, quick growth, and innocent childhood associations, daisies are the ultimate spring flowers. Known for their cheerful appearance and simplicity, they are a popular choice in gardens and floral arrangements. The name "daisy" comes from an old English which means "day's eye," referring to the manner in which daisies open and close in response to the amount of light they receive, like an eye that follows the Sun.
5. The duck, April's bird of the month, symbolizes endurance ("water off a duck's back") and cheer.

# National Park Week

April 18, 2026 - April 26, 2026

National Park Week is a nine-day-long celebration of our [National Parks](#), their beauty, and their environmental significance. There are over 400 national parks in the US and some of the parks are so big they cross state borders. National parks provide us with a chance to interact with nature that is largely undisturbed by the acts of people. This is an increasingly rare opportunity given the rate at which wildlands all over the world are being eroded. National parks protect both animals and plants from human activity and allow them to thrive in their natural habitats.

[Link to a YouTube Video about Big Bend National Park](#)

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## Questions

1. What is The Leonids?
2. What was the sinking of the Titanic?
3. What was the Mustang?
4. What are Unicorns?
5. What was The Bounty?
6. What was start of the American Civil War?