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President's Message:

Embracing the New Year: Community Responsibilities and Opportunities

As we begin the new year, let's set aside the usual chatter about resolutions, exercise plans, new directions, and promises to finally tackle those lingering projects. Instead, picture a quiet moment by the fireplace, soft music playing in the background, and a warm cup of Irish coffee in hand—if only that were possible. These days, the fireplace is gone, and my attention turns to the upcoming responsibilities with our Homeowners Association (VVHA): preparing for the Annual Meeting, organizing the election of board members and officers, mailing out ballots, and distributing the Federally mandated "Over 55" survey. It's important to remember that an election—and indeed, a board—cannot happen without volunteers. Please consider stepping forward and running for a board position this year. *(Slick segue to page 2)*

About Our Organization: What Is VVHA?

If you are a new resident or unfamiliar with our structure, VVHA operates as a 501(c)4 tax-exempt nonprofit organization. The main purpose of a 501(c)4 is to promote *the common good and general welfare of the community*. To be clear the IRS defines *community* as the whole area not just VVHA residents. This tax-exempt status means that, as members, we are not required to pay taxes on behalf of the HOA. To uphold this status and ensure proper governance, the IRS mandates that nonprofit organizations like ours have a board of directors to oversee all activities. Therefore, it is essential that we have residents willing to serve on the board.

The "Over 55" Survey Requirement

The term "required over 55 survey" refers to the mandatory age verification that 55+ housing communities in the United States must complete every two years. This process is essential for maintaining our legal status as a community designated for older persons under the Housing for Older Persons Act (HOPA). This requirement is part of federal regulations outlined in [24 C.F.R. Section 100.307](#)

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

— Roy T. Bennett

Dear Vicksburg Village Residents

**INVITATION TO JOIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Vicksburg Village Homeowners Association**

The Board of Directors of Vicksburg Village Homeowners Association invites you to submit your ideas for community improvement and to consider nomination for the Board. Serving on the Board is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the success of our community.

Board meetings are held monthly, and much of our work is managed efficiently via email. Our office manager, Scott, handles most administrative duties, including dues collection, financial reporting, homeowner communications, and vendor management.

Your participation would help guide community maintenance, improvement initiatives, and the review of association covenants and rules. Board members help protect property values, assist residents, set policies, and plan ahead.

If you are interested in joining the Board or have any questions, please contact Scott to receive the nomination form.

Vicksburg Village HOA

Board of Directors

Three two-year Board Member positions are open for the 2026 election. The HOA relies on its board, so please consider serving our community.

January

Texas Historical January Events

Jan. 1, 1925 Governor Pat M. Neff appointed an all-woman state Supreme Court, the first in Texas and probably in the nation.

Jan 5, 1854 On this day in 1854, the first telegraph company in Texas was chartered.

Jan 13, 1974 On this date in 1974 the airport now known as Dallas–Fort Worth International Airport officially opened

Jan 14, 1942 On this date in 1942, Camp Hood was activated. The temporary camp, named for Confederate general John Bell Hood, is now one of the largest military installations in the world. By 1950 it was made a permanent army post and renamed Fort Hood.

Jan 19, 1991 On this day in 1991, Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area was opened to the public. Located in southwestern Brewster County and southeastern Presidio County, the area, now known as Big Bend Ranch State Park.

Jan 25, 1839 On this day in 1839, the Republic of Texas Congress adopted the Texas coat of arms -- a white star of five points on an azure ground encircled by olive and live oak branches. The national seal bore these arms encircled by the words *Republic of Texas*.



National Historical January Events

January 1, 1776 - During the [American Revolution](#), George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.



January 1, 1863 - The [Emancipation Proclamation](#) by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

National Historical January Events cont.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 5, 1972 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill approving \$5.5 billion over six years to build and test the NASA space shuttle.

January 10, 1776 - [Common Sense](#), a fifty page pamphlet by Thomas Paine, was published. It sold over 500,000 copies in America and Europe, influencing, among others, the authors of the Declaration of Independence.

January 11, 1964 - The U.S. Surgeon General declared cigarettes may be hazardous to health, the first such official government report.

World Historical January Events

January 1, 1877 - Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

January 16, 1547 - Ivan the Terrible had himself officially crowned as the first Russian Czar (Caesar) although he had already ruled Russia since 1533.

January 22, 1901 - Queen Victoria of England died after reigning for 64 years, the longest reign in British history, during which England had become the most powerful empire in the world.

January 31, 1943 - German troops surrendered at Stalingrad, marking the first big defeat of Hitler's armies in World War II. During the Battle of Stalingrad, 160,000 Germans were killed and 90,000 taken prisoner, including the commander. Friedrich von Paulus, the first German field marshal ever to surrender.

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

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 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 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 Lou Koch. 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.

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)

Behind the Musical Title

1. A Sham Vietnamese beauty contest gives us the title of this musical that debuted on Broadway in 1991
2. This title of a musical set in Newfoundland beginning on 9/11 is a local slang for a person not from the Maritimes.

Famous Women

3. The daughter of a Czech diplomat, she was U.S. ambassador to the United States right before she was U.S. Secretary of State.

