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VOICE

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President's Message:

We rarely get to say the word “semiquincentennial,” but this July 4th, it is exactly right. At 250 years old, America remains a relatively young nation, and visitors often notice that youthfulness first. Many describe the country as open, energetic, and new. That impression is now appearing online as the World Cup draws more attention to the United States. YouTube is full of visitors saying the America they found here is not the one they were led to expect.

Many of those visitors say they had been told to expect a country defined by stereotypes: rude people, unhealthy food, gun culture, decay, and danger. Yet what stands out to them once they arrive is often the opposite. They notice that strangers are willing to talk, offer directions, recommend a local restaurant, or lend a hand. They are surprised by the beauty of the landscape, the variety of regional food, and the everyday customs Americans take for granted—from Texas barbecue and pecan pie to free refills and yellow school buses. These small discoveries matter because they reveal something larger: a country that is more welcoming, more varied, and more confident than its caricatures.

What many visitors are coming to understand is what real freedom looks like in daily life. Perhaps that openness is what some critics misunderstand, and perhaps it is what makes America difficult to reduce to a single narrative. As we mark the nation’s 250th birthday, we should be proud not only of our history, but also of what ordinary Americans continue to show the world: hospitality, independence, and a generous spirit.

“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” — Peter Marshall

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 Gwen Myers.

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)

Born on the Fourth of July

1. This July 4 baby based his novel, *The House of the Seven Gables* on a place that had been owned by his cousin.
2. Born July 4, 1943, this talk show host is known for owning Al Capone’s vault and being hit with a chair.

Constitutional Amendments

3. Until a 1913 amendment allow this, 1/3 of U.S. Government revenue came from liquor.

Zoology

4. The ring-tailed species of this animal found in Madagascar has a raccoon-like features, but it’s a primate.
5. Coming in at nearly 107 decibels, the loudest insect on earth is a species of this.



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



(250 YEARS)

4TH OF JULY

GOLF CART PARADE

(Cars are also welcome)

If you have a golfcart and would like to participate please contact Laurie Sheets, we will parade up and down all streets within Vicksburg Village on July 4th. We will also have a BBQ following the Parade.

Sign up with Laurie Sheets at

Lauriejeans58@hotmail.com or call 775-315-2932

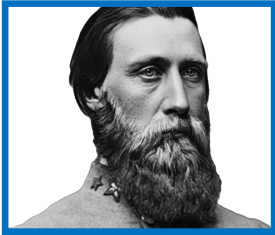
We will have a brief meeting on June 12th at 5:00 pm during our Happy Hour gathering with all participants

July

Texas Historical July Events

July 1, 1850: [Soldiers burn a Fredericksburg store after a dispute, and the fire destroys Gillespie County's earliest records.](#)

July 2, 1863: [Hood's Texas Brigade fights in the second day at Gettysburg, assaulting positions near Devil's Den and Little Round Top.](#)



[**General John Bell Hood**](#)

[June 29, 1831-Aug 30, 1879](#)

July 4, 1845: [The Convention of 1845 in Austin approves annexation and moves ahead with drafting a state constitution, paving the way to U.S. statehood.](#)

July 4, 1973: [Willie Nelson staged the first Fourth of July Picnic near Dripping Springs, launching a major Texas music tradition.](#)

July 9, 1716: [Mission Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de los Nacogdoches was founded, anchoring Spain's claims in East Texas.](#)

July 16, 1839: [The battle of the Neches concludes with the death of Cherokee leader Chief Bowl, leading to the expulsion of many Cherokees from East Texas.](#)

July 21, 1878: [Sam Bass dies of his wounds in Round Rock, entering Texas outlaw lore.](#)

July 29, 1958: [NASA is established by the National Aeronautics and Space Act; Houston will become the hub for U.S. human spaceflight operations.](#)

National Historical July Events

July 1, 1863 - Beginning of the [Battle of Gettysburg](#) during the American [Civil War](#).

July 2, 1776 - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution, originally introduced on June 7, by [Richard Henry Lee](#) of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation."

July 2, 1788 - Congress announced the [United States Constitution](#) had been ratified by the required nine states and that a committee had been appointed to make preparations for the new American government.

July 3, 1775 - During the [American Revolution](#), [George Washington](#) took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

July 4, 1776 - The [Declaration of Independence](#) was approved by the Continental Congress.

