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President's Message:

In a Zoom session with a group I meet with every Sunday a participant mentioned how difficult it was to adjust to realizing that she and her husband due to aging could no longer do all the things they used to be able to do. Not an original thought but at that moment the metaphor of the season of Fall and the Autumn of our lives popped in. I thanked her for the inspiration I was seeking for this month's newsletter.

Autumn does not apologize for changing; it arrives with color and clarity. So it can be with age. As our abilities shift, we may need to slow our pace, accept help, or exchange crowded schedules for fewer commitments. Like a tree conserving its energy, these adjustments are not signs of defeat but acts of wise stewardship. When the green of youth fades, qualities once hidden beneath busyness—patience, humor, discernment, gratitude, and presence—can emerge like gold and crimson leaves.

To live well in the autumn of life is not to pretend that nothing has changed. It is to meet change honestly and still recognize abundance. The day may grow shorter, but its light can be especially beautiful. The branches may become bare, but they are not without purpose; they hold the shape of the tree against the sky and shelter the promise of another season. Age may narrow some possibilities, yet it can deepen our appreciation of the ones that remain. When we adjust with courage, accept support without shame, and offer what only our years have taught us, we do more than endure the season. We become part of its beauty.

"Ah, Lovely October, as you usher in the season that awakens my soul, your awesome beauty compels my spirit to soar like a leaf caught in an autumn breeze and my heart to sing like a heavenly choir." — **Peggy Toney Horton**

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 Don Flett .

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)

Found In Print and in Prison

1. While locked away, this *Dorian Gray* author wrote, “Where this is sorrow there is holy ground.
2. Before he wrote *Robinson Crusoe*, he was imprisoned several times for his political pamphleteering.
3. This author of the *Maltese Falcon* spent months in jail for refusing to name a civil rights defense group’s donors.

The Silver Screen

4. Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, and Janelle Monae added something as mathematicians working at NASA in this film.

Staring into Space

5. Last seen in 1986, this comet was spotted by Chinese Astronomers in 240 B.C.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 BRING YOUR OWN	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 APPETIZER FRIDAY	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 APPETIZER FRIDAY	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 APPETIZER FRIDAY	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 OKTOBERFEST    5:00-7:00PM	31 HALLOWEEN  

LOOK FOR FLIERS AT THE MAILBOXES SOON, SIGN UP WILL BE IN THE CLUBHOUSE FOR: NAME AND WHAT GERMAN FOOD YOU WILL BE BRINGING, HAPPY HOUR WILL PROVIDE MEAT AND CONDIMENTS, SEE FLIER FOR MORE DETAILS.



OKTOBERFEST

Friday, October 30, 2026

Join us for a festive Oktoberfest celebration with great company, seasonal treats, and plenty of fall fun.

Location: Vicksburg Club House

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Admission: DONATIONS AT THE DOOR

Provided by the Happy Hour Group: Brats and buns, Chicken Schnitzel, and maybe homemade Pretzels/Beer Cheese

SIGN UP: AT THE CLUBHOUSE: (GERMAN FOOD) SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS AND WHO IS ATTENDING.

CONTACT IS: LAURIE SHEETS: lauriejeans58@hotmail.com or 775-315-2932

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.

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE

Please come up and spend some time in our wonderful clubhouse which will be decked out in its Fall attire for October and November!

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.

October

Texas Historical October Events

- 1835:** The Texas Revolution begins as colonists resist Mexican troops at Gonzales, famously issuing the "[Come and take it](#)" challenge.
- 1836:** [The first general election for the Republic of Texas](#) is held, and the 1st Congress assembles at Columbia; President **Sam Houston** is inaugurated on October 22.
- 1839:** [President Mirabeau B. Lamar moves the capital to Austin](#), arriving on October 17, and government operations begin in the new capital by late October.
- 1876:** [The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas](#) (now **Texas A&M University**) opens at College Station on October 4, becoming the state's first public institution of higher learning.
- 1886:** [The State Fair of Texas](#) opens its gates for the first time on October 26.
- 1840s:** Several significant diplomatic and military events occurred, including the **Battle of Red Fork** against the Comanche in 1840 and the signing of the [Treaty of Tehuacana Creek](#) with the Comanche Nation in 1844.

