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VOICE

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President's Message:

August in a Railcar Oven.

August is usually the hottest month, and I no longer tolerate the heat as well as I once did. The summer before college, I worked in a paint company lab in Corpus Christi. A railroad car arrived filled with empty paint cans and was parked on a remote spur, and the company recruited everyone it could spare including me to unload it. A metal railcar under a clear blue August sky is an oven. Back then, salt tablets were handed out instead of water. I doubt I could survive that experience today.

I am sure all of us are grateful for air conditioning. I have a lot of empathy for those that do not have it. Stay cool and hydrated.

I have often mentioned Vicksburg Village's caring and loving spirit in this newsletter. This past month, I personally experienced it. Never in my life have I heard so many words and received cards of concern, goodwill, and support. I cannot fully express my gratitude or say how much it has meant to me. There may even be a bit of Kerrville magic: I received a card signed by members of my exercise class at the Kroc. I cannot imagine that happening at any other gym. This truly is an incredibly special place.

"Everything goes except the love you pour into others and the world."

— [John Green](#)

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 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. This month’s quilt made by Gail Johnson.

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)

Advertising

1. Copywriter Keith Goldberg wrote this question in 1999 for a financial service company; it stuck around for a while.

Big Geography

2. It's the largest country in area that begins and ends with the same letter.

Celebrities Who Sell

3. This rapper caused a firestorm online when he said “I’m giving up smoke”; turned out, he was backing a smokeless fire pit.

That's A Penalty

4. It's the sport where referees can call you for Butt-Ending

Home and Garden

5. In 1847 eccentric horticulturist Sir Charles Isham popularized terra cotta ones from Nuremberg.



Section 9. Prohibition of Trade and Offensive Activities. No

Lot, or any improvement(s) thereon, shall be used for any commercial purpose, except that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an Owner from rendering professional services as long as such services do not attribute to the Lot any appearance of commercial or nonresidential use. **A garage sale/**

estate sale are permitted but not to exceed one (1) such sale per calendar year per household with a maximum duration of two (2) consecutive days for the sale.

Please be advised of our CC&Rs Restrictions *(above)* if you are planning a Garage or Estate Sale.

Lately there have been some violations.

If you are hiring a company to run the sale please make them aware of our restrictions.

Be respectful of our neighbors that have to deal with parking issues and disturbances. Thank you



HAPPY
HOUR

Happy Hour participants will be asked 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) so

NOTE:

Summer is so busy we will have regular Happy Hours without the weekly appetizers.

We will resume our Friday APPETIZERS, Probably Oct 9th, Oct and Nov I have family and friends coming out to visit. So I will keep y'all updated until then.

August

Texas Historical August Events

[Aug 1, 1881](#) – The Texas Legislature established the [University of Texas in Austin](#), creating a flagship public university for the state.

[Aug 2–3, 1832](#) – The [Battle of Nacogdoches](#) began as Texian settlers resisted Mexican troops enforcing centralist policies, foreshadowing the Texas Revolution

[Aug 10, 1862](#) – [The Battle of the Nueces](#) occurred during the Civil War era.

[Aug 12, 1886](#) – The [Indianola Hurricane](#) struck, causing significant damage.

[Aug 18, 1813](#) – The [Battle of Medina](#) was fought, a key engagement in the War of 1812 that influenced Texas' role in the conflict.

[Aug 23, 1970](#) – [The Salad Bowl](#) strike began in Texas.

[Aug 25, 1916](#) – [The National Park Service Organic Act](#) was signed, impacting Texas' national parks.

[Aug 26, 1837](#) – [The Battle of Galveston Harbor](#) took place

[Aug 30, 1969](#) – [The Texas International Pop Festival](#) opened, a major music event.

[Aug 31, 1839](#) – [The First session of the Republic of Texas Congress](#) was held in Austin.



Natiional Historical August Events

[Aug 2, 1790](#)–US conducts its [first national census](#).

[Aug 4, 1914](#)–President Woodrow Wilson declared U.S. neutrality as World War I erupts.

[Aug 4, 1945](#)–The United States drops an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

[Aug 5, 1963](#)–[The Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty](#) was signed by the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union

[Aug 12, 1908](#)—[Henry Ford's](#) first Model T car.

[Aug 18, 1838](#)–[The United States Exploring Expedition](#) under the command of US Navy Lieutenant Charles Wilkes departs from Hampton Roads for the Pacific Ocean and Antarctica.

[Aug 18, 1920](#)—[The 19th Amendment](#): On this date the 19th Amendment was ratified granting the women's right to vote.

[Aug 20, 1866](#)–President Andrew Johnson issues a proclamation announcing the end of the American Civil War.

[Aug 27, 1859](#)–[Edwin Drake](#) becomes the first American to strike oil while drilling in Titusville, Pennsylvania

World Historical August Events

[Aug 8, 30 BCA](#)– [Cleopatra dies](#). The famous Egyptian Queen was known for her beauty, as well as being the lover of both Julius Caesar and Mark Antony.

