



VVHA



VOICE October 20²⁵

President's Message:

October in Texas generates many Oktoberfest celebrations. We will have one at the Clubhouse at our happy hour on Oct. 31. You can find information about the event on a different page further along in this newsletter. A comprehensive article examining the influence of German culture on Texas can be found on the website of the Texas State Historical Association. [The German Influence in Texas: History and Cultural Impact](#). In addition German music fused with the Mexican music and here is a link to [The Eye Mexico German Influence on Mexican Music](#). For a video here is a YouTube ([Norteña](#)) [Mexican Music with German roots](#). And let us not forget the German influence on Mexican Beer, [Fun Facts: Mexican Lagers – German Origins, Mexican Roots](#).



With a little (lot) of help from Photoshop I am ready to embrace my 27% German ancestry.

We hear a lot about diversity—what is interesting how much diversity there is in many of our own skins. I found I even have a small amount of Chinese.

No matter your heritage we can all celebrate the many ethnicities that make up Texas's rich cultural diversities.

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." -Jim Bishop

October

Texas Historical October Events

October 2, 1835 – Texans drove back troops of the Mexican cavalry at the [Battle of Gonzales](#). The revolution began.

October 9, 1835 – The [Goliad Campaign of 1835](#) ended when George Collingsworth, Ben Milam, and forty-nine other Texans stormed the presidio at Goliad and a small troop of Mexican defenders.

October 28, 1835 – [Jim Bowie](#), [James Fannin](#), and 90 Texans defeated 450 Mexicans at the Battle of Concepcion, near San Antonio.

October 22, 1861 – Advance units of the newly formed Brigade of General H. H. Sibley marched westward from San Antonio to claim New Mexico and the American southwest for the Confederacy.

National Historical October Events

October 1, 1908 - [Henry Ford's](#) Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 3, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a [proclamation](#) designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

October 5, 1877 - Following a 1,700-mile retreat, [Chief Joseph](#) of the Nez Perce Indians surrendered to U.S. Cavalry troops at Bear's Paw near Chinook, Montana. "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever," he declared.

October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 13, 1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington

October 14, 1947 - U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier, flying in a [rocket-powered research aircraft](#).

October 19, 1987 - "Black Monday" occurred on Wall Street as stocks plunged a record 508 points or 22.6 per cent, the largest one-day drop in stock market history.

October 26, 1881 - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families.

World Historical October Events

October 3, 1990 - After 45 years of Cold War division, East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.

October 11, 1899 - The Boer War began in South Africa between the British Empire and Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State. The war ended in 1902 with the Treaty of Pretoria in which the Transvaal and Orange Free State became British colonies

October 18, 1945 - The [Nuremberg War Crimes Trial](#) began with indictments against 24 former Nazi leaders including Hermann Göring and Albert Speer.

October 31, 1940 - The Battle of Britain concluded. Beginning on July 10, 1940, German bombers and fighters had attacked coastal targets, airfields, London and other cities, as a prelude to a Nazi invasion of England.

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 Tom Johnson.

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 Kathy Ballard. 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)

Europe

1. It's continental Europe's westernmost national capital.

Four Word Exchange

2. At the end of this Shakespeare play, Orlando and Rosalind tie the knot.

World Facts

1. Founded in Africa in 1822, it's the only world capital (besides Washington, D.C.) that's named for a U. S. President.

Let's Put on a Show

4. The Stage Manager is a pivotal role in this play by Thornton Wilder.
5. John Proctor becomes a victim of the witch hunt in this Arthur Miller drama.

October 2025

October 1: [National Homemade Cookie Day](#)

October 4: [National Cinnamon Bun Day](#)

October 5: [National Apple Betty Day](#)

October 6: [National German-American Day](#)

October 7: [National Propane Day](#)

October 10: [National Angel Food Day](#)

October 12: [National Gumbo Day](#)

October 13: [Columbus Day](#)

October 12: [National Dessert Day](#)

October 15: [National I Love Lucy Day](#)



October 16: [National Dictionary Day](#)

October 17: [National Mammography Day](#)

October 18: [National Chocolate Cupcake Day](#)

October 19: [National Seafood Bisque Day](#)

October 21: [National Apple Day](#)

October 23: [National Horror Movie Day](#)

October 26: [National Chicken Fried Steak Day](#)

October 27: [National Black Cat Day](#)

October 30: [National Candy Corn Day](#)

October 31: [National Caramel Day](#)



VVHA Board News

At the September 18th VVHA Board meeting the board appointed Gary Williams to fill the board seat vacated by Gwen Myers. Gary will complete Gwen's seat until the January 2026 election. Please welcome Gary to the board.

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!

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome Committee

Here is some information for the New residents in Vicksburg Village:

Sherrie and Marlon Morehouse

1277 Victory, Thou they are not new to Vicksburg Village, they have bought the home at 1277 Victory, as they had previously lived down the street.

