

TVPOA Annual Meeting

March/April
2019



TAHITIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

the Pine Post

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Tahitian Village Property Owners' Association was held on Saturday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. There were three vacancies and two candidates for Places 3,5, and 6 on the POA Board of Directors and one vacancy with one candidate on the Architectural Control Committee. The following candidates won by acclamation for the POA Board: Place 3 Kathryn Smith and Place 5 Mary Jo Creamer. For the ACC, there was one vacancy in which Pierre Wilson was placed by acclamation. After a brief overview of 2018 events, President Mac Simpson introduced our guest speakers, Bastrop County Commissioner Mel Hamner, Fire Chief Andres Rosales and Josh Gil. Speaking for BCWCID #2 was General Manager Paul Hightower, TVACC President Randy McDonald, Sheriff Cook and Justice of the Peace, Cindy Allen. All speakers gave brief reports about their departments and were able to answer questions from residents.



Tahitian Village Calendar of Events

March 2019

March 4—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
March 11 & 25—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting @ 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
March 12—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting @ 5:45
March 12 & 26—Bastrop City Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM @ City Hall
March 19—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM
March 21—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting @ 6:30
March 30—BCWCID#2 Annual Mtg @ 9:00 AM @ Bastrop Convention Center

April 2019

April 1—Tahitian Village Architectural Control Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM
April 8 & 22—Bastrop County Commissioners Court Meeting @ 9:00 AM @ Courthouse
April 9—BCWCID #2 Road Meeting @ 5:45
April 9 & 23—Bastrop City Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM @ City Hall
April 13—Clean Sweep from 8-2pm
April 16—Tahitian Village Property Owners Association Meeting @ 7:00 PM
April 18—BCWCID #2 Water Board Meeting @ 6:30 @ Bastrop Convention Center
April 21—Holiday

*****NEW MEETING LOCATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*****

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT Bastrop Fire Dept 2 LOCATED AT
120 CORPORATE DRIVE, BASTROP, TEXAS**



Keeping You Posted

- Next Clean Sweep will be on Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Donations for the Animal Shelter and Animal Rescue are still being accepted at the POA office.
- If you call to report a violation, please leave your name and number in case further information is needed. This information is confidential and will not be shared. If you prefer violations can also be reported on the website, www.tahitianvillagepoa.com.
- TVPOA sends out the meeting agendas for Water District as a courtesy only. The Water District is required by law to post the agendas at the Court House and on the front of the Water District Building.

Tahitian Village Neighborhood News Network (TVNNN) - Notice to Tahitian Village Residents:

In an effort to provide you quick and easy access to information important to you as a resident of our beautiful Tahitian Village, we would like to add you to the new TVNNN e-mail list. You can do this by emailing our office staff at info@tahitianvillagepoa.com or filling out this form and turning it in or mailing it to the TVPOA office.

This list is also vital in distributing information about political and TVPOA, TVACC & BCWCID #2 Board candidates, missing/found pets and unfortunately, vandalism and burglaries. Please help us keep you informed by providing the following information (by doing so, you will automatically be added to the TVNNN e-mail list):

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Thanks for your support and interest in our beautiful neighborhood!

NOTE: Please do not resubmit your information if you have already turned this in from a previous issue

Old Things by Larry Gfeller

Old things provide a warm connection to the past. The older I become, the warmer the connection.

Whatever happened to the typewriter? Typing was considered a necessary skill for high school seniors headed to college in 1965. Fortunately, the typewriter keystroke pattern survived the PC revolution even though the typewriter did not. Another question: how did we go from over 4,500 Blockbuster Video stores in the 1990's to only one sentimental store today? For the answer to this one, we need only look to Netflix, Redbox or video-on-demand.

A comprehensive set of encyclopedias used to be a status symbol. They embodied all knowledge about the world and what's in it. When I was a child there was no "Googling." For today's kids, there are no encyclopedias! It wasn't that long ago that telephone booths could be found on nearly every block in towns large or small. Even the most isolated desert gas station had its own phone booth. If you find a phone booth today, I challenge you to also find a dial tone. Meanwhile, the cell phone in my pocket vibrates like a stinging insect. This is progress!

Now don't get me wrong, I can certainly live without telephone booths or encyclopedias, but how, exactly, did they go out of existence? Life seems to always be forward-looking, devouring the past, adapting to new things, discarding old things. For me, the pace of obsolescence is solid grounds for apathy. I can't remember exactly when it happened, but at some point I lost interest in keeping up. In the beginning, I was resentful. How could it be that a gently used, solid citizen with a receding hairline—like me—could be left behind like yesterday's campfire? However, with the gradual deterioration of biological function, angst mellows into acceptance. Now that I'm in the contemplative stage of life, the past occupies my thoughts more than the future.