[Aug 22, 1485](#)– [Battle of Bosworth Field](#). In one of the most important battles in English history, the Battle of Bosworth Field saw King Richard III become the last English king to die in battle

[Aug 24, 79](#)–[Mount Vesuvius erupts](#). It's one of the most famous and destructive volcanic eruptions in history. At 1pm on 24 August 79, Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the nearby Roman city of Pompeii, as well as the seaside town of Herculaneum.

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

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

ACC COMMITTEE

TREE TRIMMING NEEDED AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Per the screenshot below, from the current CCR's, tree limbs must be trimmed to permit safe passage along the sidewalks and streets, and to permit ease of access for lawn maintenance by Mir Garden. We have noticed a lot of trees with limbs that are lower than the guidelines outlined below – the Fall season is typical tree-trimming time.

Please check your trees and if there are limbs that need to be trimmed, please begin planning now to have that done in the Fall.

Section 24. Trees that interfere with foot or vehicular traffic.

A homeowner is responsible to keep their trees trimmed so that there are no limbs or branches less than 10 (ten) feet above a Sidewalk or less than 14 (fourteen) feet above a street. In addition, front and side yards must have all tree limbs above seven (7) feet from the ground (to allow lawn maintenance free of limitation). Dead limbs must be removed, for safety reasons.

Thank you for helping us keep the neighborhood safe and beautiful for everyone.

Vicksburg Village ACC

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

COMMAND AREA GARDENING COMMITTEE



VILLAGE COB

The Garden Committee would like to propose a new committee called the “Village COB”

Which stands for the Vicksburg Village's Committee on Benches!

The purpose of the Committee is to come up with a master plan for the installation of Benches around the neighborhood, to enhance our parklike setting and outdoor lifestyle.

The Master Plan would include a site plan where benches may be installed, standard bench specifications with their method of installation, and all associated costs estimated by way of competitive cost proposals. This information would be presented to the Board and Membership for consideration.

If approved, the committee will create an equitable way of accepting Village Member's interest and donations for the Benches and see through their installation. Those interested in participating on this committee are asked to reach out to Kim Marks directly at kmarks@marksdesign, or by phone.

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE

Our summer theme for July-August is Texas wildflowers. You know how we love our wildflowers in Texas so come on up to the clubhouse where they won't fade away!

