



The VVHOA



Voice

January, 2025

President's Message:

January symbolically stands for renewal. We make lists of the things we want to change or new things we wish to accomplish. In the past, sadly I found most of my “resolutions” fade with the waning months, weeks, days. Hopefully I believe I have learned a few things, sometime painfully, but I came across this quote from Rumi that resonated with me.

“Yesterday I was clever, I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

I know for myself that trying to change that that is external is a waste of time. I have used the example like trying to go up the down escalator. No doubt that I have to remind myself of this on a daily basis, often several times a day. I am sure I am not the only one has thought “boy if they would just understand whatever issue like I understand it, all would be fine”.

All this aside, January is a great time to reevaluate, reset, and mentally start with a clean slate. I wish to live what are my truths and demonstrate them by example. A few days ago I pulled out an old T-shirt that I had received when I was a facilitator at the Corpus Christi Center for Attitudinal Healing. The poor old shirt is a great example of threadbare, but boy is it comfortable to sleep in. The graphic on the shirt shows a couple of sailboats, a rainbow and the words, “Health is Inner Peace”.

My heartfelt wish for all of us is having that Inner Peace. I know from my experiences from working at the Center in Corpus that it is not just a platitude but a demonstrated truth.

Have a wonderful and Blessed NEW YEAR!

Vicksburg Village Homeowners Association 2025 Annual Meeting

As per the By Laws of VVHOA the Annual Meeting will be on the fourth Monday in January. This year that date is **January 27, 2025 @ 7:00pm.**

The following items will be voted on by the membership:

Election of 2025 Board Members

(officers will be voted on by the Board within three days after the annual meeting)

Voting to approve 14th Amended CC&Rs and By Laws

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Please Take Notice

Standing committees are reformed each year. If you wish to be on a committee please sign up at the annual meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting send me an email (tortuga103@gmail.com) as to what committee you wish to become a member.

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.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CC&Rs COMMITTEE

The Draft of the Amended BY Laws of Vicksburg Village and the Draft of the Fourteenth Amended Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCR'S), having been returned by the VVHA lawyer with no changes in the documents, are being finalized with formatting and final checking by the CCR'S committee.

We anticipate sending all these governing documents to the Vicksburg Village Owners well in advance of the VVHA Annual meeting to be held on Monday January 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm. These documents to be considered will be sent by email to the Owners, and for those Owners who do not have email, we will deliver copies to them.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be collecting the ***Information Form For Prospective Board Members***. It is requested that the forms be completed and turned in by January 10, 2025 to have time for names to be placed on the ballot and be distributed to voters.

Send forms or any questions to Laurie Sheets at lauriejeans58@hotmail.com

January Highlights

Texas Historical January Events

January 3, 1823: Stephen F. Austin received a grant from the Mexican government to lead roughly 300 families to the Brazos River to begin colonization in the region.

January 13, 1830: The Mexican government stopped legal immigration into Texas from the United States except in special cases, leading to deteriorating relations between Anglo settlers and the Mexican government.

January 17, 1874: The Coke-Davis Dispute ended peacefully in Austin as E.J. Davis relinquished the governor's office, and Richard Coke began a democratic party dynasty in Texas that continue unbroken for over 100 years.

January 26, 1839: Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar's proposal for a system of education endowed by public lands resulted in the act of January 26, 1839, which set aside land for public schools and two universities.

January 1863: The Battle of Galveston restored the island to Texas control for the remainder of the Civil War, after several weeks of Federal occupation.

January 17, 1874: The Secession Convention approved an ordinance withdrawing Texas from the Union, which was ratified by voters on February 23.

January 1882: The first railroad bridge over the Rio Grande River was completed.

National Historical January Events

January 1, 1890: [The first Rose Bowl Parade](#) was held. The first Rose Bowl football game was played in 1902, to help pay for the cost of the parade.

January 5, 1972: President Richard M. Nixon signs a \$5.5B over 6 years to build and test a space shuttle.

January 8, 1790: President George Washington delivers the first State of the Union Address.

January 19, 1883: The first electrical lighting system using overhead wires was constructed by Thomas Edison.

January 28, 1915: The U.S. Coast Guard is created by an Act of Congress



January 27, 1967: Tragedy strikes the Apollo space program as a fire in the command module kills astronauts Lt. Col. Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Lt. Col. Edward H. White, and Lt. Cdr. Roger Chafee.

