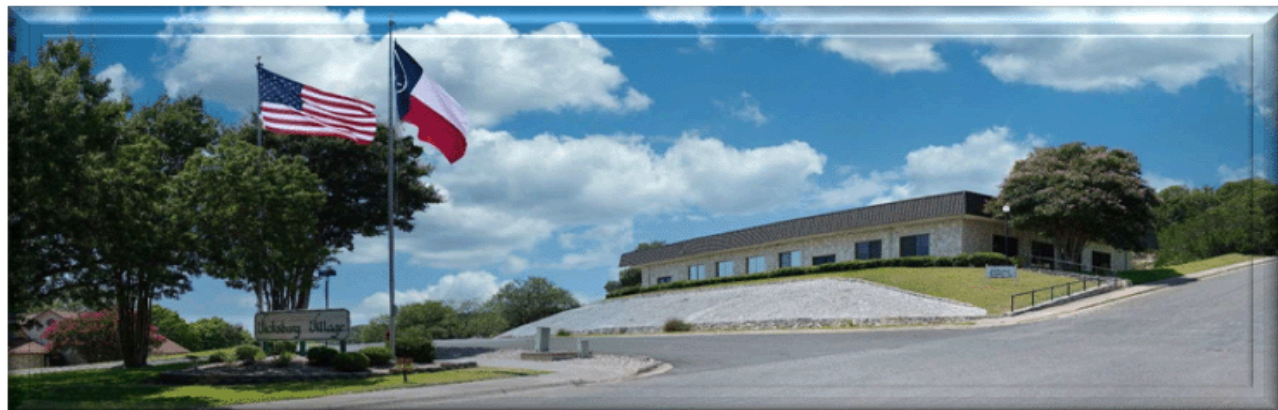




VVHA



VOICE

May 2026

President's Message:

As I walk through our home, I observe that this is the season when the Peace Lilies bloom. Interesting fact is that the Peace Lilly symbolizes peace, purity, healing, and prosperity across many cultures, making it a meaningful plant in spiritual, ceremonial, and everyday contexts.

I stopped and contemplated how important peace has been in my life. After experiencing a challenging period in my life, I realized there must be a better approach to living. Shortly after that my goal became inner peace.

Speaking of peace, I hope the women's restroom might be a little more peaceful. All three thrones, around 40+ years old, have been replaced as well as new flushing mechanisms installed. Gratitude to Tim Sheets for managing this endeavor.

Most importantly is the return of our office manager Scott. He has recovered enough that he will be able to cover the office during regular hours. I for one could not be more grateful. And a big thank you to Leah for stepping in and helping, the volunteer residents and especially Cindy Breen for covering the office hours during Scott's recovery.

"I see not any road of perfect peace which a man can walk but after the counsel of his own bosom."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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 Sharon Preston.

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 Peggy Mccullough.

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)

1. Dangerous weather events occur most frequently from late May into June.
2. Meteor showers in May.
3. Famous leader who favorited the Emerald.
4. A major construction project was completed and opened to the public May 1, 1931.
5. Major event happened on May 5, 1961 for the American Space Program.



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

May

May 1: [National Silver Star Service Banner Day](#)

May 3: [National Start Seeing Monarchs Day](#)

May 5: [National Totally Chipotle Day](#)

May 6: [National crepe Suzette Day](#)

May 8: [National Coconut Cream Pie Day](#)

May 9: [National Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#)

May 10: [National Shrimp Day](#)

May 11: [Mother's Day](#)

May 13: [National Fruit Cocktail Day](#)

May 15: [National Chocolate Chip Day](#)

May 17: [National Armed Forces Day](#)

May 19: [National Devil's Food Cake Day](#)

May 21: [National Strawberries & Cream Day](#)

May 24: [National Escargot Day](#)

May 27: [National Grape Day](#)

May 28: [National Senior Health & Fitness Day](#)

May 30: [National Mint Julep Day](#)

May 31: [National Smile Day](#)



Mother's Day actually began as a women's movement to better the lives of Americans. Its forgotten origins spring from two lifelong activists who championed efforts toward better health, welfare, and peace. Know your Mother's Day history—and get inspired.

Who Invented Mother's Day?

In 1887, Mary Towles Sasseen—a teacher in Henderson, Kentucky—led her class in what is the first known observance of a Mother's Day focusing just on honoring mom. Later, Mary published a pamphlet about her vision for the special day to share with others. She traveled across the country to educational gatherings to promote the observance as a national holiday, primarily in public schools, with a suggested date of April 20, her mother's birthday. Schools in several states, including Springfield, Ohio, adopted the idea. Mary died in 1906, before her dream of a national holiday was realized. In 1926, the Kentucky legislature passed a resolution acclaiming Mary as the “originator of the idea of the Celebration of Mother's Day.”

HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour participants will be ask 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 she can add you to the list.

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HAPPY HOUR CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
				Bring your own		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day
				Nachos		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Salad Bar		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Pigs in a blanket		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Memorial Day				End of Month Potluck (Sheets will be out of town)		

May

Texas Historical May Events

May 1, 1718-[Mission San Antonio de Valero](#) founded. Governor Martín de Alarcón and Fray Antonio de Olivares established the mission later known as the Alamo, anchoring San Antonio's growth ,

May 8, 1846-[Battle of Palo Alto](#) near Brownsville, the opening clash of the U.S.–Mexican War.

May 13, 1865-[Battle of Palmito Ranch](#) near Brownsville, last land battle of the Civil War.

May 14, 1836-[Treaties of Velasco](#) signed between Texian leaders and captured Santa Anna.

May 19, 1836-[Raid on Fort Parker](#). Cynthia Ann Parker captured, later mother of Quanah Parker.

May 23, 1934-[Bonnie and Clyde](#) killed after Texas lawmen investigation.

May 28, 1923-[Santa Rita No. 1](#) comes in, launching university oil wealth funding University of Texas and Texas A&M.

May 30, 1898-[Rough Riders](#) muster in San Antonio before departing for Cuba.

National Historical May Events

May 1, 1960-[U2 Spy plane shot down](#).

May 2, 2011-[Osama Bin Laden killed](#).

May 3, 1978-[First spam email sent](#).

May 4, 1970 [Kent State shootings](#).

May 6, 1937-[The Hindenburg disaster](#).

May 7, 1915-[The sinking of the Lusitania](#).

May 10, 1869-[Transcontinental Railroad completed](#).

May 18, 1980– [Mount St. Helens eruption](#).

May 27, 1937-[Golden Gate Bridge opens](#).

World Historical May Events

May 5, 1862-[Ignacio Zaragoza's victory](#) at Puebla (Cinco de Mayo). Zaragoza was born in what is now Texas before moving to Mexico.

May 13, 1981– [Pope John Paul II shot](#).

May 14, 1796-[First Smallpox vaccine](#).

May 29, 1953-[Mount Everest summited](#).

May 30, 1431-[Joan of Arc burned](#).

May 31, 1859-[Big Ben tolls](#). London's famous clock tower began operation with its massive 13-ton bell, which would later develop a crack, altering its distinctive sound. The structure subtly leans northwest.



(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

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 siding and trim, does not need to be submitted for review.

It takes all of us working together to maintain the natural beauty and desirability of Vicksburg Village. The ACC committee members thank you in advance for your understanding.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE

Please enjoy our **Tea Party** theme for the month of May. This theme is always a favorite!

Please know that there are many heirloom pieces on the tables and back ledge. If you must move a setting please contact a committee member and we will be happy to move it as we are responsible for pieces that are over **100 years old!**

COMMON AREA AND GARDENING COMMITTEE

The Vicksburg Sign Renovation is nearing completion. If the sun comes out any time soon, we'll begin the painting!



WELCOME COMMITTEE

Our new not so new resident of the village is Gina Stewart, who lives at 446 Vicksburg Ave. She has actually been in the village for about five years while she was caring for her mother and has now purchased a home of her own.

Gina spent many years in the entertainment business in Nashville and is currently a part-time secretary for Trinity Baptist Church.

She looks forward to getting to know her neighbors in her new area of the village. Please welcome Gina to the village!

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." Mays 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	T, Th	9:00-10:00AM	Mary Lou Bartels 830-257-8066
Euchre	Thursday	12:00PM	Sharon Nole 214-929-0018
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
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Judy Wright				Mary Staudt	
Lee Wright				Sharon Noles	
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	Tom Johnson	Putt Shaw	Jay Bolt		Dean Seals
		Anne Snellgrove			
		Mel Whiting			
		Bonnie Flory			

Annual Car Wash & Bake Sale

Come on out and support Boy Scout Troop 111 by getting your car washed & buying some

yummy homemade baked goodies.

100% of proceeds stay local and go directly to Scouts to help pay for camp, High Adventure, and other Scouting activities.



The poster features a light blue background decorated with water droplets and bubbles. At the top center is the Boy Scout fleur-de-lis logo, which is blue and white with a red horizontal stripe and a white star. Below the logo, the text "BOY SCOUT TROOP 111" is written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters, followed by "ANNUAL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER" in bold black capital letters. A gold-bordered box contains a gold calendar icon with a clock face, followed by the text "SATURDAY, MAY 2" and "10 A.M. to 2 P.M." in bold black capital letters. Below this box, the text "Notre Dame School Gym Parking Lot" is written in black. At the bottom, a dark blue banner with the words "CAR WASH!" in white capital letters is shown. To the right of the banner is an illustration of a dark blue car being washed with white foam.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 111
ANNUAL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

 **SATURDAY, MAY 2**
10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Notre Dame School Gym Parking Lot

CAR WASH!