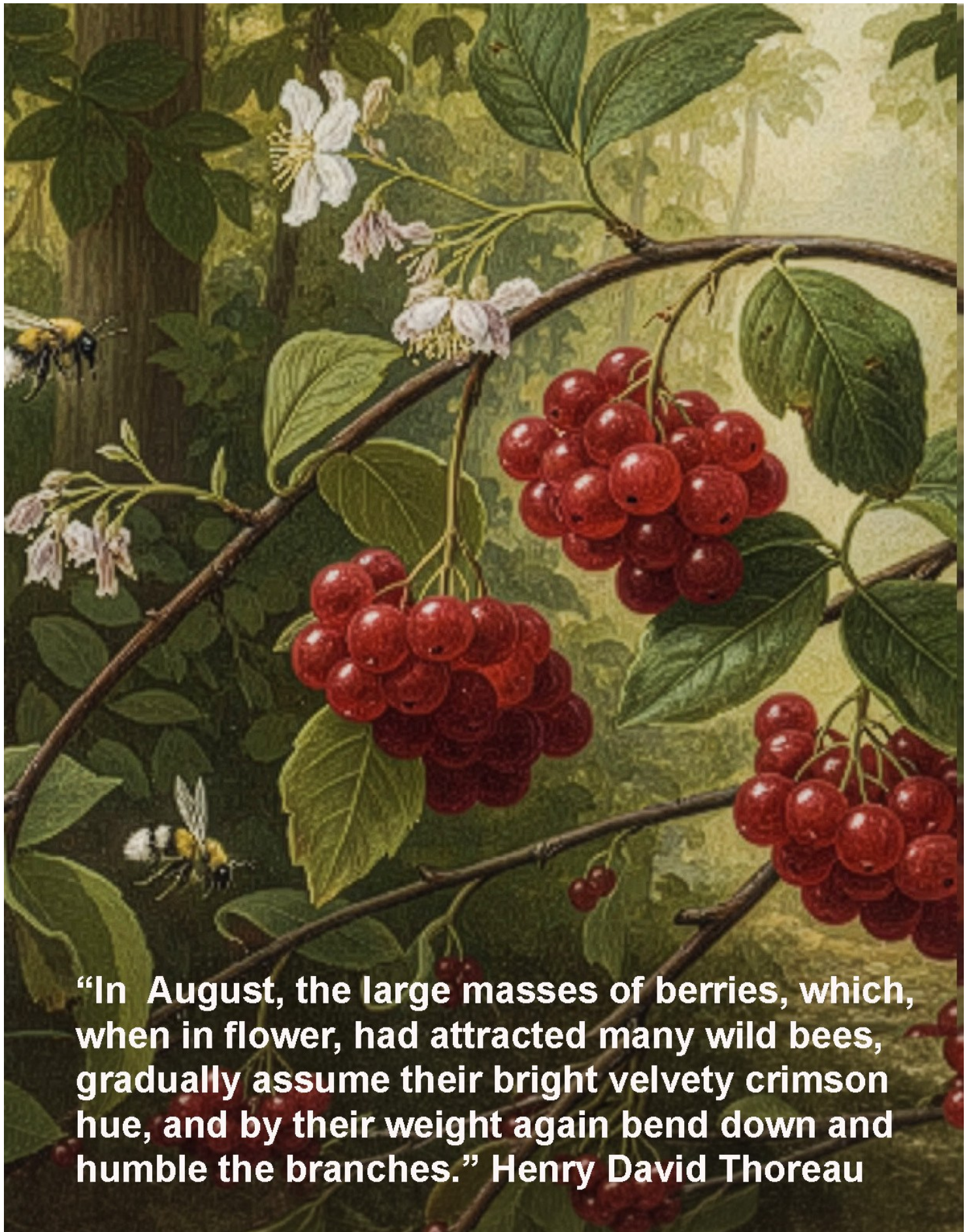


Message from the Board of Directors

Gary and Carol Willams are moving to be closer to family. Gary worked on the CC&R Committee when we had the major update to conform to State Law, he also has served as Board Member. Carole was on the Welcoming Committee. We will miss their participation.

With Gary's resignation from the Board the BOD must appoint a new member to serve out Gary's term which goes though 2027. **If you are interested in serving please contact Scott or one of the board members and let them know.**

Carol's departure leaves a vacancy on the Welcoming Committee. We really could use someone to volunteer to fill her slot.



“In August, the large masses of berries, which, when in flower, had attracted many wild bees, gradually assume their bright velvety crimson hue, and by their weight again bend down and humble the branches.” Henry David Thoreau

VVHA Social Activities

Event	Day	Time	Contact
Bunco	3rd Wednesday	6:30PM	Mell Whiting 443-243-6934
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." Julys 830-955-9012
Quilt Bee	1st and 3rd Monday	1:00PM	Gwen Myers 830-832-8472
Nine-Ball Pool	Thursday	9:30AM	Mike Michalec 830-739-8640
Eight - Ball Pool	Friday	7:30AM	Mike Michalec 830-739-8640
Water Exercise	M, W, F	7:30AM	Betty Aronsen 830-896-2187
Water Exercise	T, Th	9:00-10:00AM	Mary Lou Bartels 830-257-8066
Euchre	Thursday	12:00PM	Sharon Nole 214-929-0018
Pennies from Heaven Canasta	Friday	1:00-4:30PM	Carolyn Brooks 830-955-5408
Clubhouse Cleaning	Monday	2:00-5:00 PM	

2026 Committee Members

Architectural Control	Bereavement	Budget & Finance	CC&Rs By-Laws & Rules	Clubhouse Decorating	Common Area Gardening
Cindy Wallace	Annie Snellgrove	Sitting President Sitting Treasurer	Sitting President	Sharon Preston	Kim Marks
Bonnie Flory	Mary Staudt	Jay Bolt	Cindy Breen	Betsy Flett	Cindy Wallace
Sherrill Hutson	Linda Lavretta	Larry Stamps	Larry Stamps	Annie Snellgrove	Jan Parten
Jose Ochoa		Kim Marks		Cindy Seals	
Judy Wright				Mary Staudt	
Lee Wright				Sharon Noles	
	Clubhouse & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome	Technology
	Dean Seals	Kim Marks	Tom Johnson	Mary Flett	Tom Johnson
	Tom Johnson	Putt Shaw	Jay Bolt		Dean Seals
		Anne Snellgrove			
		Mel Whiting			
		Bonnie Flory			

August Facts

August is named after Augustus Caesar (grandnephew of Julius Caesar), the first Roman emperor.

Astronomy: The month features the peak of the [Perseid meteor shower](#) (mid-August) and the full [Sturgeon Moon](#). It is also associated with the "Dog Days of Summer," linked to the rising of the star Sirius, which officially ends on August 11.

Cultural & Birth Facts: August is traditionally a harvest month, marked by [Lammas Day](#) (August 1). It is the most common birth month in the United States, with babies born under the signs of **Leo** and **Virgo**; notably, August babies are often the youngest in their kindergarten classes.

Symbols: The birthstones are **peridot** and **sardonyx**, while the birth flowers are the **gladiolus** and the **poppy**.

In 1939, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed August 19 [National Aviation Day](#), in honor of Orville Wright's birthday. (Sorry Wilber.)

[Cat Nights](#), rooted in old Irish legend, starts on August 17, when a witch could turn into a cat eight times but not regain human form on the ninth day, which contributed to the saying "A cat has nine lives," according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*.

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson-President

Dean Seals-Vice President

Jan Parten-Secretary

Cindy Breen-Treasurer

Jay Stimson-At Large

Tim Sheets-At Large

TBD-At Large

Questions

1. What is "What's in your wallet"?
2. What is Australia?
3. Who is Snoop Dogg?
4. What is (Ice) Hockey?
5. What are (garden) Gnomes?