January 28, 1986: U.S. space shuttle Challenger explodes 72 seconds after liftoff, killing the seven crew members. Among the crew was school teacher Christa McAuliffe.

World Historical January Events

January 1, 45 BCE: The Julian calendar is first used.

January 13, 1943: Germany's Adolf Hitler declares "Total War" against the Allies.

January 21, 1799: [Edward Jenner](#) introduces the smallpox vaccine, which eventually leads to wiping out this deadly disease.

January 25, 1924: The first Winter Olympic Games begin in Chamonix, France. (1924)

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

January 2025

Jan 1: National Hangover Day

Jan 2: National Cream Puff Day

Jan 4: National Trivia Day

Jan 5: National Bird Day

Jan 7: National Cuddle Up Day

Jan 8: National English Toffee Day

Jan 9: Nat. Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Jan 11: Nat. Step In A Puddle & Splash Your Friends Day

Jan 13: National Stephen Foster Memorial Day

Jan 15: National Bagel Day



Jan 16: National Nothing Day

Jan 18: National Thesaurus Day

Jan 20: National Cheese Day

Jan 21: National Hugging Day

Jan 23: National Pie Day

Jan 25: National Opposite Day

Jan 26: National Peanut Brittle Day

Jan 28: National Kazoo Day

Jan 29 National zzPleu Day (anagram)

Jan 31: National Hot Chocolate 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! Here is our schedule:

PLEASE JOIN US—ITS FUN

January

Jan. 2nd **HOLIDAY**

Jan. 9th Lake House

Jan. 16th Cracker Barrel

Jan. 23th Acapulco

Jan. 30th Billie Genes

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

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)

International Business

1. In 1900 this Japanese company began producing upright pianos; Motorcycles came along more than half a century later.
2. Originally founded as a grocery store, today this London icon boast more than 100 departments and about 20 restaurants.

Ancient Objects

3. Tension exist between Egypt and the British Museum over the return of this object taken from Egypt in 1801.

A Tree Grows in Book Land

4. The Whomping Willow does its whomping on the grounds of this castle.

Musical Theatre Inspirations

5. The title of the this musical that opened on Bradway in 1964 was inspired by a Marc Chagall Painting.

Community Events

PUTT'S FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR'S

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY



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

Architectural Control	Bereavement	Budget & Finance	CC&Rs By Laws & Rules	Clubhouse Decorating	Nominating
Christine Klima	Anne Snellgrove	Sitting President Sitting Treasurer	Gail Johnson Sitting President	Sharon Preston	
Sherrill Hutson	Linda Lavretta	Linda Lavetta	Laurie Sheets	Anne Snellgrove	Laurie Sheets
Dean Reynolds	Mary Etheridge	Larry Stamps	Cindy Breen	Sharon Nole	Anne Snellgrove
Bonnie Flory	Ruth Maples	Kim Marks	Andy Starck	Betsy Flett	Mary Staudt
Bill Ponce	Sherrill Hutson	Judy Wright	Donna Bryant	Cindy Seals	
Don Kilmer	Barbara Arket	Jan Parten	Kim Marks	Mary Staudt (sub)	
	Babs Morgan	Mary Staudt	Gary Williams		
	Carolyn Brooks		Linda Lavretta		
	Sharon Nole				
	Wanda Benson				
Common Area Gardening	Clubhouse Maintenance & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome	
Roxanne Case		Mary Ellen Terry	Larry Stamps	Gail Johnson Cindy Breen	
Kim Marks	Sharon Nole	Betty Aronsen	Don Flett	Mary Flett	
Tom Wallace	Mary Flett	Mell Whiting		Gerry Stamps	
Cindy Wallace	Anne Snellgrove	George Scheirton			
	Betsy Flett	Putt Shaw			
	Sharon Preston	Bonnie Flory			
		Barbara Gaither			
		Anne Snellgrove (sub)			
		Sharon Nole (sub)			

I HOPE THIS NEW YEAR
BRINGS YOU...

Courage to try again

Passion for doing what you love

Ambition to aim higher

Resilience in overcoming obstacles

Humility to learn from others

Kindness for yourself and others

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Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President

Tim Sheets: Vice -President

Linda Lavretta: Secretary

Judy Wright: Treasurer

Gwen Myers

Gloria Valentine

Larry Stamps

Questions

1. What is Yamaha?
2. What is Harrods?
3. What is the Rosetta Stone?
4. What is Hogwarts?
5. What is the *Fiddler on the Roof*?