I come from farm people. Each day on the farm was filled with long hours of labor for everyone of working age. Even as a small child, I knew we were not wealthy. My mother coveted a particular decorative "tomato dish" that belonged to my grandmother. At my grandmother's passing, mom inherited the dish and she cherished it for many years. This lovely piece meant a lot to my mother. It signified that we had arrived into the middle class, that the family was established enough to enjoy a few fine things. My older brother protects that dish today. I'm intrigued by how the past affects our present. Without ever knowing her, great-great grandkids today can now touch something that our grandmother once touched—and they can know something about who she was.

Old things have a way of making us stop and think, remember this.

Time sifts and separates, deepening meaning and polishing significance for some memories while burying others forever. It's surprising how much of memory is built around things unnoticed at the time. Implements, farm trucks and livestock sheds were commonplace in my Midwestern upbringing. At the time they were unremarkable, but they now are shocking symbols which stand out like old skulls. The older the item, the greater its power to move me. Nostalgia is really a sentimentality for our past, often for a place or period of time with happy personal associations. Anything can spark it: music, weather, smell, touch, physical attributes—you name it. Often my triggers are coincidental.

For example, I enjoy hopping in the car and just riding in the countryside without any particular destination. Unavoidably, out there in some forgotten stretch of back country I run across a lonely windmill or an ancient building, all overgrown, leaning to the left as if it was gossiping with a neighbor. To many people this is just clutter—old stuff no longer needed, left to the void of eternity. To me these symbols whisper with a reverential hush.

I have a fondness for things life has tossed on the dust heap, especially if they represent a noble past. Like good Scotch, these unexpected discoveries run warm in my veins. Perhaps I identify with the old stuff best because that's finally what I have become. I'm one of them.

One day, while working at an old cemetery near Elgin, Texas, I ran across an abandoned Allis-Chalmers tractor, its signature orange paint long since faded to a rusty brown. There it stood—parked under a shade tree in one last tender act—discarded, overgrown and left to the afterlife of time. This old workhorse had outlived its usefulness. It forced in me a reminiscence of long summer days in the fields, the newly plowed fertile earth rich as chocolate and the sun reflecting in the distant tree line. These were arduous, thoroughly satisfying, long work days measured by tangible accomplishment—days avidly relived around the supper table. This old tractor served up luxuriant mental protein for me—it was worthy of remembrance.

Not all memories are pleasant, of course, but agreeable associations are sealed through quality experiences. As a youth, sneaking into drive-ins or hopping a freight train were fun experiences, but not necessarily quality ones. It takes a little time in the saddle to personally define quality. Perhaps this is why old things emerge. Old things remind us of relationships, acts that tie us to other people—the larger human community. As social animals what matters most to us are family, friends and relationships. Those memorable days when we struggle together to help a neighbor, to comfort someone who has fallen or to make someone laugh are good days. This is where most of life's pleasures are found and old things help us commemorate them. Despite our failures and losses—some of which can be devastating—these things still count. Problems and difficulties matter less because these things matter more.

So this is why I appreciate old things: they have a way of showing us what really matters. In the end, time wins. Over the course of hundreds of years each of us and everyone we loved will be forgotten, but our relationships and the memory of those relationships will have defined us. When our relationships are over—for whatever reason—we should not be sad; we should smile for having had them.





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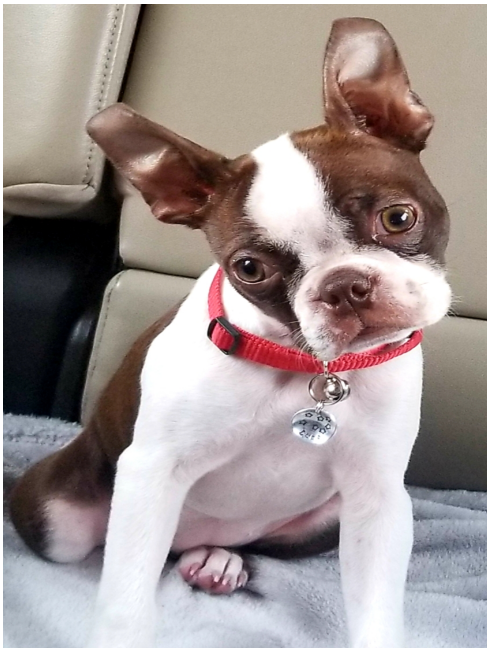
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And we can't forget about the fur babies that come through that we get to meet!! "Luna"

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE
... IS IT YOU?



CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties has served 135 abused and neglected children in Bastrop County, but there are still 31 children without a CASA Volunteer. Our goal is to provide every vulnerable child with a CASA to stay by their side during one of the most difficult times of their lives. Ready to speak up for a child? Learn more and get involved by calling [512.409.0771](tel:512.409.0771) today! CASA Volunteer Training starts October 2018.

What is the Next Big Thing? by: Mel Hamner

For those of you that could not make the Annual Tahitian Village Property Owners meeting on February 9th, I would like to bring you up to date on the upcoming projects you can expect to see this year in our lovely village. There are several already funded, and a couple we are waiting on through the Texas State General Land Office or other grant opportunities for funding.

The first thing many of you will see this summer is the 4 miles of road that were prepared and sealed last fall that will get chip sealed starting in May or June. The Precinct One road crew will be in the area for a couple of months while we do those roads and work with the BCWCID Special Road District road team on agreed-upon projects (list being developed).

The County currently has an engineering firm doing survey work and drawings to replace the two 60" culverts going under E. Kaanapali between Manawianui Dr. and Koali Dr. In order to avoid disrupting the school buses and the Houston Toad, the actual work will take place after July 1st. We expect it to shut the road down for at least a full week and limit access for another week or two.

We have received a USDA-NCRS grant to clean up a couple of log jams. One is on Copperas Creek at the end of Manawianui Dr., the other is in The Riverside Watershed between Iva Ln. and Kaaawa Ln. These too, are being held up by the Houston Toad breeding season and cannot be started before July 1st. The work will not involve roads, so there will be no traffic delays associated with them.

Those of you that live around Lovers Lane and Airstrip may have noticed trucks with the HALFF logo on them. They are the engineering firm doing an engineering study on flooding issues associated with both the 2015 and 2016 floods in that region of the village. The county is well positioned to receive grant funds for new culverts along Lovers Lane and under Airstrip. This should lessen water backing up where we built the retention pond between Airstrip and Keanahalululu Ln. and Paia Ln.

The County and BCWCID are working on an Inter-Local Agreement that will allow the BCWCID Road Crew to use county equipment to begin repairing Road District roads, as early as March. The County has also agreed to provide equipment training as needed. This is a joint effort by your BCWCID Special Road District and the County to make all roads available to property owners, many who have owned their property for 30 years without being able to even access it.

In summary, the Precinct One Road and Bridge crew and Special Road District will continue to work together to bring improved roads to your neighborhood.

From Pines and Prairies Land Trust:

The Colorado River Refuge (CRR) is a 65-acre nature preserve open to the public seven days a week from dawn until dusk. This Tahitian Village treasure is owned and managed by Pines and Prairies Land Trust, a local non-profit preserving land and natural resources in Central Texas. As Tahitian Village grows the CRR's use and neighbors increase as well.

If you own property neighboring the refuge we would love to hear from you to discuss preserve boundaries. Please email courtney@pplt.org.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer at the preserve as well! We are hosting a trail maintenance day on Saturday, March 9th. Go to pplt.org/events for more information or to read about other events.

Hope to see you on the trails,
Courtney Young
Stewardship and Volunteer Manager
Pines and Prairies Land Trust

Colorado River Refuge





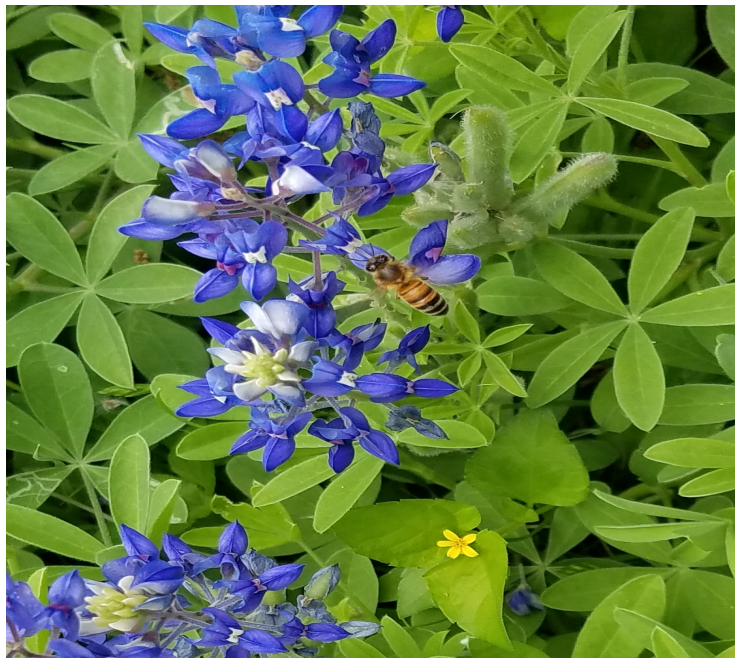
JOIN THE WATER DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE TO RECEIVE TIMELY INFORMATION

The Water District has started a Facebook page intended to be an outbound notification system. The page will be used to inform residents of information in a timely nature or to announce upcoming activities.