Science

4. The greatest incidence of tornadoes is in this country, where more than 1,000 happen annually .
5. To make binoculars compact they contain these pieces of glass with precise angles and faces to “fold” the light path



January 2026

January 1: [National Bloody Mary Day](#)

January 2: [National Science Fiction Day](#)

January 4: [National Spaghetti Day](#)

January 5: [National Bird Day](#)

January 8: [National English Toffee Day](#)

January 9: [Law Enforcement Appreciation](#)

January 12: [National Kiss a Ginger Day](#)

January 13: [National Stephen Foster Day](#)

January 14: [National Dress Up Your Pet Day](#)

January 15: [National Hat Day](#)



January 16: [National Nothing Day](#)

January 18: [National Winne-The-Poo Day](#)

January 20: [National Cheese Lover's Day](#)

January 21: [National Squirrel Appreciation](#)

January 23: [National Pie Day](#)



January 24: [National Compliment Day](#)

January 25: [National Irish Coffee Day](#)

January 26: [National Peanut Brittle Day](#)

January 30: [National Croissant Day](#)

January 31: [Inspire Your Heart with Art](#)

Happy Hour News



Starting in January Happy Hour participants will be ask for a 50¢ 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) and so she can add you to the list.

January 2026 Calendar

Monthly Planner - United States Format

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 NO HAPPY HOUR	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Potato Bar	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Pizza night	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Homemade Chicken noddle soup (Laurie)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Potluck Email Laurie with what you will be bringing!!	31

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

VICKSBURG VILLAGE COMMITTEES DEFINED AND UPDATED!

To prepare for the Annual Meeting coming up in January, an ad hoc committee was formed over the past few weeks for the purpose of defining the roles of each committee here in the Village. Each committee Chair was given the same questionnaire to fill out that, asked questions around the purpose and activities of each. The intent in having detailed information about each committee is to allow members of the Association to know more about what our committees do and how they might participate. We invite everyone to read through the new Committee descriptions, and think about what they may like to sign up for at the Annual Meeting.

Copies of the updated Committee descriptions will be available on our Website, and will be distributed to our membership by email.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Welcome our new resident Janice Garrett, of 451 Florian, who recently moved from Corpus Christi, where she enjoyed an interesting and busy life with her late husband who had served for many years in community elected positions. Janice lived in an HOA in Corpus Christi and is familiar with HOA life. She has many interests and looks forward to enjoying and sharing with our residents in Vicksburg Village and the city of Kerrville. She has already enjoyed the symphony and purchased season tickets. She also enjoys traveling and is happy to learn about the opportunities the Dietert Center offers.

Janice finds joy in reading and is happy to learn that our clubhouse includes a library while also looking forward to the hot tub to relieve sore muscles from moving and settling in her new home. Fortunately, she enjoys continuing good health through exercise. Please give Janice a warm neighborly Vicksburg Village welcome.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS CONT.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Condolences were sent to the families of Duren Moffet, and Steve Lehman. Duren Moffet's daughter accepted the offer of a donation made to her father's favorite charity, Wounded Warriors. That paperwork was submitted to the office.

Respectfully,
Anne Snellgrove
Committee Chairman

VVHA Social 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	Laurie Sheets 775-315-2932
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	7:15AM	Laurie Sheets 775-315-2934
Water Exercise	T, Th	9:00-10:00AM	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	Ruth Maples	Larry Stamps	Cindy Breen	Sharon Nole	Jan Parten
Bonnie Flory	Sherrill Hutson	Jan Parten		Betsy Flett	
Sharon Nole	Mary Staudt			Cindy Seals	
Dean Reynolds	Babs Morgan			Mary Staudt	
	Carolyn Brooks				
	Clubhouse & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome	Technology
	Dean Seals	TBD	Tom Johnson	Laurie Sheets	Tom Johnson
	Tom Johnson	Betty Aronsen	Tim Sheets	Kandi Stimson	Dean Seals
		Mell Whiting		Mary Flett	
		George Scheirton			
		Putt Shaw			
		Bonnie Flory			
		Sharon Nole			
		Anne Snellgrove			

January Facts

January babies only have the garnet as their birthstone. Though the most common color is red, garnets can come in a rainbow of colors, symbolizing peace, prosperity, and health.



Some legends suggest that a person wearing a garnet will have eternal happiness, health, and wealth.

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doors, gates, and transitions.

The heaviest snowfall in the world was recorded in Japan on January 12, 1999, when 647.7 inches of snow fell in one hour.

In Australia, which is in the Southern Hemisphere, January is the only month in which the sun never sets.

The carnation is the official flower for the month of January. The carnation is renowned for its delicate petals and long-lasting bouquet.

500 copies of the novel *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley and *The Modern Prometheus* were published anonymously in London.

The 31st day of January was added to the month by Julius Caesar.

The [Quadrantid meteor shower](#) peaks in early January each year.

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President

Tim Sheets: Vice -President

Secretary: Jan Parten

Treasurer: Cindy Breen

Gary Williams: At Large

Larry Stamps: At Large

Dean Seals: At Large

Questions

1. What is *Miss Saigon*?
2. What is *Come From Away*?
3. Who is Madeleine Albright?
4. What is the United States?
5. What are prisms?