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 8, 1918** - During [World War I](#) in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant [Alvin C. York](#) single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

National Historical October Events

- October 16, 1859** - Fanatical abolitionist [John Brown](#) seized the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry with about 20 followers.
- October 17-25, 1944** - [The Battle of Leyte Gulf](#), the largest naval battle in history, took place off the Philippine Islands, during [World War II in the Pacific](#). The battle involved 216 U.S. warships and 64 Japanese ships and resulted in the destruction of the Japanese Navy including the Japanese Battleship *Musashi*, one of the largest ever built.
- October 24, 1861** - [The first transcontinental telegram in America](#) was sent from San Francisco to Washington, addressed to President [Abraham Lincoln](#) from the Chief Justice of California .
- October 27, 1787** - The first of 85 [Federalist Papers](#) appeared in print in a New York City newspaper. The essays argued for the adoption of the new U.S. Constitution. They were written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay.

World Historical October Events Events

- October 1, 1946** - Twelve Nazi leaders were sentenced to death at the [International War Crimes Tribunal](#) in Nuremberg, Germany.
- October 1, 1949** - The People's Republic of China was founded with [Mao Zedong](#) as Chairman.
- October 15, 1917** - World War I spy [Mata Hari](#) was executed by a French firing squad at Vincennes Barracks, outside Paris.
- 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. British pilots in Spitfires and Hurricanes shot down over 1,700 German aircraft while losing 915 fighters. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

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



October

Oct. 1: [International Coffee Day](#)

Oct. 3: [Global Smoothie Day](#)

Oct. 4: [National Cinnamon Bun Day](#)

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

Oct. 7: [National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day](#)

Oct. 12: [National Freethought Day](#)

Oct. 13: [Navy Birthday](#)

Oct. 14: [National Be Bald and Free Day](#)

Oct. 15: [National Grouch Day](#)

Oct. 16: [National Sports Day](#)

Oct. 17: [National Pasta Day](#)

Oct. 20: [National Chicken and Waffles Day](#)

Oct. 21: [National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day](#)

Oct. 22: [National Tavern-Style Pizza Day](#)

Oct. 26: [National Mule Day](#)

Oct. 29: [National Cat Day](#)

Oct. 30: [National Candy Corn Day](#)

Oct. 31: [National Caramel Apple Day](#)