World Historical July Events

July 10, 1991 - Boris Yeltsin took the oath of office, becoming the first popularly elected president in Russia's thousand-year history.

July 17, 1918 - In the Russian town of Ekaterinburg in Siberia, former Czar Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra, and their five children were brutally murdered by Bolsheviks.

July 27, 1953 - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.

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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Kerr County's CERT earns state service award

[For Kerrville Daily Times complete article click here.](#)



Former Kerr County Emergency Management Coordinator William B. "Dub" Thomas, who led Kerr County CERT for 11 years before his retirement earlier this year, holds the 2026 Spirit of Service Award recently presented during TDEM's Texas Emergency Management conference in Fort Worth. Joining him are, clockwise from left, Gina Lehman Stewart, her brother John Lehman, new Kerr County Emergency Management Coordinator Shorey Harmon and John's wife, Della Lehman. The Kerr County CERT group was co-founded by Stewart and her late brother, Stephen Carl Lehman.

Lisa Walter/Kerr County Public Relations

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

ACC COMMITTEE

Help us remain “the sought-after Vicksburg Village 55+ community” that realtors use to describe our neighborhood when homes here are put on the market. To maintain the desirability of Vicksburg Village, the ACC has processes for requesting, reviewing and approving exterior changes and/or improvements to properties in the neighborhood.

Per the [Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions](#) (CC&R's) for Vicksburg Village, all exterior changes and/or improvements, whether front, sides or back of the property, must be reviewed. If you are unable to access the link above, please contact the office at 830-257-2442 or office@vicksburgvillage.net, for a copy of the CC&R's if you don't already have one.

1. ASK BEFORE YOU BUY. Before purchasing materials or signing a contract with a service provider, please submit an ACC Request for review and approval. Be sure to include paint color samples and diagrams if relevant. If you cannot download and print from the website link provided, contact the office to request one be printed for

you to pick it. Once completed, you can bring it by the office or scan it in and email it to office@vicksburgvillage.net.

2. SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING. If you notice that your neighbor is making changes to the exterior of their property, please remind them of the ACC Request process. “Howdy, neighbor. I noticed you’re making some changes out here – if you haven’t already, please submit an ACC Request for approval.”

3. ONE NOTABLE EXCEPTION. Work to repair/replace rotted or damaged siding and/or trim, which will then be painted the exact same color as current

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!

July

July 1: [National Postal Worker Day](#)

July 2: [National Wildland Firefighter Day](#)

July 4: [Independence Day](#)

July 6: [National Fried Chicken Day](#)

July 8: [National Raspberry Day](#)

July 10: [Collector Car Appreciation Day](#)

July 11: [National Mojito Day](#)

July 12: [National Pecan Pie Day](#)

July 14: [National Mac and Cheese Day](#)



July 17: [National Peach Ice Cream Day](#)

July 18: [National Hot Dog Day](#)

July 20: [National Lollipop Day](#)

July 22: [National Hammock Day](#)

July 23: [National Lemon Day](#)

July 24: [National Tequila Day](#)

July 26: [National Bagelfest Day](#)

July 29: [National Lipstick Day](#)

July 31: [National Avocado Day](#)



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

**Click on above graphic to go to the Secretary of States 250 year's
Celebration Webpage**

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			



July Facts



Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed on Fourth of July. It is estimated that \$6.78 billion will be spent on food this year reported by the National Retail Federation (NRF).

Americans spend \$1 billion on fireworks annually. Alabama imports roughly \$19,400,000 according to CNBC.

It wasn't until 1938, The Fourth of July was actually declared a federal holiday.

The only member of the Continental Congress to formally sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776 was John Hancock.

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More than 14,000 firework displays are put on across the country on July Fourth with Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Display being the largest in the United States.

Moon Landing: Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969.

Birthstone: Ruby, symbolizing love and passion.

Birth Flowers: Larkspur and water lily.

Zodiac Signs: Cancer (until July 22) and Leo (from July 23).

Aphelion: Earth reaches its farthest point from the sun in early July.

Dog Days: Traditionally runs from July 23 to August 23, named after the star Sirius.

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson-President

Dean Seals-Vice President

Jan Parten-Secretary

Cindy Breen-Treasurer

Jay Stimson-At Large

Tim Sheets-At Large

Gary Williams-At Large

Questions

1. Who is Nathaneil Hawthorne?
2. Who is Geraldo Rivera?
3. What is income tax?
4. What is Lemur?
5. What is the Cicada?