Please join the page if you would like to receive notifications such as water main breaks, road closures, upcoming meetings or other items of interest.

The page is not a means to contact the District.

www.facebook.com/BCWCID2



Posting of information

TVPOA/TVACC shares information passed on from other entities so that residents can remain informed in regards to ongoing matters in Tahitian Village. For more information on those matters, please contact them directly. Phone numbers for some are listed below.

Attention BCWCID #2 Customers

Another option for paying your water bill. Use the new automated system to pay your water bill.

Save time — pay by phone!

Bastrop County WCID #2 gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a convenient way to pay your bills on your own time — with no waiting!

- Save postage by paying your bill by phone.
- Access your updated account instantly.
- Hear real-time balances, payment amounts, and due dates.
- Enter your information securely through an automated system.

Call **855-213-4937** today to make your payment over the phone!



Register for E-Billing and Notification Program!

We are very excited about some changes we made regarding billing and online bill pay. With E-Billing you receive your bills sooner. You can now pay your bills online with no additional charges. Go to our website at bcwcid2.org and sign up or complete form and return.

Receive a text message or an automated phone call regarding water outages, road closures or other emergencies within the District when you register for the Notification Program.

To Opt-In to the Notification Program, please complete the form and return by mail, place it in our drop box or email this form to Patricia@bcwcid2.org.

Message and data rates may apply.

Yes, I would like to register for E-Billing.

Yes, I would like to receive notifications at my home phone number.

Yes, I would like to receive notifications via text message on my cell phone.

NAME: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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ACCOUNT #: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE #: _____

CELL PHONE # _____

General Information

Tahitian Village Property Owners Assn/Tahitian Village Architectural Control

Committee 106 Conference Drive Suite B, P O Box 636, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.321.1145 email: info@tahitianvillagepoa.com Website:

www.tahitianvillagepoa.com

ACC meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Open to the public

POA meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Open to the public

Bastrop County Water Control & Improvement District #2 (BCWCID #2)

106 Conference Drive, P O Box 708, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.321.1688 Fax 512.321.1692 website: www.bcwcid2.org

Meetings held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. – Open to the public

Pines & Prairies Land Trust

1018 Main Street, Suite B, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512-308-1911 website: www.pinesandprairieslandtrust.org Email:

info@pplt.org

Pine Forest Golf Club

636 Riverside Drive, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.321.1181 website: www.pineforestgolfclub.com

Bastrop County Animal Shelter

589 Cool Water Drive, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Phone 512.549.5160 website: www.co.bastrop.tx.us/site/content/animalcontrol

Bastrop County Sheriff's Department - 512.549.5100

Bastrop County Precinct 1 - 512-332-7295

TVPOA Violation Information**December 2018 & January 2019**

<i>Unit:</i>	<i>Violation:</i>	<i>Action:</i>	<i>Date of Action:</i>	<i>Status:</i>
2	unpermitted retaining wall	first letter sent	12/3/2018	Resolved
3	unpermitted fence materials	first letter sent	12/3/2018	Unresolved
4	unpermitted fence	first letter sent	12/3/2018	Resolved
4	unpermitted deck	first letter sent	12/3/2018	Resolved
4	political signs	first letter sent	12/10/2018	Unresolved
4	tree trimming in adjoining lot	first letter sent	12/13/2018	Unresolved
4	unpermitted fence	first letter sent	12/3/2018	Resolved
5	unpermitted retaining wall	first letter sent	12/3/2018	Resolved
5	RV in use	first letter sent	12/3/2018	Resolved
5	household appliance in yard	second letter sent	12/10/2018	Resolved
3	unpermitted fence materials	second letter sent	12/3/2018	Resolved
3	unpermitted fence materials	third letter sent	12/19/2018	Resolved
1	Unpermitted commercial sign	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Resolved
1	unpermitted fence materials	first letter sent	1/29/2018	Unresolved
1	household items in yard	first letter sent	1/29/2019	Unresolved
2	unpermitted fence	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Unresolved
2	unpermitted retaining wall	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Resolved
3	household items in yard	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Resolved
3	Unpermitted fence	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Resolved
3	Unpermitted storage container	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Unresolved
3	Sign in Right of Way	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Resolved
4	Unpermitted fence	first letter sent	1/5/2019	Resolved
5	Unpermitted fence	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Unresolved
5	household furniture in yard	first letter sent	1/24/2019	Resolved
1	political signs	second letter sent	1/23/2019	Unresolved