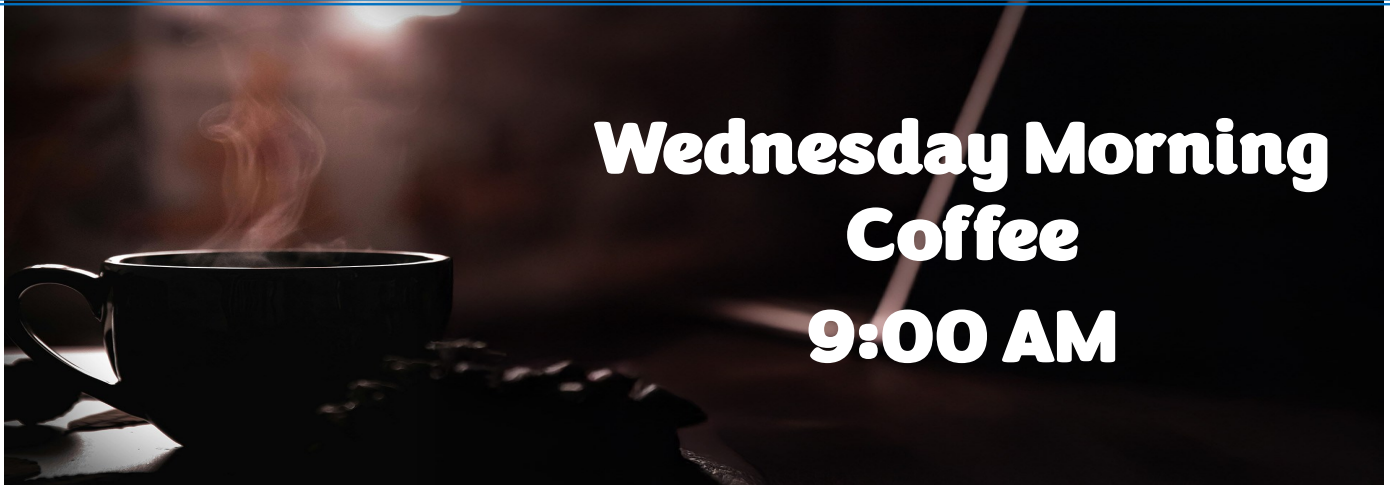
They have lived in Vicksburg Village for 3 Years, after traveling from Central Oregon after their retirement from a School District. Marlon was a Principal and Sherrie an Administrator Assistant for the Superintendent. Let's welcome them to our Village!

Clubhouse Decorating Committee

Please enjoy our Fall themed decor in the clubhouse for the months of October and November. Hopefully it will start to feel like Fall soon!

VVHA Information

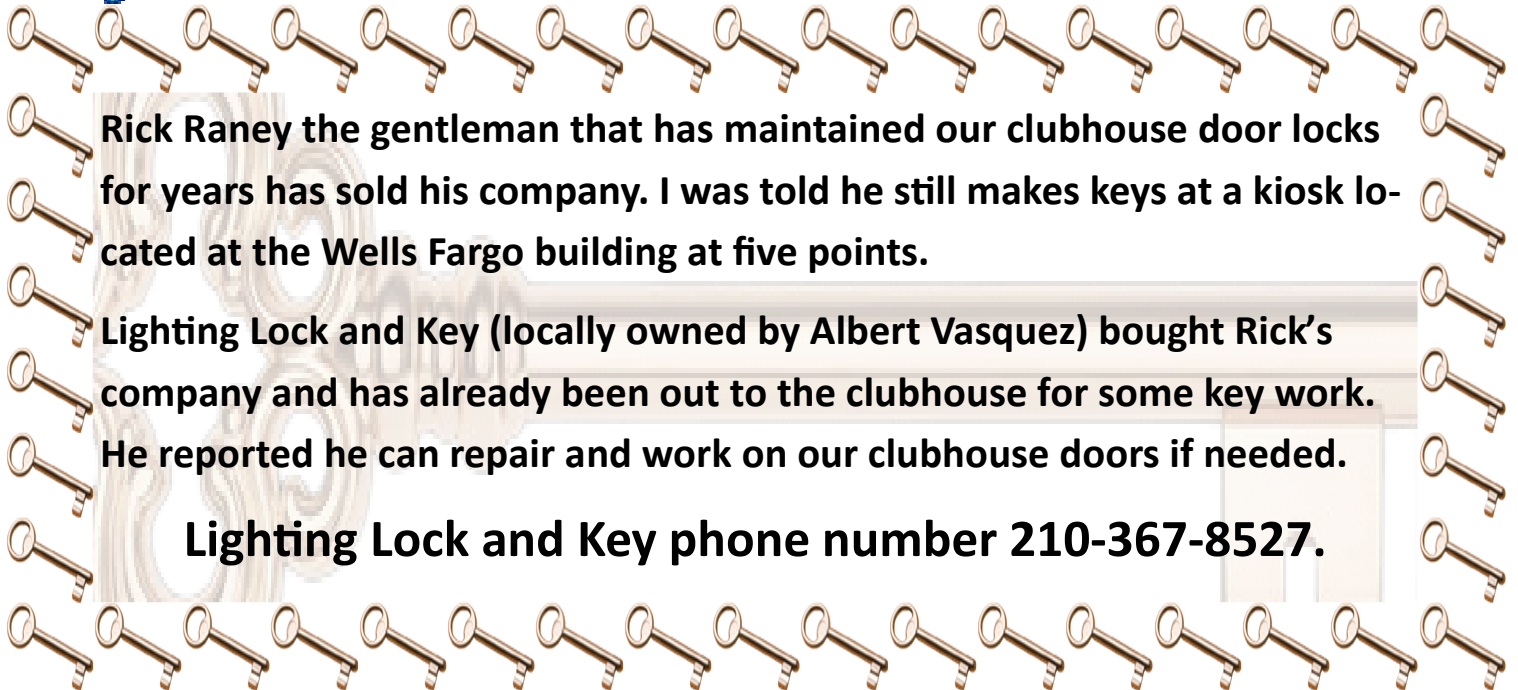
Two ways to meet your neighbors, have social interaction whether you're a morning person or an afternoon person or both.