May Facts



1. May is the fifth month of the year in the Gregorian and its predecessor, the Julian calendar. Named after the Greek goddess, Maia who is also identified Bona Dea (the Roman goddess of fertility).

2. The fifth month is also the last month of Spring. Some Native American tribes called the May full moon The Full Flower Moon, The Corn Planting Moon or the Milk Moon
3. Those born in may fall under either the Earth sign Taurus (the bull) or Gemini (the twins). Their birthstone is the beautiful emerald which comes in shades of green.
4. The flower for May is the Lily of the Valley which represents purity, motherhood, humility, chastity and sweetness. The bird associated with May is the Nightingale, its intense vocal activity coincides with the arrival of **spring**, a season the bird symbolizes in literature and culture. While the bird's song is naturally cheerful, the association with May in literature often carries a dual tone of **romantic love and loss**, as seen in works by Shakespeare and Keats, where the nightingale's song interrupts the "merry month of May" with themes of sorrow or the fleeting nature of life. .
5. To maintain a youthful appearance and enhance your beauty, wash your face in the dew you collect on the morning of the first of May.
6. Wash a blanket in May, you'll wash a dear one away. It is bad luck to wash your blankets in May or to buy a new broom.
7. The Anglo Saxon word for May was "Tri-Milchi" meaning 3 milks because the grass had become so lush and green that you could milk the cows three times a day!
8. In 1644, England banned Maypoles. These are poles usually made of wood and long enough to stand as a celebration prop for European festivals. Maypole dances are held in May, usually May Day. However, some European countries celebrate May Day in mid-summer as well. Even after such restriction, people used to put up maypoles to celebrate their May festivals. One such maypole, which was 123 feet long, was put in London; this was done to observe Charles II's return. However, this maypole was later used by Isaac Newton to support his telescope.





INSPIRATIONAL MAY QUOTES

May reminds your heart to bloom without permission

Friendship feels warmer when May arrives

May reminds us that kindness always returns

Growth in May feels achievable and kind

Let May inspire calm confidence

May brings emotional warmth without effort

May shows brighter possibilities

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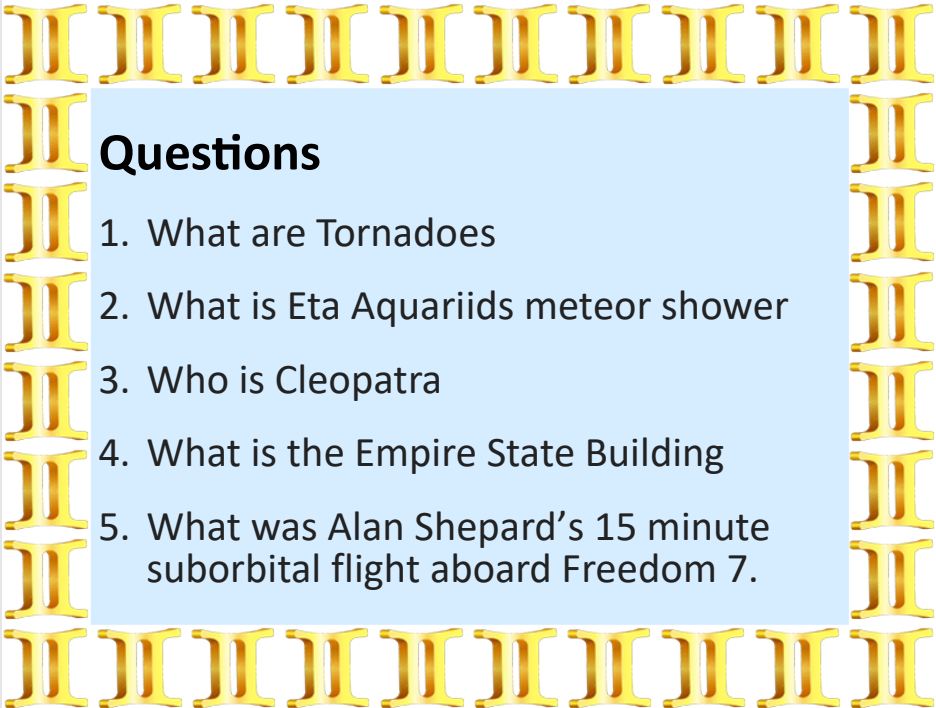
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Questions

1. What are Tornadoes
2. What is Eta Aquariids meteor shower
3. Who is Cleopatra
4. What is the Empire State Building
5. What was Alan Shepard's 15 minute suborbital flight aboard Freedom 7.