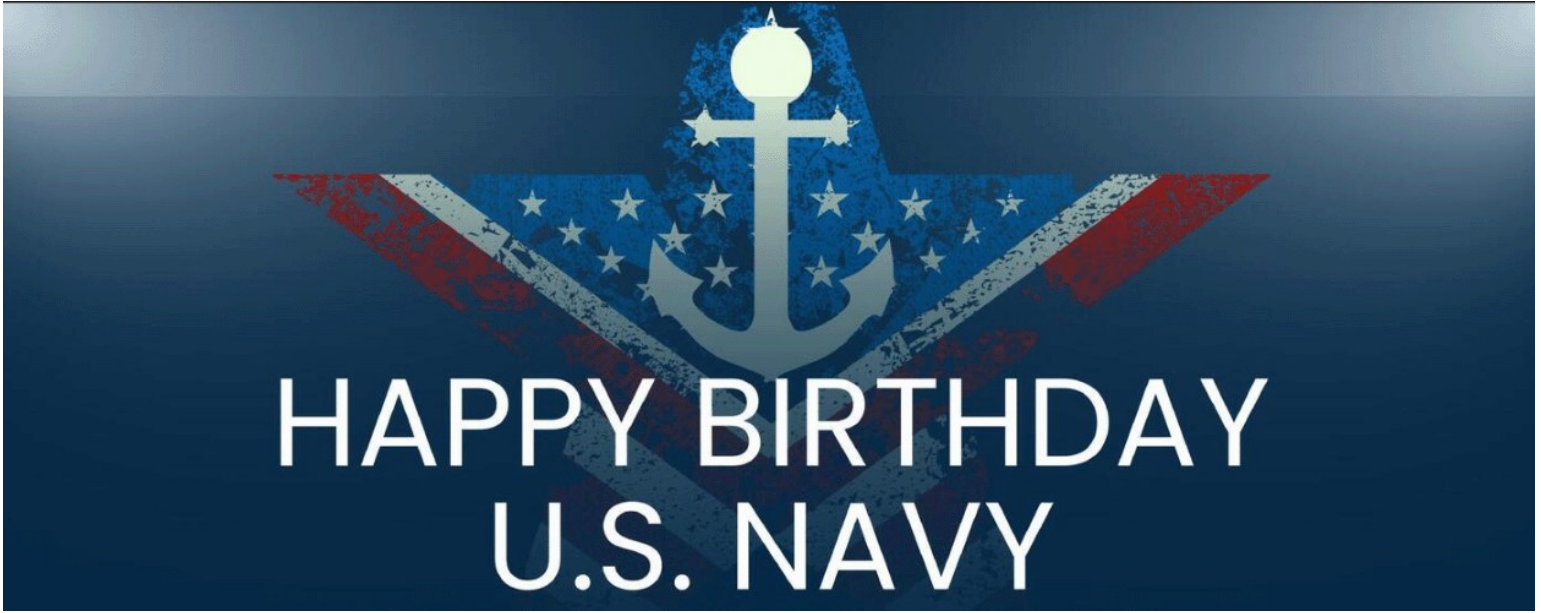
Labor Day October 7, 2026

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Message from the Board of Directors

With Gary's resignation from the Board the BOD must appoint a new member to serve out Gary's term which goes through 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.

A graphic featuring a large anchor in the center, with a stylized American flag (stars and stripes) behind it. The background is dark blue. The text "HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY

The U.S. Navy celebrates its 251st birthday on October 13, 2026, marking the establishment of the Continental Navy in 1775.

From Two Ships to a Global Fleet

On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the purchase and arming of two vessels to cruise against British transports — the legislative birth of the Continental Navy. The fleet grew during the Revolution, was disbanded afterward, and was permanently reestablished under the Naval Act of 1794, which ordered the first six frigates, including USS Constitution.

October 13 was officially recognized as the Navy's birthday in 1972, when Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo Zumwalt authorized its celebration fleet-wide. It is an internal celebration of naval heritage, distinct from Navy Day (October 27), which was historically a public-facing observance.

Today the Navy operates hundreds of ships and thousands of aircraft across every ocean, and its birthday is marked from the Pentagon to the smallest forward-deployed command with the traditional cake-cutting by the oldest and youngest sailors present.

Watch a video of jets on a carrier.

[*The Intricate Skill That Goes Into Landing a Fighter Jet*](#)

When Life Gives You Scraps



Make Quilts

New Quilting Bee dates beginning first and third Wednesdays from 1:00 until 3:00 at the clubhouse. Welcome anyone who is interested in beautiful quilting by our residents who enjoy helping beginners and enjoy seeing the quilting shared by others. Come to the clubhouse and have fun with those who are addicted to beautiful fabrics and enjoyment of quilting ideas as we visit.

Contact Gwen Myers [830-832-472](tel:830-832-472) /

no1myers@yahoo.com or just show up on Wednesday, October 2nd and October 16th.

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 Wednesday	1:00PM-3:00PM	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			

October Facts

October is the 10th month of the Gregorian calendar, featuring 31 days, yet its name derives from the Latin word *octo* (*eight*) because it was originally the 8th month in the early Roman calendar.

October features the Hunter's Moon, the first full moon after the Harvest Moon, and marks the peak of autumn foliage in the Northern Hemisphere. The Orionid meteor shower also occurs during this time.

The month's birthstones are opal and tourmaline, and its birth flowers are the calendula (marigold) and cosmos.

Key historical milestones include Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas (October 12, 1492), the founding of the United Nations (October 24, 1945), and the dedication of the Statue of Liberty (October 28, 1886).

More U.S. Presidents have been born in October than any other month.

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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. Who is Oscar Wilde?
2. Who is Daniel Defoe?
3. Who is Dashiell Hammett?
4. What is *Hidden Figures*?
5. What is Halley's Comet?