**Wednesday Morning
Coffee
9:00 AM**

*Happy
Hours*

**Happy Hour
Fridays at 5:00 PM
Covered Dish last Friday
Of the month**



Rick Raney the gentleman that has maintained our clubhouse door locks for years has sold his company. I was told he still makes keys at a kiosk located at the Wells Fargo building at five points.

Lighting Lock and Key (locally owned by Albert Vasquez) bought Rick's company and has already been out to the clubhouse for some key work. He reported he can repair and work on our clubhouse doors if needed.

Lighting Lock and Key phone number 210-367-8527.

America is a maritime nation. For 250 years, the Navy has sailed the globe in defense of freedom.



[Click on the above image for Video "America's Navy 250th Celebration"](#)

October 1775 resolution of the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy with "a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months...." After the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress "to provide and maintain a navy." Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized official recognition of 13 October as the birthday of the U.S. Navy. Since then, each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service." **13 October 2025** will mark the Navy's 250th birthday.

Origins of the Navy

The U.S. Navy's creation and development extended over nearly a quarter of a century, from the American Revolution to the Quasi-War with France, and proceeded in the face of numerous political, philosophical, and economic obstacles. The following essay and listing of resources paint a colorful and well-round picture of the service's origins.

["The Birth of the U.S. Navy,"](#) historical essay by Adam Bisno, Ph.D., NHHC Communication and Outreach Division



Octoberfest

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31, 2025

CLUB HOUSE 5:00PM



BRATS/BUNS PROVIDED BY "HAPPY HOUR CREW"

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE GERMAN ATTIRE

SIGN UP IN THE CLUB HOUSE TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE

{SAUERKRAUT, SCHNITZEL, PRETZELS, BEER, APPLE STRUDEL,

BLACK FOREST CAKE, SAUERBRATEN, SPÄTZLE, ETC.....)



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 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, 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	
Sharon Nole	Sherrill Hutson			Cindy Seals	
Dean Reynolds	Mary Staudt			Mary Staudt	
	Babs Morgan				
	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	Steve Lehman
		Mell Whiting		Mary Flett	Dean Seals
		George Scheirton			
		Putt Shaw			
		Bonnie Flory			
		Sharon Nole			
		Anne Snellgrove			

October Facts

October... the 8th month of the year?

You probably know that the calendar once looked a lot different. In the original 10-month calendar, October was month 8. Hence the name, octo, Latin for 8. #4. *Pumpkin month?*

Here is one of the most interesting October facts: over 50% of the US population buys a pumpkin in October! In fact, the October pumpkin industry sells \$708 million pumpkins each year. Carving jack-o-lanterns is definitely one of our favorite October traditions!

Those born in October can be born under one of two very different star signs. If you're born before October 23rd, then you have the sign of Libra. Those born on October 23rd or later have the sign of Scorpio. Libras are said to value harmony and diplomacy and are said to be both intelligent and kind. Scorpios are quite different, valuing trust and honesty above other things, as well as being quite intense yet imaginative people

October has two strikingly different birth flowers: the pastel-hued cosmos and the radiant marigold. The cosmos flower represents the joy one finds in peace and love. The marigold, otherwise known as the calendula, is said to be a symbol of tranquility, grace, and grief.

It wouldn't be October without Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31st. The celebration's origins go all the way back to the Gaelic people of modern-day England, Scotland, and Ireland, who celebrated the festival of Samhain. Among other activities, the original celebrants of Samhain would dress in costumes or disguises and go door-to-door receiving gifts of food, much like how today's children dress up and receive treats!

An even more impressive meteor shower that is visible in both hemispheres is the Orionid meteor shower, which runs from October 2nd until early November. It is named after Orion as it is usually visible in the same part of the sky as the constellation. At the peak of the meteor shower, as many as 20 meteors are visible every hour.

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President

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Secretary: Jan Parten

Treasurer: Cindy Breen

Gary Williams: At Large

Larry Stamps: At Large

Dean Seals: At Large

Questions

1. What is Lisbon?
2. *What is As You Like It?*
3. What is Monrovia?
4. *What is Our Town?*
5. What is *The Crucible*?

